



Sunset Saturday April 12, 2025 marks the beginning of Pesach, the Jewish Feast of the liberation from Egypt. A time of commemoration and celebration, in which the exodus from slavery is at the centre. Simultaneously the Christian Church celebrates Easter, the Feast of the resurrection of Jesus, the victory over death and darkness. This period also coincides with a historic turning point: eighty years ago, Europe was liberated from the oppression of Nazi Germany, that ended the Holocaust, one of the blackest pages in history.

Three years after that liberation the State of Israel was founded, a homeland for the Jewish people after centuries of diaspora and persecution. Today we experience how precious freedom is. We may thank the Lord for the freedom He gave after years of war, but at the same time we realize that true peace has not been achieved yet. That is why we pray for protection and liberation for Israel, that again is confronted with distress (Psalm 25). In particular we remember the hostages who are still being held in Gaza.

Shalom,
The Christians for Israel Prayer Team

April 2025

Tue 1 Apr	The deal between Hamas and Israel about the release of hostages in return for the release of Palestinian prisoners is risky, because by releasing Palestinians many terrorists are set free. Pray for the prevention of harm to Israel by these terrorists.
Wed 2 Apr	At the end of February, it was revealed that the mother and two young children of the abducted family Bibas were murdered during their imprisonment in Gaza. The Bibas family symbolized all the hostages for many Israelis and all injustice that Hamas did to Israel. That Shiri Bibas and her sons Ariel and Kfir were murdered was a tremendous shock. Pray for comfort and strength for the relatives of the murdered hostages.
Thu 3 Apr	Pray that the United States of America will continue to support Israel and will help to defend itself.
Fri 4 Apr	President Trump imposed sanctions against the International Criminal Court due to their warrants for the arrest of the Israeli PM Netanyahu and former Defence Minister Gallant. Give thanks for this action and pray the ICC will stop its bias.
Sat 5 Apr Sabbath	<i>"Praise be to the Lord from Zion, to Him who dwells in Jerusalem."</i> Psalm 135:21. Give thanks that God has Jerusalem as His dwelling place. Pray that the time will soon come that Jesus will rule the earth from Jerusalem.
Sun 6 Apr	Pray for the blessing on the work of Hillel Neuer of Human Rights Watch. This organization is supervising the UN Human Rights Council and shows the world that Israel is often convicted unilaterally or wrongfully. Give thanks for what Hillel Neuer has been able to do for Israel internationally.
Mon 7 Apr	Pray for the civilians in Gaza who want peace with Israel but do not dare to say that openly. Pray that this group will grow and that it will oppose Hamas. Pray that the terrorists of Hamas who are still alive will repent and will turn away from the culture of death.
Tue 8 Apr Yom HaAliyah	On this day (that starts at sunset on April 7) the worldwide return of the Jews to Israel is celebrated. Also, the contribution of Jewish immigrants to the Israeli society is celebrated. Give thanks that the Land of Israel continues to be built up. Pray that the newcomers in Israel will soon find a good job.

