



## February 2017

### Wednesday 1 February

Continue to pray for safety for the North of Israel and for protection of the Jewish inhabitants, especially on the border with Lebanon, Syria and on the Golan. The forest fires last November showed that terror can easily spring up again.

### Thursday 2 February

The new president of Lebanon, Michael Aoun, has tightened the connections with terrorist organization and political party Hezbollah even more. Since the beginning of this year Hezbollah has had an influence in every part of Lebanon. Pray that Israel will dwell in safety.

### Friday 3 February

Prime-Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has made it very clear to his Russian colleague Dmitry Medvedev, that Israel will prevent any form of military presence of Iran in Syria, Russia's ally in the Middle East. Pray that Israel will dwell safely, also concerning this situation.

### Saturday 4 February Sabbath

Without the Bible and the prophetic scriptures in it, we would have little understanding of Israel and the nations. Give thanks for God's Word and the restoration of Israel, on the basis of Psalm 119:89-91. *"Your word, o Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in heaven."* (verse 89)

### Sunday 5 February

In his letter to the Romans, Paul speaks about the stumbling of the Jews, saying that their transgression has become our salvation in Jesus Christ, and because of that we may provoke them to envy. (Romans 11:11) Pray that preachers will speak about this and give explanation about this.

### Monday 6 February

Today please pray for the many lectures about Israel that are being given worldwide (and hopefully in your own country). Pray for those that will be hearing these lectures.

### Tuesday 7 February

Thank God for the record number of Brazilian Jews who made *Aliyah* to Israel in 2016: almost 700. In 2015 there were 496, while 280 Jews made *Aliyah* from Brazil in 2014. Pray that this increase will continue, and pray for their successful integration in Israel.

### Wednesday 8 February

In Ukraine the war between the Ukrainian army and separatists continues unabated. Pray for safety for the Jewish population and for *Aliyah* to be continued. Pray also for the Jewish Agency and for the field workers of 'Ebenezer' and 'Christians for Israel'.

### Thursday 9 February

Many years ago a rabbi concluded that the *Aliyah* field workers in Ukraine are rock-solid Christians. They worship the God of Israel, they love the Hebrew Scriptures, they respect the Jewish people and they support the State of Israel. It is extraordinary that we can pray for these field workers of 'Christians for Israel' and 'Ebenezer' and take inspiration from their walk of life.

