



# Wall of Prayer

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## Nahal Oz

*“And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.”*  
(Amos 9:15 KJV).



This Community (Nahal Oz) is literally the closest community to Gaza that is impacted by the mortars fired from Hamas. The threats of tunnels and less than 10 seconds to react to incoming mortars is almost unbearable during times of Hamas ordered operations. The community is looking for ways to establish a more effective security posture, which has included increased security forces. The story below is from 2014 and details the event which took the life of a 4-year-old-boy. The family has since left the community, as did many others, but there has been a slow but steady influx of new residents, among whom the recent attacks and protests, etc. have caused serious security concerns. Christian Friends of Israel’s “David’s Shield” Outreach Coordinator, Jim McKenzie reported the above information on a recent visit to the community. Your prayers for this brave and courageous community is truly needful.

Nahal Oz was founded in 1951, which literally means a “Mighty Stream”, is termed as a kibbutz in southern Israel, located in the northwestern part of the Negev and very close to the border with Gaza. It has a population of less than 400 people. It came to national attention in April 1956 when a security officer was ambushed and killed by infiltrators from Gaza. The agriculture of the community is based on crop growing, a dairy and chickens. There is also a factory which produces nuts and bolts, as well as a high-tech firm. Known as a green haven, with tall, leafy trees and long patches of grass, the families live in modest one-story housing. This is indeed, one of the communities which the LORD has planted and we need to take this community to heart to pray them through daily, on the wings of prayer. We have attached a website article to read about the little Israeli boy killed in a mortar attack which has definitely left scars on the residents of this kibbutz.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/four-year-old-killed-in-mortar-attack-named-as-daniel-turgerman/>



Protecting fence around Nahal Oz



Bomb shelter in Nahal Oz

# Let Us Prayerfully Enter His Presence

- **Pray fervently for** God's Divine protection to surround this community at all times. The vulnerability of this war-weary but insistently resilient community, a haven from hatred, increases the potential for more miracles and more glory to His Name. The residents are prepared to die to stop terrorists at Nahal Oz. ***"For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake."*** (Isaiah 37:35-37, KJV).
- **Thank God for** His Promises in His Word that establishes their presence where they are located for God has planted the People of Israel in their Land with all of His Heart. This is His Divine Decree for them. This Community is literally the closest community to Gaza that is impacted by the mortars fired from Hamas. The threats of tunnels and less than 10 seconds to react to incoming mortars is almost unbearable during times of Hamas ordered operations. ***"I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul"*** (Jeremiah 32:41, NIV).
- **Beseech the Lord on behalf of** those who have small children and youth, and for those families who have already seen their sons and daughters join in the IDF, some with combat duties, frontline service, technical support and those who serve in the food services for all of the soldiers. Sending your child, or children, when young adults to military service is a duty in which every family has to join, with their brothers and sisters in Israel. They are called upon to sacrifice and conscript them into service of the country, when sometimes they do not return home. ***"This is the list of David's mighty men...chief of the officers; he wielded his spear against three hundred men..."*** (1 Chronicles 1:11, Berean Study Bible)
- **Intercede for** the military commanders and those in charge of making key decisions in regard to war and combat. At all times, twenty four hours per day and night, the IDF and all branches of the Israeli military who come from villages and communities, stand at their posts wherever assigned. May they be strong and of good might for the Glory of the God of Israel. ***"David summoned all the officials of Israel to assemble at Jerusalem: the officers over the tribes, the commanders of the divisions in the service of the king, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of all the property and livestock belonging to the king and his sons, together with the palace officials, the warriors and all the brave fighting men"*** (1 Chronicles 28:1, NIV).
- **Stand in the Gap for** the heads of the community as they prepare bomb shelters, safe places and discuss issues that concern the safety and security of the community. ***"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land..."*** (Ezekiel 22:30, KJV).
- **Implore the Lord for** His Faithfulness to Israel and that He is the God of Israel who changes not. His love for them is as strong as ever and we also serve the God of Israel, let us praise His Holy Name that He teaches us to remain faithful in prayer and service unto Him. During the terror attack on the kibbutz some years ago, You would see them drilling, with rifles slung over their shoulders. They would come together quickly – some arriving in cars, others on motorcycles, and still more men coming from their homes. These men were husbands and fathers, all IDF veterans, who were rehearsing to become the last line of defense if terrorists from Gaza were to enter the kibbutz on a mission to butcher the young and old. The men had procedures for how to be alerted to a terror attack, how to meet and form into a group, and how to move forward as a group. But, above all, they practiced how they would become a human barrier, prepared to die to protect their loved ones. ***"Descendants of Jacob, I am the LORD All-Powerful, and I never change..."*** (Malachi 3:6, Contemporary English Bible).

It is such a privilege to pray for specific places where God's Hand has raised up a community of His Chosen People. Brave, courageous and inspired as so many of them are, they need the prayer covering of those in the nations who can help to carry them along on their daily journey of building a community, keeping it safe, compatible for their children and a place where God's Peace can reign. Thank you to each of you who are holding steady at your posts on the Wall of Prayer. You can help CFI by passing along this prayer information to others who watch and pray for Israel. Help us by spreading this prayer information around your community of faith in order to maximize our mobilization of additional prayer support for Israel. God bless you from Jerusalem. Your prayer support, and financial help to CFI Jerusalem is so deeply appreciated.

In His Service Gladly,

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