



Dear God, so much innocent bloodshed!
 We are supposed to be created in Your image,
 But O how we have distorted it.

*When we recall the beastly acts of people,
 We are ashamed to be human.
 When we read of the nobility of their victims,
 We are proud to be Jews.*

Teach us, O God, to honor our martyrs,
 By being vigilant in defense of our people everywhere,
 And by fighting cruelty, persecution, and hate.

*But must cruelty always be?
 Must viciousness ever be the signature of humanity?
 No! No! We refuse to accept that!
 We refuse to give hatred the last word,
 Because we have known the power of love.*

We refuse to believe that cruelty will prevail,
 Because we have felt the strength of kindness.
 We refuse to award the ultimate victory to evil,
 Because we believe in You.

*So help us, O God, to draw strength from our faith;
 And help us, O God, to live by our faith.*

Where there is hatred, may we bring love.
 Where there is pain, may we bring healing.
 Where there is darkness, may we bring light.
 Where there is despair, may we bring hope.
 Where there is discord, may we bring harmony.
 Where there is strife, may we bring peace.
 Make this a better world and begin with us.