<b>Friday 10 February</b>	The land of Israel is sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims. But... the promise stating to whom the land belongs is given to the Jews exclusively, let there be no doubt about that (Genesis ch.12, 13,15 and 17). Thank God for His Word and promises.
<b>Saturday 11 February Sabbath</b>	Pray for those inhabitants of Israel who are traumatized because of the threat of war, terror, loss of loved ones or loss of their property due to the recent forest fires. Pray that the rest of Sabbath and the presence of God will heal them and bring them closer to Him.
<b>Sunday 12 February</b>	When God promised a son to Abraham, a thing that was humanly impossible in Abraham's position, God said in addition: <i>"Is anything too hard for the Lord?"</i> (Genesis 18:14) We may intercede for Israel with the same attitude – full of faith that nothing is impossible to Him.
<b>Monday 13 February</b>	Give thanks for the construction of the new Israel Centre for 'Christians for Israel' and the 'Israel Products Centre' in the Netherlands. The construction started last month and will be completed in July. This gives ample possibilities to bless Israel and the Church of Christ.
<b>Tuesday 14 February</b>	Continue to pray for Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish State of Israel. Terrorist organizations are targeting the Jewish inhabitants. According to them, the City has to be rid of Jews. In their perception there never was a Jewish presence in Jerusalem.
<b>Wednesday 15 February</b>	Pray for the Jewish villages in Judea and Samaria like Otniel, Tekoah and Ephrat, Yidav, Shadnot Mekhola, Kedumim, Nofei Nehemiah, Yahor, Rekhelim and Barham, and all those other villages. Even though you may not pronounce the names correctly, our heavenly Father hears our prayers
<b>Thursday 16 February</b>	Pray for Israelis who have to get by with very few resources. The large families, single mothers and elderly. Thank God for the many Jewish and Christian organizations that take care of these people and provide food, medicine and education through the Israeli social service
<b>Friday 17 February</b>	Compared to three years ago, ten times as many Israeli Arabs, both Muslims and Christians, enlist in the Israeli army. Mahmud Kashua says: "I am an Arab and a Muslim, but I'm also part of this country." Thank God for this development, and read what the Bible says about the relations between the inhabitants of Israel (Ezekiel 47:21-23).
<b>Saturday 18 February Sabbath</b>	Thank God for Jerusalem and Israel on the basis of Psalm 102:21: <i>"...so the name of the Lord will be declared in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem."</i> Give thanks for Jerusalem as the capital of Israel: one city, eternal and indivisible.
<b>Sunday 19 February</b>	Thank God for Jerusalem and the nations on the basis of Psalm 102:22: <i>"...when the peoples and the kingdoms assemble to worship the Lord."</i> Pray that the nations will make the right choice and receive the blessing of the Lord.
<b>Monday 20 February</b>	Pray for the branch of Christians for Israel in Brazil and for the youth work of <i>Isreality</i> in this large country in South America. Pray that many churches will be receptive to the Biblical message about the restoration of Israel.
<b>Tuesday 21 February</b>	Hundreds of times God's Word speaks about the return of Israel, <i>Aliyah</i> . Keywords in this are: <i>restore</i> (your fortune), <i>bring back</i> (to your land), <i>return</i> (to the Lord your God). Thank God for the continuing Aliyah.
<b>Wednesday 22 February</b>	It is good to realize that the spiritual restoration of Israel comes 'bundled' with the promise of land. Ezekiel 36:24. <i>"I will bring you back into your own land."</i> Next comes the spiritual restoration, in verses 24-27. Verse 28 concludes: <i>"You will live in the land."</i> Pray for Israel on the basis of this Bible fragment and thank the Lord for His promises to His people.

<b>Thursday 23 February</b>	With the new American president Donald Trump, president Putin in Russia and president Erdogan in Turkey, Prime-Minister Netanyahu is dealing with an illustrious political trio. Pray for wisdom for him from the Tenach and from God, to deal with this in the right way.
<b>Friday 24 February</b>	In a speech, a high-ranking Iranian general stated that the State of Israel will be gone within ten years. In His Word God says: <i>"For Zion's sake I will not be silent."</i> (Isaiah 62:1a) Pray for Israel and thank God for the Bible as the guide for our time.
<b>Saturday 25 February Sabbath</b>	Please pray for several <i>Isreality</i> teams that have recently started in Brazil, Australia, Austria, Italy and Switzerland. Thank God that many young people are reached with the Biblical message about the restoration of Israel.
<b>Sunday 26 February</b>	The president of the 'World Jewish Congress' Ronald Lauder states that anti-Semitism is present now in a way unknown since the twenties and thirties of the last century. This is felt all over the world. Intercede actively about this evil development and pray for safety of the Jewish communities all over the world.
<b>Monday 27 February</b>	Mahmud Abbas does not prepare the Palestinian population for reconciliation with Israel. As opposed to Egypt's president Al-Sisi, who plays a positive role in the relation towards Israel. Pray that the relation with Egypt will grow and be strengthened.
<b>Tuesday 28 February</b>	Countries in the Far East become more and more important to Israel. Those countries do not have an anti-Semitic past like European countries. India, China and Japan are important trade partners for Israel. Give thanks for this development and pray that God's Word and its prophetic meaning for our time will become known in those countries as well.

