

## Prayer for Our Country

(based on Siddur Lev Shalem)

Our God and God of our ancestors, with mercy accept our prayer for our country and its government. Pour out Your blessing upon this land, upon its inhabitants, upon its leaders, its judges, officers, and officials, who faithfully devote themselves to the needs of the public. Help them understand the rules of justice You have decreed, so that peace and security, happiness and freedom, will never depart from our land.

Adonai, God whose spirit is in all creatures, we pray that Your spirit be awakened within all the inhabitants of our land. Uproot from our hearts hatred and malice, jealousy and strife. Plant love and companionship, peace and friendship, among the many peoples and faiths whose homes are in our nation. Grant us the knowledge to judge justly, the wisdom to act with compassion, and the understanding and courage to root out poverty from our land.

May it be Your will that our land be a blessing to all who dwell on earth, and may You bring friendship and freedom among all peoples. Speedily fulfill the vision of Your prophets: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they experience war anymore." "For all of them, from the least of them to the greatest, shall know Me."

And let us say: Amen.

## Prayer for Israel

(based on Siddur Lev Shalem and Rabbi Anat Hoffman)

*El Chai, Chay Olamim, Shomer Yisrael*

Living power of all time and space

Protector of the people Israel

Accept our prayers for *Medinat Yisrael*, the State of Israel -- its leaders, officers, and advisors, and all who dwell within her boundaries and under her authority.

In this sacred moment, give us hope for Israel and her future. Renew our wonder at the miracle of the Jewish State.

Keep ever before us the purposes and ideals and purposes for which *Medinat Yisrael* was founded.

Grant courage, wisdom, and a sense of justice to those entrusted with guiding Israel's destiny.

Be with those on whose shoulders Israel's safety depends, and protect them from all harm.

Spread over *Eretz Yisrael* the shelter of Your peace. Bring peace to the land and everlasting joy to all who dwell within it.

And let us say: Amen.

## The Prayer for Peace of Rebbe Nachman of Bratslav

God of Peace

Divine Ruler, to whom peace belongs

Maker of peace and Creator of all things

May it be Your will to put an end to war and bloodshed on earth. Spread a great and wonderful peace over the whole world, so that nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and none of them experience war anymore.

Help us and save us all, so that we cling tightly to the virtue of peace. Let there be a truly great peace between every person and their fellow, and let there be no discord between people even in their hearts.

Let us never shame any person on earth, great or small. May it be granted unto us to fulfill Your commandment to “Love your neighbor as yourself,” with all our hearts and souls and bodies and possessions.

And may these words from the prophets be fulfilled in our time: “I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down and none shall make you afraid. I will drive out the wild beasts from the land, and neither shall the sword go through your land.”

Master of peace, bless us with peace!

## *Mi Shebayrach -- Prayer for Healing*

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*Mi she-bayrach avotaynu, M'kor ha-bracha l'imotaynu*

May the Source of strength who blessed the ones before us,

Help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing

And let us say: Amen.

*Mi she-bayrach imotaynu, M'kor ha-bracha l'avotaynu*

Bless those in need of healing with *ref'uah sh'laymah*

the renewal of body    the renewal of spirit

And let us say: Amen.