

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

READER: We invoke prayer and blessing for our country and its government.
May the leaders of our land be guided with wisdom and resolve.
Let our country be blessed with justice, freedom and peace.
May it be a shelter for the oppressed, the homeless and the exiled.

ALL: We look toward the day in which all inhabitants of our country
diverse peoples of different nationalities and faiths,
will live together in friendship and tolerance.
May we all strive to uproot enmity and division
from our land and throughout the world,
fulfilling the vision of the prophet:
“Nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
let them learn no longer the ways of war.”
And let us all say, AMEN.

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PRAYER FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL

READER: We invoke prayer and blessing for the State of Israel, the place
of our flourishing and redemption. May it dwell in safety and
wholeness beneath a *sukkat shalom* -- a great *sukkah* of peace.
May those who guide the Jewish state be guided with wisdom
and resolve. May it be a haven and moral beacon for the
Jewish people throughout the world.

ALL: We look toward the day in which all peoples who dwell in the
land live together in peace and well-being. May the day
swiftly come in which Jerusalem is a true City of Peace, rent
no longer by hatred, jealousy and division. Let her streets
resound once more with the sounds of *simcha* and
celebration. May we find, at long last, peace in our ancient
home.


And let us all say, AMEN.

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ALL sing:

לֹא יִשָּׂא גּוֹי אֶל גּוֹי חֶרֶב
וְלֹא יִלְמְדוּ עוֹד מִלְחָמָה.

*Lo yisa goy el goy cherev
v'lo yilmedu od milchamah.*

 Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
and they shall know war no more.

SOURCES:

“Lo yisa goy”
appears twice
in the Prophets (Ketuvim):
Isaiah 2:4 [ישעיהו Yeshiyahu]
and Micah 4:3
[מִיכָה Mikayahu]