## March 2017

<b>Wednesday 1 March</b>	Pray for the small number of Christians in Gaza; they groan under the yoke of Islam. And for the Christians in Bethlehem. Since the Palestinians were given control in 1995 the number of Christians has dwindled with 63%. In Christ we are one body with them!
<b>Thursday 2 March</b>	Continue to pray for the south of Israel. Since the latest Gaza war in 2014 the situation has continued to be tense. Pray for safety for the inhabitants, especially for the soldiers who guard the borders 24/7 with advanced equipment.
<b>Friday 3 March</b>	Please pray that this month sufficient rain will fall to fill the Sea of Tiberias, Israel's largest fresh-water reservoir, and also for the many underground water reservoirs. After this month summer will begin. (Psalm 72:6)
<b>Saturday 4 March Sabbath</b>	Please pray for safety for the 20,000 Jews in Antwerp, Belgium. The majority of them are orthodox and clearly recognizable as such in the streets. Thank God that the city of Antwerp looks on this minority with sympathy.
<b>Sunday 5 March</b>	"Jews are hated, not because they rejected Messiah, but because they generated Messiah." (Matthew 1:18-23 and 2:1-6) Give thanks that God's people brought forth God's Son in accordance with His Word.
<b>Monday 6 March</b>	One scripture from the Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians (3:1-2) strikes me as relevant to us who pray for Israel: be delivered from <i>wicked and evil men</i> . We may pray this over ourselves, and continue faithfully in intercession.
<b>Tuesday 7 March</b>	From all over the world leaders of Christians for Israel will be in Jerusalem for a few days to meet together, to intercede, and to mark out a strategy for the time ahead. The theme is: Jerusalem! Pray for these devoted people who seek the will of the Lord for the ministry in their countries, to bless and comfort Israel.

<b>Wednesday 8 March</b>	Intercede for the churches in your country. Many denominations behave as though nothing is written in the Bible about the prophetic restoration of Israel. Pray that pastors and preachers will realize that being silent about this matter is not an option – on the contrary.
<b>Thursday 9 March</b>	Are prophecies of Daniel (Daniel 12:4) fulfilled in the many inventions Jewish scientists have made over the past 100 years (especially in communications, the media and IT)? Whatever the case, thank God for ground-breaking Jewish science that's benefiting all of mankind.
<b>Friday 10 March</b>	This year it will be commemorated that 500 years ago Martin Luther set the Reformation in motion. Thank God, that the United Protestant Church in Belgium renounced his anti-Semitic writings. This is an important and necessary step.
<b>Saturday 11 March Sabbath</b>	Dozens of times the Bible speaks about 'singing Psalms to Lord', for instance in Psalm 104:33-34. This is what makes keeping Sabbath so special and brings the Jewish people close to Him every week. Thank God for this.
<b>Sunday 12 March</b>	Today Jews celebrate Purim, a Biblically appointed feast (Esther 9:18-32). Pray for a safe and joyful holiday; that sadness will turn to joy and mourning will turn to celebration.
<b>Monday 13 March</b>	As Donald Trump has taken power as democratically elected president in the USA, many things will change in the relations to other countries and political systems. Will Donald Trump turn out to be like a Cyrus for Israel? (2 Chronicles 36:22-23) In this respect it is important that we pray that God's will be done.
<b>Tuesday 14 March</b>	The nations of the world go their own way and mostly seek their own interest. We have seen this in 2016 and will certainly see it in 2017. As Christians we may long for and look forward to the coming of the Messiah. What He has promised He will most certainly do!
<b>Wednesday 15 March</b>	In many countries speakers of Christians for Israel go out and explain God's plans with Israel from the Bible in churches, home groups etc. Pray for the speakers to find the right words, in order that people will receive a clear exposition of God's ways with His people.
<b>Thursday 16 March</b>	Every year western countries donate hundreds of millions of dollars to the Palestinian Authority. An increasing amount of countries are now beginning to cut down their donations, because from this money the PA hands a monthly allowance to family members of terrorists. Pray that these countries now will also use their influence, and force the PA to enter into direct negotiations with Israel.
<b>Friday 17 March</b>	'Palestinian Media Watch' in Israel is an organization that daily investigates nearly all Arab media concerning the news they deliver about Israel. They send their findings to western news media and organizations, so anyone who is willing can know what the Arab media are publishing about Israel. Usually this news is negative and biased. Pray for the PMW and give thanks that they stand for Israel. See <a href="http://www.palwatch.org">www.palwatch.org</a> .
<b>Saturday 18 March Sabbath</b>	Give thanks for the outcome of a UN vote late last year, presented by Israel on Developing Sustainable Business. In spite of pressure from Islamic countries, 123 countries voted in favour and there were only 30 votes against and 8 abstentions. Pray that this trend will continue and votes about Israel will become more fair!
<b>Sunday 19 March</b>	The Palestinian media have many deceptive strings on their bow, like: 'Abraham was an Iraqi', 'Jesus was a Palestine', 'Jews are not a people' and 'Jerusalem is not Jewish'. Pray that these arrows are ineffective, among Christians as well. (Ephesians 4:14-15)
<b>Monday 20 March</b>	The textbooks used in schools in the Palestinian areas and provided by UN agency UNRWA, are full of falsehoods about Israel and distort history. Pray that this deception of school children will be stopped.

