

## **Prayer for the State of Israel and for Peace**

A Prayer for the State of Israel

רבונו של עולם, קבל נָא בַּרַחַמִּים וּבַרְצוֹן את־ תפלותינו בעד מְדִינָת יִשְׁרָאַל Sovereign of the universe, accept in lovingkindness and with favor our prayers for the State of Israel, her government, and all who dwell within her boundar ies and under her authority. Open our eyes and our hearts to the wonder of Israel, and strengthen our faith in Your power to work redemption in every human soul. Grant us also the fortitude to keep ever before us those ideals upon which the State of Israel was founded. Grant courage, wisdom, and strength to those entrusted with guiding Israel's destiny to do Your will. Be with those on whose shoulders Israel's safety depends and defend them from all harm Spread over Israel and all the world Your shelter of peace, and may the vision of Your prophet soon be fulfilled: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation. neither shall they learn war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4). לא ישא גוי אל גוי חרב ולא ילמדו עוד מלחמה. A Prayer for the State of Israel

Avinu she-ba-shamayim, stronghold and redeemer of the people Israel: Bless the State of Israel, [that it may be] the beginning of our redemption. Shield it with Your love; spread over it the shelter of Your peace. Guide its leaders and advisors with Your light and Your truth. Help them with Your good counsel. Strengthen the hands of those who defend our holy land. Deliver them; crown their efforts with triumph. Bless the land with peace and its inhabitants with lasting joy. And let us say: Amen.

Avinu she-ba-shamayim, tzur yisrael v'go-alo, bareikh et m'dinat yisrael [she-t'hei] reishit tz'miḥat ge'ulateinu. Hagen aleha b'evrat hasdekha u-f'ros aleha sukkat sh'lomekha, u-sh'lah or'kha va-amit'kha l'rasheha sareha v'yo-atzeha, v'takneim bictzah tovah milfanekha. Hazeik et y'dei m'ginei eretz kodsheinu, v'hanhileim eloheinu y'shu-ah, va-ateret nitzahon t'atreim. V'natata shalom ba-aretz v'simḥat olam l'yosh'veha, v'noman amen.

#### A Prayer for Peace

And let us say: Amen.

May we see the day when war and bloodshed cease, when a great peace will embrace the whole world.

Then nation will not threaten nation,
and the human family will not again know war.

For all who live on earth shall realize
we have not come into being to hate or to destroy.

We have come into being to praise, to labor, and to love.

Compassionate God, bless the leaders of all nations
with the power of compassion.

Fulfill the promise conveyed in Scripture:
I will bring peace to the land,
and you shall lie down and no one shall terrify you.

I will rid the land of vicious beasts
and it shall not be ravaged by war.

Let justice and righteousness flow like a mighty stream. Let God's peace fill the earth as the waters fill the sea. תַּפַלָּה לשׁלוֹם מִדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל

אָבִינוּ שָׁבַשְּמֵיִם, צוּר יִשְרָאֵל וְגוֹאֵלוֹ, בֶּרֶף אֶת־מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל [שֶׁתְּהָא] רֵאשִׁית צְמִיחָת גְּאֻלְּתֵנוּ, הָגּן עָלֶיהָ בְּאֶבְרַת חַסְדֵּף וּפְרֹשׁ עָלֵיהָ סְבָּת שְׁלוֹמֶךְ, וּשְׁלַח אוֹרְף נְאֶבְיה חַזְּפְ לְרִאשֵׁיה שָׁרֵיה וְיוֹעֲצֵיה, וְתַקְּנֵם בְּעֵצָה טוֹבָה מִלְּפְנֵיף. חַזּק אֶת־יְדִי מְגנֵּי אֶרֶץ קְדְשֵׁנוּ, וְהַנְּחִילֵם מֵלְפָנֵיף. וְנְתַתְּ שְׁלוֹם אֱלַחֵינוּ יְשִׁיּבְיה, וַעְטֵּרֶת נָצָחוֹן הְעַשְׁרַם. וְנְתַתְּ שְׁלוֹם בְּצֵבֶר וְשִׁבְּיַה, וְמֹאַמֵר. אָמֵן.

