

## תְּפִלָּה לְשָׁלוֹם מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל

אֲבִינוּ שֶׁבְּשָׁמַיִם, צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגוֹאֲלוֹ, בָּרַךְ אֶת־מְדִינַת  
יִשְׂרָאֵל [שְׁתָּהָא] רִאשִׁית צְמִיחַת גְּאֻלָּתָנוּ. הִגֵּן עָלֶיךָ  
בְּאַבְרַת חֲסִדְךָ וּפְרַשׁ עָלֶיךָ סֶפֶת שְׁלוֹמָךְ, וְשַׁלַּח אוֹרָךְ  
וְאַמְתָּךְ לְרִאשִׁיָּה שְׂרִיָּה וְיוֹעֲצִיָּה, וְתִקְנֶנָּם בְּעֵצָה טוֹבָה  
מִלְּפָנֶיךָ. חֲזֹק אֶת־יְדֵי מְגִנֵּי אֶרֶץ קֹדְשֵׁנוּ, וְהַנְחִילֵם  
אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְשׁוּעָה, וְעֲטֹרַת נִצָּחוֹן תַּעֲטֹרֵם. וְנִתַּת שְׁלוֹם  
בְּאֶרֶץ וּשְׁמִיחַת עוֹלָם לְיוֹשְׁבֶיהָ, וְנֹאמַר: אָמֵן.

## תְּפִלָּה לְשָׁלוֹם

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאַמּוֹתֵינוּ,  
שֶׁתְּבַטֵּל מַלְחָמוֹת וּשְׁפִיכוֹת דָּמִים מִן הָעוֹלָם  
וְתִשְׁפִּין שְׁלוֹם בְּעוֹלָם,  
וְלֹא יֵשָׂא גּוֹי אֶל גּוֹי חֶרֶב וְלֹא יִלְמְדוּ עוֹד מַלְחָמָה.

יִפְּרוּ וַיִּדְּעוּ כָּל־יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵּבֶל  
שֶׁלֹּא בָּאנוּ לְעוֹלָם בְּשָׁבִיל רִיב וּמַחְלָקָת,  
וְלֹא בְּשָׁבִיל שִׁנְאָה וְקִנְאָה וְקִנְתוּר וּשְׁפִיכוֹת דָּמִים.  
רַק בָּאנוּ לְעוֹלָם כִּי לְהַפִּיר אוֹתָךְ, תִּתְּבַרֵךְ לְנֶצַח.

וּבְכֵן תִּרְחַם עָלֵינוּ וּיְקִים בָּנוּ מִקְרָא שְׁפָתוֹב:  
וְנִתַּתִּי שְׁלוֹם בְּאֶרֶץ וּשְׁכַבְתֶּם וְאֵין מַחְרִיד,  
וְהִשְׁבַּתִּי חַיָּה רָעָה מִן הָאֶרֶץ וְחֶרֶב לֹא תַעֲבֹר בְּאֶרְצְכֶם.  
וַיִּגַּל בְּמִים מִשְׁפָּט, וּצְדָקָה בְּנַחַל אֵיתָן.  
כִּי מְלֹאָה הָאֶרֶץ דָּעָה אֶת־יְהוָה בְּמִים לַיִם מְבֹסִים.

PRAYER FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL. Upon Israel's independence in 1948, many prayers were circulated for the well-being of the new state. This one was composed by Israel's chief rabbis and was then slightly edited by the writer S.Y. Agnon.

שְׁתָּהָא. This 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 Bratzlav (1772–1810, Ukraine), recorded this prayer. The version here has been adapted and translated by Jules Harlow.

NATION WILL NOT THREATEN. לא ישא גוי גוי. Isaiah 2:4.

I WILL BRING PEACE וְנִתַּתִּי שְׁלוֹם. Leviticus 26:6.

LET JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS FLOW וַיִּגַּל בְּמִים מִשְׁפָּט. Amos 5:24.

FILL THE EARTH כִּי מְלֹאָה הָאֶרֶץ. Isaiah 11:9.



*A Prayer for the  
State of Israel*

רבונו של עולם, קבל  
נא בְּרַחֲמִים וּבְרַצוֹן  
אֶת־תְּפִלוֹתֵינוּ בְּעֵד  
מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Sovereign of the universe,  
accept in lovingkindness  
and with favor our prayers  
for the State of Israel, her  
government, and all who  
dwell within her boundar-  
ies and under her authority.  
Open our eyes and our  
hearts to the wonder of  
Israel, and strengthen our  
faith in Your power to  
work redemption in every  
human soul. Grant us also  
the fortitude to keep ever  
before us those ideals upon  
which the State of Israel  
was founded. Grant cour-  
age, wisdom, and strength  
to those entrusted with  
guiding Israel's destiny  
to do Your will. Be with  
those on whose shoulders  
Israel's safety depends and  
defend them from all harm.  
Spread over Israel and all  
the world Your shelter of  
peace, and may the vision  
of Your prophet soon be  
fulfilled: "Nation shall not  
lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war  
anymore" (Isaiah 2:4).

לֹא יִשָּׂא גּוֹי אֶל גּוֹי חֶרֶב  
וְלֹא יִלְמְדוּ עוֹד מִלְחָמָה.

*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 advi-  
sors 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*.

*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*.