<b>Tuesday 21 March</b>	Now that the status of Jerusalem plays an ever more prominent role, the spiritual battle over this becomes clearly visible. At its deepest level, anti-Zionism is anti-Messianism. Anti-Sem: against the Jew. Anti-Hashem: against God (see Psalms 2 and 83). Pray that the Lord will reach His goal with His people returning to the city of Jerusalem, and with the nations who see this with their own eyes.
<b>Wednesday 22 March</b>	In a well-known Dutch Bible version Isaiah 29:1-8 is titled: <i>"Jerusalem oppressed and saved"</i> . Both statements can be recognized in the history of Jerusalem. Give thanks for Jerusalem, chosen by God to play a major role in the history of Israel and in the life of the Lord Jesus.
<b>Thursday 23 March</b>	On the 10 <sup>th</sup> of March you read a scripture from Daniel. In the Bible it has a reference to Revelation 22:10-11. Just as we think we can recognize the words of Daniel in our time, do we also recognize the words from Revelation? Pray that we dare to be righteous and holy. Pray sincerely for Israel and live a holy, set apart life.
<b>Friday 24 March</b>	Pray for the Christians in Mosul (Iraq) and for those in the surrounding villages, who have returned to their houses – or what is left of them – after the war. Pray for our brothers and sisters there, for a spiritual and physical restoration.
<b>Saturday 25 March Sabbath</b>	Please pray and give thanks for the different <i>Isreality</i> youth teams that have started in Brazil, Australia, Italy and Switzerland among others. Pray that the younger generation there may be reached as well. Pray also for the training of leaders in Africa: Uganda, Zambia and Tanzania. Thank God for the international work of Christians for Israel!
<b>Sunday 26 March</b>	Will the American Embassy really be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem? Since the forced removal in 1980 of the last 13 embassies from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, all over the world many Christians have been praying for this. Pray for this spectacular development.
<b>Monday 27 March</b>	When we pray for the population of Israel, we should not forget to pray also for the minorities, like the Messianic Jews, the (Christian) Arabs, the Bedouin, the Druze and the volunteers from abroad who live and work there.
<b>Tuesday 28 March</b>	While the BDS movement is successful at times (but fortunately is facing many losses as well), the Israeli economy has grown by 3.8% and the gross national product by 1.8% in 2016. Thank God for this development and blessing to the Israeli people.
<b>Wednesday 29 March</b>	The West thought, and still thinks, that as a result of negotiations Iran would change its position towards the West and Israel (Jeremiah 13:32). Nothing is farther from the truth, Israel is in greater danger than ever before! Pray for God's protection for them.
<b>Thursday 30 March</b>	Today please pray for the board and staff of Christians for Israel in all countries: for wisdom how to stand up for Israel in this troublesome time. Pray for Biblical insight and inspiration from the Holy Spirit.
<b>Friday 31 March</b>	Thank God for His Word, which has eternal value (1 Peter 1:24-25, Isaiah 40:6-8)