תְּפָּלֶה לְשֶׁלוֹם יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְפָנֵיף יהוה אֵלֹהֵינוּ וַאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתִינוּ וְאִמּוֹתִינוּ, שָּתְבַשֵּל מִלְחָמוֹת וּשְׁפִיכוּת דָּמִים מִן הָעוֹלְם וְתַשְׁבִּין שָׁלוֹם בָּעוֹלָם, וָלֹא יָשֵׁא גוֹי אֵל גּוֹי חֵרָב וָלֹא יָלִמְדוּ עוֹד מִלְחַמָּה.

יַפִּירוּ וְיַדְעוּ פְּל־יוֹשְבֵי תַבֵּל שָׁלֹא בֵּאנוּ לְעוֹלָם בִּשְׁבִיל רִיב וּמַחֲלְקָת, וְלֹא בַּשְׁבִיל שִׁנְאָה וְקְנָּאָה וְקְנָתוּר וּשְׁפִיכוּת דַּמִים. רַק בַּאנוּ לִעוֹלָם בִּדִי לְהַבִּיר אוֹתָה, תִּתְבָּרְהְּ לֹנַצִח.

וּבְבֵן הְרָחֵם עָלֵינוּ וִיאָיַם בֵּנוּ מִקְרָא שֶׁכָּתוּב: וְנָתתִּי שָׁלוֹם בָּאֵרֶץ וּשְׁבִרתָּם וְאֵין מַחֲרִיד. וְהִשְׁבַּתִּי חַיָּה רָעָה מִן הָאֶרֶץ וְחֶרֶב לֹא תַעֲבֹר בְּאַרְצְכֶם. וְיִבּל בַּמֵּיִם מִשְׁכָּט, וּצְדָקָה בְּנַחֵל אֵיתָן. כִּי מָלְאָה הָאָרֵץ דֻּעָה אָת־יהוה כַּמֵּיִם לִיָּם מְכַסִּים. PRAYER FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL. Upon is rad's independence in 1948, many prayers were circulated for the well-being of the new state. This one was composed by Israel's chief rabbis and was then slightly edited by the writer S.Y. Agnon.

THAT IT MAY BE NOTIVE.
This Hebrew word was added by the Chief Rabbi of England, Immanuel Jakobovits, turning the phrase "the beginning of the redemption" into an expression of hope, rather than a statement of fact.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE.
Rabbi Nathan Sternharz,
a student of the Hasdic
master Naḥman of Bratzlav
(1772—1810, Ukraine),
recorded this prayer. The
version here has been
adapted and translated by
lules Harlow

NATION WILL NOT THREATEN ว่าม とり、どう、Isalah 2:4.

ו WILL BRING PEACE אָלווֹתְיּ ביי Leviticus 26:6.

LET JUSTICE AND RIGH-TEOUSNESS FLOW וְיַּגַל כָּמָיִם Amos 5:24.

FILL THE EARTH פֿי מֶלְאָה פֿי מֶלְאָה. Isaiah זו:9.

### PRAYER FOR THE RETURN OF THE HOSTAGES

TO BE RECITED AT THE SEDER BEFORE THE RECITAL OF VEHI SHEAMDA COMPOSED BY THE CHIEF RABBI OF ISRAEL, RABBI DAVID LAU

May it be the will of our Father in Heaven who took his nation Israel out of the yoke of Egypt, He should bless and save our brothers and sisters the hostages who are held in iron chains.

Strengthen their souls and faith, protect them from all harm and sickness, have mercy on his sons and daughters who look for his salvation, annul all cruel decrees. With His great kindness, He shall send their redemption and speedily take them from darkness to light and from the abyss of captivity to eternal freedom, and return them safely to their families and homes.

Please, plant brotherhood, peace, and friendship in everyone's hearts. Remove jealousy and baseless hatred, and spread over us the shelter of Your peace, so that we should soon merit to sing before You a new song.

## סדר התפילה להשבת החטופים

לאמרה בעת אמירת הגדה של פסח, לפני אמירת והיא שעמדה תיקן הרב הראשי לישראל הגר"ד לאו

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְפְנֵי אָבִינוּ שֶׁבַּשְׁמִיִם אֲשֶׁר הוֹצִיא אֶת עַפּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל מִתַּחַת סִבְלוֹת מִצְרַיִם, הוּא יְבָרַדְּ וְיִנְצֹר אֶת אַחֵינוּ וְאַחִיוֹתֵינוּ הַחֲטוּפִים הָאֲסוּרִים בְּכַבְלֵי בַּרְזֶל.

