



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."

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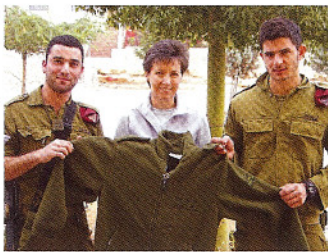
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Since the Intifada (Uprising) began in 2000 there has been an increased awareness of current events in Israel not only in the media, but also in the Christian circles worldwide. With that increased awareness Christian Friends of Israel has been actively striving to bring encouragement and hope to the Israeli soldiers in various ways.

Care Packages: Three times a year, during Passover, Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) and Hanukkah we give away care packages to army units throughout the country. Each care package varies on content, depending on the season. Most of the care packages are filled with something for the body (hygiene products, fleece hats, gloves) and the soul (a book of Psalms or Scripture poster).

Fleece Jackets: Fleece jackets are not furnished by the IDF to their soldiers. Each winter we give away military standard fleece jackets to hundreds of Israeli soldiers, which has proven in the past to meet their needs in a sensible and loving way.



Aid to the Lone Soldiers: These lone soldiers are young men and women who immigrated to Israel out of personal convictions in order to serve in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). There are 6000 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 at times to provide financial aid to these lone soldiers.

Visiting the Wounded: Over the years Christian

Friends of Israel has been able to make hospital and home visits to the wounded soldiers.

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 slain soldier. We prepare a tree certificate for the families of the deceased and send them to the families with a letter of condolence.



Base Projects: Once or twice a year Christian Friends of Israel sends teams to army bases to help "Change the Face of the Base." Over the years this has been a successful project in educating the Christian community about the IDF and at the same time an opportunity for the Israeli soldiers to meet Christians who truly love and support the IDF in their survival as a Jewish Nation.

Army Unit Support: In recent months we have been receiving requests from active duty and reserve units within the IDF for personal supplies needed, i.e. backpacks, water containers, flashlights, etc. Thankfully, through the generous gifts of our donors we have been able to assist these requests!

Yechidat Shai, Guardians of Jerusalem: Christian Friends of Israel has "adopted" a volunteer unit called Guardians of Jerusalem. The majority of the volunteers in this unit is comprised of new immigrants who have come from all over the world. They are often on-call by other units in the IDF and ready at a moment's notice. The soldiers themselves receive no pay, and their equipment is privately funded.

Prayer – is Israel's best defense!

If you would like a leaflet of ways you can pray more specifically for the IDF, please indicate on the enclosed form.

