





Min Hameitzar

מִן־הַמֵּצָר קָרָאתִי יְהוָה עֲנֵנִי בַּמְּרָחֵב יְהוָה:

Min hameitzar karati Yah, anani vamerchav Yah.

In distress, I called out to God, and God answered me
and brought me relief (Psalm 118:5)



Gesher Tzar M'od

כָּל הָעוֹלָם כֵּלּוֹ גֶּשֶׁר צָר מְאֹד וְהַעֲיָקָר לֹא לִפְחֹד כָּלֵל

Kol ha-olam kulo gesher tzar m'od

V'ha-ikar lo l'fached k'lal.

The whole world is a very narrow bridge. But the important thing is to not fear at all.
(Rebbe Nachman of Bratzlav)



War on Simchat Torah

On the ground,
We rejoice with the Torah.
In the air,
The missiles fly.
On the ground
The attack has come, as well.
Some still dance
With the Torah,
While others shelter in place.



War on Simchat Torah

We are at war,
Even as we remember
The blessings of G-d's word,
Even as we pledge
To be true to our faith
And to live according
To G-d's instructions.

כי נר מצוות ותורה אור ודרך חיים
For mitzvot are a lamp
And Torah is light
And the way of life. (Proverbs 6:23)



War on Simchat Torah

G-d of Israel,
Bless this nation
And protect us
Even as the sirens blare
And combat has come
To our streets.



War on Simchat Torah

Let peace be close at hand,
So that we dance
In the gardens and the groves,
In the heights and in the deserts
Once more
In joyous celebration
Of Torah and life.

(Alden Solovy 2023)



Shir L'Shalom

Tnu lashemesh la'alot
laboker le'ha'ir
Hazaka shebatfilot
otanu lo tachzir

Mi asher kava nero
u've'Afar nitman
Bechi mar lo ya'iro
lo yachziro le'chan

Let the sun rise
light up the morning
The purest of prayers
will not bring us back

He whose candle was snuffed out
and was buried in the dust
bitter crying won't wake him up
and won't bring him back



Shir L'Shalom

Ish otanu lo yashiv
mibor tachtit a'fel -
kan lo yo'ilu -
lo simchat hanitzachon
Velo shirei hallel

Lachen rak shiru shir lashalom
al tilhashu tfila
lachen rak shiru shir lashalom
bitze'aka gdola

Nobody will bring us back
from a dead and darkened pit
here,
neither the victory cheer
nor songs of praise will help

So just sing a song for peace
don't whisper a prayer
Just sing a song for peace
in a loud shout



Shir L'Shalom

Tnu lashemesh lachador
miba'ad laprachim
al tabitu le'achor
hanichu la'holchim

S'u eina'yim betikva
lo derech kavanot
shiru shir la'ahava
velo lamilchamot

Allow the sun to penetrate
through the flowers
don't look back
let go of those departed

Lift your eyes with hope
not through the rifles' sights
sing a song for love
and not for wars



Shir L'Shalom

Al tagidu yom yavo
havi'u et hayom -
ki lo chalom hu -
uve'chol hakikarot
hari'u rak shalom

Lachen rak shiru shir lashalom
al tilhashu tfila
lachen rak shiru shir lashalom
bitze'aka gdola

Don't say the day will come
bring on that day -
because it is not a dream -
and in all the city squares
cheer only for peace!

So just sing a song for peace
don't whisper a prayer
Just sing a song for peace
in a loud shout



Today's Shema

Too often when we wake,
When we walk on our way,
When we lie down,
Our eyes and hearts are forced open

Shema, Hear O Israel
News reports terror in the streets,
Bloodshed flows from people simply on their way
No longer—now buried, wife, rabbi, son, friend



Today's Shema

Adonai Eloheynu, My God, My God,
We cry out, when does this stop?
Each life is a world
Horribly destroyed, Our God

Adonai Ekhad, One God
One life, hundreds of lives, too many
Broken breath opens our eyes and hearts
Across the oceans, we pray as One
(Cyd Weissman)



Let there be Love

Let there be love
And understanding among us
Let peace and friendship
Be our shelter from life's storms.

*Hashkiveinu Adonai Eloheinu
Hashkiveinu l'shalom
V'ha'amdieinu Shomreinu l'chaim
Ufros aleinu sukkat shlomecha.
(Noah Aronson, words from Liturgy)*



Avinu Shebashamayim

אָבִינוּ שְׁבַשְׁמַיִם, צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגּוֹאֲלוֹ, בָּרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל, רֵאשִׁית
צְמִיחַת גְּאֻלָּתָנוּ. הִגֵּן עָלֶיךָ בְּאַבְרַת חֲסִידֶיךָ, וּפָרַשׁ עָלֶיךָ סִכַּת שְׁלוֹמֶיךָ,
וְשַׁלַּח אוֹרֶךָ וְאַמְתֵּךְ לְרֵאשִׁיָּהּ, שְׁרִיָּהּ וִיוֹעֲצִיהָ, וְתִקְנֶם בְּעֵצָה טוֹבָה
מִלְּפָנֶיךָ. חֲזֵק אֶת יְדֵי מַגְנֵי אֶרֶץ קְדֻשָּׁנוּ, וְהַנְּחִילֵם אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְשׁוּעָה
וְעֲטָרַת נְצִחוֹן תְּעַטְרֵם, וְנָתַתָּ שְׁלוֹם בְּאַרְץ וְשִׁמְחַת עוֹלָם לְיוֹשְׁבֶיהָ.