Wed 9 Apr	Under the pressure of President Trump the Palestinian Authority is taking steps to wind down the “Pay-for-slay” system. Within this system family members of imprisoned or killed Palestinian terrorists receive enormous amounts of money. Give thanks that this practice is coming to a halt and pray that the people who want to commit an attack will repent about this.
Thu 10 Apr	Dr Leon Meijer is the new Executive Director of Christians for Israel International. He succeeds Rev. Cornelis Kant. Give thanks for the work of Rev. Kant and pray for a blessing on the work of Leon Meijer.
Fri 11 Apr	It came out that Israel intends to attack Iran’s nuclear installations this year. Pray that the government will take the correct decision about to attack or not to attack. Pray for the protection of Israel against counter attacks.
Sat 12 Apr Sabbath Pesach	The Feast of liberation -Pesach- begins this year on the sunset of April 12 and will last until April 20. Give thanks for the liberated hostages and pray that they will also be freed from their traumas due to their imprisonment.
Sun 13 Apr Pesach	<i>Psalm 118:19-21: “Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give You thanks, for You answered me; You have become My salvation.”</i>
Mon 14 Apr Pesach	<i>“Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.” Exodus 14:21-22.</i> Give thanks to the Lord that He liberated His people from the Egyptians. Thank Him that He performed a great miracle and led His people through the Red Sea.
Tue 15 Apr Pesach	<i>“But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay.” Psalm 40:17.</i> Thank God that He thinks of His people Israel and also about us, whatever the situation is.
Wed 16 Apr Pesach	<i>“The Lord looked down from His sanctuary on high, from heaven He viewed the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners and release those condemned to death.” Psalm 102: 19-20.</i> Give thanks that the nature of God is that He is a Liberator. Pray that the non-believing Jews will see that God is the only true Liberator.
Thu 17 Apr Pesach	<i>“...deliver me; rescue me from the hands of foreigners whose mouths are full of lies, whose right hands are deceitful.” Psalm 144:11.</i> Pray for the liberation of Israel from the web of lies that is stretched out over a large part of the world and where Israel is seen as a terrorist State.
Fri 18 Apr Pesach Good Friday	<i>“Your lamb must be a one-year-old male without any defects.” (Exodus 12:5a).</i> The piece of a lamb’s bone that is found on each person’s plate at the Jewish Passover meal is a reminder of this commandment. For Messianic Jews, this small bone also symbolizes Jesus’ sacrifice. Give thanks for the salvation that God brought for Israel and for all of mankind.
Sat 19 Apr Sabbath Pesach	<i>“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.” Matthew 6:13.</i> Pray the Lord’s Prayer today.
Sun 20 Apr Pesach Easter	<i>“During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, ‘Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the LORD as you have requested.’” (Exodus 12:31).</i> God is a God of miracles and the greatest miracle of all is Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. Give thanks for this great miracle today!
Mon 21 Apr	Iran repeats its threats towards Israel for a large-scale missile attack: “True Promise III” at a time to be determined. Pray that these diabolical plans will fall apart and Israel will be spared this attack.
Tue 22 Apr	By the end of February a number of former leaders of Hezbollah were buried. They were killed the year before by Israel. During the official burial it was estimated that half a million people gathered and “death to Israel” was chanted. Pray for this crowd with so much hatred towards Israel. Pray for repentance.
Wed 23 Apr	Fiji is the seventh country that will open an embassy in Jerusalem this year. Pray that this process will not be delayed and that it will be a blessing for both nations.
Thu 24 Apr	Research has shown that many claims of human rights organizations about the outbreak of famine in Gaza are not correct. Yet these claims have influenced public opinion. Pray that people’s eyes are opened for the endless stream of lies spread by Hamas.
Fri 25 Apr Yom HaShoah	Holocaust Remembrance Day. On this day commemorations will be held worldwide. Pray that these commemorations will go well and that it will be a day with a place for sorrow but also for comfort.

Sat 26 Apr Sabbath	<i>"Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When God restores His people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!" (Psalm 53:6).</i> Give thanks for the aliyah (return) of Jews to Israel from all corners of the earth.
Sun 27 Apr	Various reports on antisemitism in Western countries repeatedly show that it has been increasing or remains persistently high since October 7, 2023. Pray for a reversal and that Jews will not have to be on guard constantly when they are crossing the street or go to university.
Mon 28 Apr	In Australia there was talk of many antisemitic incidents. A low point was a conversation between an Israeli and two health care workers during which the health care workers indicated that they deliberately wanted Israeli patients to die. Pray for the protection of Jews against antisemitism in Australia.
Tue 29 Apr	In February the special envoy for the Palestinian areas of the United Nations Francesca Albanese was going to speak in the Dutch parliament. Albanese is known for her antisemitic statements. At the last moment the speaking engagement was cancelled. Give thanks for this and pray that in society people stand up against antisemitism more often and more firmly.
Wed 30 Apr Yom Hazikaron	Day of Remembrance. On this day of commemoration all Israelis are remembered who have been killed in wars or by terrorist attacks. Pray for comfort for all Israelis who lost someone in wars or through terror.