יְחַזֵּק נַפְשָׁם וָאֱמוּנָתָם יִשְׁמְרֵם מְכָּל נָגַע וּמַחֲלָה יַחְמוֹל על בָּנֶיו וּכְנוֹתִיו הַפְּוּצַפִּים לִישׁוּעֵתוֹ יְבַשֵּל מֵעֲלֵיהֶם כָּל נְּגַרוֹת. בְּחַסְדּוֹ הַנְּדוֹל יָחִישׁ פְּדוּתָם וְיֵצְאוּ מְהַרָה מֵצְכֵּלָה לְאוֹרָה וּמִבּוֹר הַשְׁבִי לְחֵרוּת עוֹלָם וְיָשׁוּבוּ לְשָׁלוֹם מֵצְפַלָּה לְאוֹרָה וּמִבּוֹר הַשְׁבִי לְחֵרוּת עוֹלָם וְיָשׁוּבוּ לְשָׁלוֹם אל משפחותיהם ואל בּתִיהם.

אָנָא, נָטַע אַחֲנָה שָׁלוֹם וְרַעוּת בְּלֵב כָּלָם הָסֵר קּנְאָה וְשִׂנָאַת חָנָם וּפְרֹס עָלֵינוּ סְכַּת שְׁלוֹמֶךּ וְנִזְכֶּה בְּקְרוֹב לוֹמֵר לְפָנֶיךְ שִׁירָה חֲדָשָׁה.



# תפילה לשלום חיילי צה"ל

מִי שֶׁבֵּרָךְּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אַבְּרָהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב הוּא יְבָרָךְ אֶת חַיָּלֵי צְבָא הֲגַנָּה לְיִשְׂרָאֵל הָעוֹמְדִים עַל מִשְׁמֵר אַרְצֵנוּ וְעֲרֵי אֱ-לֹקֵינוּ מִגְּבוּל הַלְּבָנוֹן וְעֵד מְדְבֵּר מִצְרַיִם וּמִן הַיָּם הַגָּדוֹל עַד לְבוֹא הְעֵרָבָה בַּיַּבְּשְׁה בְּאֲוִיר וּבַיָּם יִתֵּן ה' אֶת אוֹיְבֵינוּ הַקְּמִים עָלֵינוּ נִגָּפִים לִפְנֵיהֶם הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא יִשְׁמֹר וְיַצִּיל אֶת חַיָּלֵינוּ מִפָּל צָרָה וְצוּקָה וּמִפָּל נָגַע וּמַחְלָה וְיִשְׁלַח בְּרָכָה וְהַצְּלָחָה בְּכָל מָעֲשֵׁה יְדֵיהֶם יַדְבֵּר שׁוֹנְאֵינוּ תַּחְתֵּיהֶם וִיעַטְרֵם בְּכֶתֶר יְשׁוּעָה וּבְעֲטֶרֶת נִּצְחוֹן וִיִקְיַם בְּהֶם הַבְּתָּחוֹב: כִּי ה' אֱ-לֹקֵיכֶם הַהֹלֵךְ עִמְּכֶם לְהִלְּחֵם לְכֶם עִם נִּצְחוֹן וִיִקְיַם בְּהֶם הַכָּתוֹב: כִּי ה' אֱ-לֹקֵיכֶם הַהֹלֵךְ עִמְּכֶם לְהִלְּחֵם לְכֶם עִם אִיבְים בְּהָם הַבְּתָּם לְהָלְחֵם לְכֶם עִם אִיבְים, וְנֹאמֵר אָמֵן.

# PRAYER FOR MEMBERS OF THE IDF

He Who blessed our forefathers Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov, may He bless the fighters of the Israel Defense Forces who stand guard over our land and the cities of our G-d from the border of the Lebanon to the desert of Egypt, and from the Great Sea unto the approach of the Aravah, on the land, in the air, and on the sea.

May Hashem cause the enemies who rise up against us to be struck down before them. May the Holy One, Blessed is He, preserve and rescue our fighters from every trouble and distress and from every plague and illness, and may He send blessing and success in their every endeavor. May He lead our enemies under their sway and may He grant them salvation and crown them with victory. And may there be fulfilled for them the verse: "For it is Hashem, your G-d, Who goes with you to battle your enemies for you to save you." And let us say: Amen.