Avinu Shebashamayim

O Heavenly One, Protector and Redeemer of Israel,
bless the state of Israel which marks the dawning of hope for all who seek peace.
Sheild it beneath the wings of Your love;
spread over it the canopy of Your peace;
send Your light and truth to all who lead and advise,
guiding them with Your good counsel.
Establish peace in the land and fullness of joy for all who dwell there.
Amen.



Shalom Rav

שָׁלוֹם רַב עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל עַמְּךָ תָּשִׁים לְעוֹלָם כִּי אַתָּה הוּא מֶלֶךְ אֲדוֹן
לְכָל־הַשָּׁלוֹם וְטוֹב בְּעֵינֶיךָ לְבָרֵךְ אֶת־עַמְּךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכָל־עֵת
וּבְכָל־שָׁעָה בְּשָׁלוֹמְךָ.

*Shalom rav al Yisrael amch tasim l'olam. Ki Atah Hu Melech Adon l'chol
hashalom v'tov b'einecha l'varech et amcha Yisrael b'chol et u'v'chol sha'ah
bishlmoecha.*

Grant abundant peace to Israel, Your people forever, for You are Sovereign God
of all peace. May it be pleasing to You to bless Your people Israel in every
season and moment with Your peace.

(Words: Liturgy; Music: Jeff Klepper)



For the Soldiers of the IDF

Rock of Israel,
Our sons and daughters,
Our brothers and sisters,
Our family and friends,
Have been called to serve,
In the name of peace and justice,
In the name of sovereignty and survival,
To defend and to protect our land



For the Soldiers of the IDF

From violence and assault,
From kidnappers and terrorists,
From missile and mortar,
From those who would destroy our nation and our people.
We stand with the defenders of Israel.
We honor the guardians of Zion.
We hold dear the sentries of Am Kadosh.



For the Soldiers of the IDF

*God of Old,
We know the price of safety,
We know the cost of security.
Bless the injured and wounded
In every generation
With Your healing hand.
Bless the dead and the bereaved
With Your love and consolation.*



For the Soldiers of the IDF

Bless the heroes of our past

And the heroes of the future

With a share in the world to come.

Source of Peace, keep our soldiers safe,

And let our soldiers keep us safe,

So that they return in life and in health to the loving arms of our people.

by - Alden Solovy



Prayer for the Soldiers and Civilians Being Held Captive

Our God, we ask that You be a refuge for the oppressed,
a refuge in times of trouble.

Send complete rescue and full redemption
to those held captive by the enemy.

Strengthen their spirit and bring them our prayers
that they be protected from all harm.



Prayer for the Soldiers and Civilians Being Held Captive

Our God, implant understanding in the heart of the enemy
that they may return all captives in wholeness of body and spirit.
Grant strength and wisdom to the Israel Defense Forces
that they may secure freedom for the captives without loss of life.



Prayer for the Soldiers and Civilians Being Held Captive

Grant strength of spirit and courage of heart to all the sons and daughters of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar to release bonds of captivity and allow us all to live in freedom.

“They shall call upon Me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in distress; I will rescue them, and honor them.”



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Mi Shebeirach L'cholim

Mi shebeirach avoteinu

M'kor hab'racha l'imoteinu

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 shebeirach imoteinu

M'kor habrachah l'avoteinu

Bless those in need of healing with r'fuah sh'leimah

The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit

And let us say Amen

(Debbie Friedman)



A Reading for El Male Rachamim

El Maleh Rachamim -- Compassionate God,

We pray

not to wipe out haters

but to banish hatred.

Not to destroy sinners

but to lessen sin.

Our prayers are not for a perfect world

but a better one



A Reading for El Male Rachamim

Where parents are not bereaved
by the savagery of sudden attacks
Or children orphaned
by blades glinting in a noonday sun.
Help us dear God,
to have the courage to remain strong,
to stand fast.
Spread Your light
on the dark hearts of the slayers



A Reading for El Male Rachamim

And Your comfort
to the bereaved hearts of families of the slain.
Let calm return Your city Jerusalem,
and to Israel, Your blessed land.
We grieve with those wounded
in body and spirit,
pray for the fortitude of our sisters and brothers,
and ask You to awaken the world to our struggle and help us bring peace.

(Rabbi David Wolpe)



El Malei Rachamim

אל מלא רחמים שוכן במרומים, המצא מנוחה נכונה על כנפי
השכינה במעלות קדושים וטהורים, כזוהר הרקיע מזהירים,

*El malei rachamim shochein bamromim, hamtzei m'nucha n'chonah al kanfei
hash'chinah b'ma-alot k'doshim u't'horim, k'Zohar harakia mazhirim,*



El Malei Rachamim

לנשמות הקדושים שנלחמו בכל מערכות ישראל, במחתרת
ובצבא ההגנה לישראל ושנפלו במלחמתם ומסרו נפשם על
קדוש השם, העם והארץ, בעבור שאנו מתפללים לעילוי
נשמתיהם.