May 2025

Thu 1 May Yom HaAtzma'ut	Independence Day. <i>"You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins."</i> Psalm 85:2. Give thanks to the Lord today with these words.
Fri 2 May	Since record-keeping, this last winter has proven to be the driest winter ever in Israel. Pray for sufficient rainfall in spring to help raise the water level in the Sea of Galilee.
Sat 3 May Sabbath	<i>"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."</i> 1 Corinthians 10:13. Israel has always endured a lot of spiritual battles. Pray that God will deliver them every time.
Sun 4 May	The Palestinian peace activist Samer Sinjilwai recently visited Yarden Bibas, whose wife and children were murdered in Gaza. He apologized on behalf of Palestinians for what had happened with Yarden and his family. This gesture helped Yarden. Give thanks for this and pray that more Palestinians will seek peace with Israel.
Mon 5 May	Recently, a number of bombs exploded in Israel in empty buses during the night. It had probably been intended for the bombs to go off the next day, when the buses were full of people. Give thanks for the wonder that the bombs went off prematurely and human lives were spared.
Tue 6 May	About one third of the Israeli households report that their income has decreased since the beginning of the war. In the North this percentage goes as high as 44 per cent, because the business community, tourism, and the agricultural sector have been seriously affected. Pray that recovery sets in in all sectors.
Wed 7 May	Pray for a blessing for Israeli President Herzog. As a President he is one of the most important Israeli representatives on the world stage. Pray for wisdom and pray that he may be a unifying factor in the Israeli society.
Thu 8 May	Some of the hostages released in February looked very malnourished and defeated. Pray for their recovery and the recovery of all the other released hostages that have been scarred physically and mentally.
Fri 9 May	<i>"Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident."</i> Psalm 27:3. This Psalm was repeated every day by twenty-six-year-old Saphir Cohen during her captivity by Hamas. After 55 days she was released. Give thanks for this testimony.
Sat 10 May Sabbath	<i>"Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to His name, for that is pleasant. For the Lord has chosen Jacob to be His own, Israel to be His treasured possession."</i> Psalm 135:3-4.
Sun 11 May	<i>"Deliver Israel, O God, from all their troubles!"</i> Psalm 25:22.
Mon 12 May	<i>"I will signal for them and gather them in. Surely I will redeem them; they will be as numerous as before."</i> Zachariah 10:8. Pray for organizations like Shivat Zion that helps immigrants for free with advice and assistance to settle in Israel.

Tue 13 May	The IDF has developed a watertight Torah Scroll that can be used in the field. It can be worn on a shoulder strap and can be transformed into a small stage. Pray that the soldiers will hear God's Word during their missions and will take it in.
Wed 14 May	Pray for protection of Israel against cyberattacks. Countries that are hostile towards Israel try to cripple the electricity grid via these cyberattacks. Pray that all cyberattacks amount to nothing.
Thu 15 May	Give thanks that many attacks have been prevented lately because of the work of Israel's secret services.
Fri 16 May	Pray for recovery of Israel's nature. Because of the war many Israeli nature reserves are damaged, particularly in the North.
Sat 17 May Sabbath	<i>"Give thanks to the Lord of lords. His love endures forever. To him who alone does great wonders, His love endures forever."</i> Psalm 136:3-4. Give thanks that God works miracles.
Sun 18 May	Pray for organizations that provide mental help and have set up centres in these difficult times. Pray that those who seek help may find their way to it and pray for wisdom of the aid workers.
Mon 19 May	Both IDF soldiers in active service and in standby service as well were advised to remove all posts on social media and post only on private accounts because of their safety. Pray for protection.
Tue 20 May	Amongst the killed hostages was a peace activist who stood up for the rights of the Palestinians and took ordinary people from Gaza to Israeli hospitals. Nevertheless he was killed by Hamas. Pray for an end to Hamas' cruelties and pray that the light in Israel soon will prevail.
Wed 21 May	There is growing evidence of Egyptian military build-up in the Sinai desert. Pray that a possible invasion of Israel via the Sinai desert will be blocked.
Thu 22 May	The Israeli army remains in five locations in Syria for the time being to guarantee security. Pray for vigilance and wisdom for the soldiers who are stationed there. Also pray for protection of attacks from Hezbollah in Lebanon.
Fri 23 May	The Houthis from Yemen mobilize fighters to specifically fight the "American, British Zionist malicious trinity" as they call it. Pray for continuous protection against the Houthis.
Sat 24 May Sabbath	<i>"The Lord said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord?"</i> Exodus 4:11. Thank God that He has made us. Pray for trust in His Word and trust in Him for Who He is.
Sun 25 May	This past winter Koen Carlier and his team in Ukraine handed out thousands of food parcels to Jews. Give thanks for this and pray that this help to the Jewish people can continue so that they will not have to go hungry.
Mon 26 May Yom Yerushalayim	Jerusalem Day. On this day the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 is commemorated. Around this day there is often a lot of unrest in Israel and Jews are regularly attacked. Pray that this day will unfold quietly and that the day will have a festive character.
Tue 27 May	<i>Psalm 32:7 "You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance."</i> Thank God that He is a God who gives a new song in my mouth. Pray for words from God to praise Him.
Wed 28 May	In countries all over the world conferences of Christians for Israel have taken place. Pray that the message will stick afterwards and that teams will be set up to support Israel permanently and to learn more about Israel.
Thu 29 May Ascension Day	<i>"Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory"</i> (1 Timothy 3:16). Give thanks that Jesus has been taken up in glory. Pray that He will come soon to unite with His people.
Fri 30 May	Pray for protection of the work of Christians for Israel. Give thanks for God's angels who are all around us.
Sat 31 May Sabbath	<i>"By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people."</i> Exodus 13:21-22. Thank God that He led Israel through the desert. Thank God for the miracles that He performed during the Exodus from Egypt.