A Prayer for the Renewal of Creation

Master of the universe, in whose hand is the breath of all life and the soul of every person, grant us the gift of Shabbat, a day of rest from all our labors. With all of our senses may we perceive the glory of Your works. Fill us with Your goodness, that we may attest to Your great deeds. Strengthen us to become Your faithful partners, preserving the world for the sake of future generations. Adonai our God and God of our ancestors, may it be Your will to renew Your blessing of the world in our day, as You have done from the beginning of time.

A Prayer for Our Country

Our God and God of our ancestors, with mercy accept our prayer on behalf of 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 who dwell 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 cause all peoples to dwell in friendship and freedom. Speedily fulfill the vision of Your prophets: “Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.” “For all of them, from the least of them to the greatest, shall know Me.” And let us say: Amen.

Whereas earlier prayers asked that the monarch be compassionate to the Jewish people, this prayer expresses the hope that the leaders of the country will be fair and just to all, helping to bring the world closer to a vision of peace and justice. The prayer ends with two prophetic verses: Isaiah 2:4 (“Nation shall not lift up sword...”) and Jeremiah 31:33 (“For all of them...”).
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'chei] reishit tz'mi'hat ge'ulatenu. Hagen aleha b'verat hasdeka u'fos aleha sukkat sh'omeka, u-sh'lah or'ka va-amit'ka frasheha sereha v'yotzeha, v'takneim b'bitzah tovah mifaneha. Hazeik et y'dei migenei eretz kodeshu, v'hanhiilem eloheinu y'shu-ah, va-atereit nitzahon c'at'reim. V'nataot shalom ba-aretz v'simhat olam lyosh'veha, v'nomar: amen.

A Prayer for Peace

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.

And let us say: Amen.

A Prayer for the State of Israel

The 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 Hasidic master Nahman of Breslov (1772–1810, Ukraine), recorded this prayer. The version here has been adapted and translated by Jules Harlow.

Nation Will Not Threaten:

I will bring peace to the land. 
Leviticus 26:6

Let Justice and Righteousness Flow Like a Mighty Stream:

Fill the earth with your righteousness, O God. 
Amos 9:11

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