*L'nishmot hak'doshim she-nalch'mu b'chol ma'a'rachot Yisrael, b'machteret
ub'tzeva hehaganah l'Yisrael ushenaflu b'milchamtem umasru nafsham al
kidush hashem, ha-am v'ha-aretz, ba-avur she-anu mitpalelim l'ilui
nishmoteihem.*



El Malei Rachamim

לכן בעל הרחמים יסתירם בסתר כנפיו לעולמים ויצרור בצרור
החיים את נשמותיהם, ה' הוא נחלתם, בגן עדן תהיה מנוחתם,
וינוחו בשלום על משכבותם, ונאמר: אמן.

*Lachen ba'al harachamim yastirem b'seter k'nafav l'olamim v'yitzror bitzror
hachayim et nishmoteihem, Adonai hu nachalatam, b'gan eden t'hiyeh
m'nuchatam, v'yanuchu b'shalom al mishk'votam. V'nomar: amen.*



El Malei Rachamim

O God, full of mercy, who dwells on high, grant proper rest on the wings of the Divine Presence- in the lofty levels of the holy and the pure ones, who shine like the glow of the firmament- for the souls of the martyrs who fought in all the wars of Israel, in the underground and in the Israel Defense Forces, and all the victims of terror, who met their death in war and pledged their souls to the sanctification of G-d's Name, the Jewish people, and the Land of Israel, by virtue of our prayers for the ascent of their souls.

May the Merciful One therefore shelter them beneath of the Divine wings for eternity, and may God bind their souls in the Bond of Life. Adonai is their heritage, Eden their place of rest. May they repose in peace on their resting place.

And let us say: Amen

Yitgadal v'yitkadash
sh'mei raba.
B'alma di v'ra chirutei,
v'yamlich malchutei,
b'chayeichon uv'yomeichon
uv'chayei d'chol beit Yisrael,
baagala uviz'man kariv.
V'im'ru:Amen.

Mourner's Kaddish

יִתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.
בְּעָלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ,
וְיַמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ
בְּחַיֵּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן
וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל.
בְּעָגְלָא וּבְזִמָּן קָרִיב
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Y'hei sh'mei raba
m'varach l'alam
ul'almei almaya.
Yitbarach v'yishtabach
v'yitpaar v'yitromam
v'yitnasei v'yit'hadar
v'yitaleh v'yit'halal
sh'mei d'Kud'sha
B'rich Hu,

Mourner's Kaddish

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלַם
וְלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.
יְתְבָרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח,
וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם
וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר
וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל
שְׁמֵהּ דְּקֻדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ הוּא

l'eila min kol birchata
v'shirata, tushb'chata
v'nechemata, daamiran
b'alma. V'imru: Amen.
Y'hei sh'lama raba
min sh'maya,
v'chayim aleinu
v'al kol Yisrael.
V'imru: Amen.

לְעֵלָא מִן כּוֹל בִּרְכָתָא, וְשִׁירָתָא,
תּוֹשֵׁבְכָתָא וְנֶחֱמָתָא,
דְּאִמְרוּן בְּעֵלְמָא, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.
יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא
וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כּוֹל יִשְׂרָאֵל,
וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Mourner's Kaddish

Oseh shalom bimromav,
Hu yaaseh shalom aleinu,
v'al kol Yisrael.
V'imru:Amen

May their
memories
be a blessing.

Mourner's Kaddish

עֲשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמֵי
הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ
וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל,
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

זיכרונם לברכה



Hatikvah

Kol-'od balevav penimah
Nefesh yehudi homiyah
Ulefa'atei mizrach kadimah,
'Ayin letziyon tzofiyah

Od lo avdah tikvateinu,
Hatikvah bat shenot alpayim
Lihiyot 'am chofshi be'artzeinu
Be'eretz Tzion VeYerushalayim

כָּל עוֹד בַּלֵּבב פְּנִימָה
נֶפֶשׁ יְהוּדִי הוֹמִיָּה,
וּלְפָאֵתִי מִזְרַח קְדִימָה
עֵין לְצִיּוֹן צוֹפִיָּה –

עוֹד לֹא אָבְדָה תִּקְוַתֵּנוּ,
הַתִּקְוָה בַּת שְׁנוֹת אַלְפִּים,
לִהְיוֹת עַם חֶפְשִׁי בְּאֶרְצֵנוּ
אֶרֶץ צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם.



Closing Blessing

יְבָרַכְךָ יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ:
יָאֵר יְהוָה / פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּחֲנֶךָ:
יֵשָׁא יְהוָה / פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּעַם לְךָ שָׁלוֹם:

Y'varech'cha Adonai v'yishmarecha-

May God bless you and keep you safe.

Ya'eir Adonai panav eilech vichuneka-

May God's countenance lift up to you and be gracious to you.

Yisa Adonai panav eilecha v'yasem l'cha shalom.

May God lift up God's face to you and grant you peace.