

A Prayer for Our Country

To assist the individuals you have chosen for this honor, please distribute this page to them. All participants are also welcome to attend any of the student's weekly bimah sessions with the Cantor, the final Thursday rehearsal, or to remain after the Friday evening service in order to review their parts.

[*Siddur Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Festivals*, page 148]

Our God and God of our ancestors. We ask Your blessings for our country, for its government, for its leader and advisors, and for all who exercise just and rightful authority. Teach them insights of Your Torah, that they may administer all affairs of state fairly, that peace and security, happiness and prosperity, justice and freedom may forever abide in our midst.

Creator of all flesh, bless all the inhabitants of our country with Your spirit. May citizens of all races and creeds forge a common bond in true harmony to banish all hatred and bigotry and to safeguard the ideals and free institutions which are the pride and glory of our country.

May this land under Your Providence be an influence for good throughout the world, uniting all people in peace and freedom and helping them to fulfill the vision of Your prophet: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they experience war anymore."

And let us say: Amen.