Prayer for the Well-Being of the Israel Defense Forces - a Jewish Prayer

May He who blessed our forefathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, bless the soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces, who stand watch over our land and the cities of our Lord, from the Lebanese border to the desert of Egypt and from the great sea to the verge of the wilderness, on land, in the air, and at sea. May God strike down before them our enemies who rise against us. May the Holy One save and spare our soldiers from all forms of woe and distress, of affliction and illness, and may He invest their every action with blessing and success. May He vanquish by their means those who hate us, and may He adorn them with a crown of deliverance and a mantle of victory. Thus may the verse be fulfilled: “For it is the Lord your God who marches with you to do battle for you against your enemy, to bring you victory.” Now let us respond “Amen.”
As Christians we have a Biblical obligation to pray for the Jewish people and Israel’s security. If there has ever been a time for us to pray for Israel, it is now! There is a new Hitler in the Middle East, President Ahmadinejad of Iran, who has threatened to wipe Israel off the map by acquiring nuclear technology. If we have learned anything from the Holocaust, it would be that when evil men threaten genocide it is necessary to take them seriously.

During the Holocaust too many Christians were silent while six million Jews were being slaughtered. Today there are more and more Bible-believing Christians speaking up and taking a stand for the State of Israel. Silence is no longer an option, it is now time for us to act and do whatever we can to protect the seven million Jews living in Israel from another Holocaust.

The enemies of the Jewish State intend to attack in full force and the fighting men, who serve in the Israeli Army, are going to need our intercession and prayer support! They physically serve on the front lines.

We do what we can at Christian Friends of Israel to reach out to the Soldiers of Israel to bless and encourage them in various ways:

**ARMY UNIT SUPPORT**

Like any other nation, Israel has had to make cuts in the Defense budget. As a result we receive calls from different combat units for specific needs; for example: fleece jackets, gloves, scarves, backpacks, sheets, flashlights, t-shirts, shower bags, thermal clothing, hats, etc., all with the squadron’s logo. Again, these items help create a bond among the soldiers and mean a lot to them.

**AID TO LONE SOLDIERS**

These “Lone soldiers” are young men and women who have immigrated to Israel out of personal convictions in order to serve in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). There are approximately 6,000 of these lone soldiers who serve in the IDF every year. The salary of each new recruit in the IDF is 300 NIS ($75 USD) for non-combat, or 600 NIS ($150 USD) for combat, per month. Even though the IDF is doing what they can to provide for the needs of these soldiers, there are often loopholes within the system. This is when CFI steps in from time to time, to provide financial help to these lone soldiers.

**BASE PROJECTS**

CFI does work projects painting on army bases. Over the years this has been a successful project in educating the Christian community about the IDF; and at the same time it’s an opportunity for the Israeli soldiers to meet Christians who truly love and support the IDF. It’s a win/win situation – Christian and Jews working together!

**PLANT A TREE FOR SLAIN SOLDIERS**

When an Israeli soldier has died in combat or in a training accident, Christian Friends of Israel plants a tree in honor of the fallen soldier. We prepare a tree certificate for the families of the deceased and send them to the families with a letter of condolence. This is greatly appreciated by the grieving families.

**PRAYER**

Prayer is Israel’s best defense! If you would like a leaflet explaining how to pray more specifically for the IDF, please indicate that on the enclosed form.