

A Prayer for the State of Israel

רבונו של עולם, קבל
נא ברחמים וברצון
את התפלותינו בעד
מדינת ישראל.

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 boundaries 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 courage, 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).

לא ישא גוי אל גוי חרב
ולא ילמדו עוד מלחמה.

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Avinu she-ba-shamaytm, 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 advisors 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*.

זיבור

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תְּפִלָּה לְשָׁלוֹם מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל

אָבִינוּ שְׂפִשְׁמִים, צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגוֹאֲלוֹ, בְּרַךְ אֶת־מְדִינַת
יִשְׂרָאֵל [שְׁתֵּהא] רֵאשִׁית צְמִיחַת גְּאֻלְתָּנוּ. הֲגֵן עָלֶיךָ
בְּאֲבֵרַת חֶסֶדךָ וּפְרֹשׁ עָלֶיךָ סֶפֶת שְׁלוֹמְךָ, וּשְׁלַח אוֹרְךָ
וְאַמְתָּךְ לְרֵאשִׁייה שְׂרִייה וְיִוְעָצִייה, וְתַקְּנֵם בְּעֶצֶה טוֹבָה
מְלַפְנֶיךָ. חֲזַק אֶת־יְדֵי מְגִי אֶרֶץ קְדֻשָׁנוּ, וְהִנְחִילֵם
אֶל־הֵינוּ יְשׁוּעָה, וְעִטְרַת נְצָחוֹן הַתְּעֹרָם. וְנַתַּתְּ שָׁלוֹם
בְּאֶרֶץ וְשִׁמְחַת עוֹלָם לְיִוֹשְׁבֵיהָ, וְנֹאמַר: אָמֵן.

תְּפִלָּה לְשָׁלוֹם

יְהִי רְצוֹן מְלַפְנֶיךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאַמּוֹתֵינוּ,
שֶׁתְּבַטֵּל מְלַחְמוֹת וּשְׂפִיכוֹת דָּמִים מִן הָעוֹלָם
וְתִשְׁפִּין שָׁלוֹם בְּעוֹלָם,
וְלֹא יֵשֶׁא גּוֹי אֶל גּוֹי חָרָב וְלֹא יִלְמְדוּ עוֹד מְלַחְמָה.

יִפְיְרוּ וַיִּדְעוּ כָּל־יֹשְׁבֵי תְּבֵל
שֶׁלֹּא בָּאנוּ לְעוֹלָם בְּשִׁבִיל רֵיב וּמַחְלָקֹת,
וְלֹא בְּשִׁבִיל שִׁנְאָה וְקִנְאָה וּקְנִתוֹר וּשְׂפִיכוֹת דָּמִים.
רַק בָּאנוּ לְעוֹלָם כְּדֵי לְהַפִּיר אוֹתָךְ, הַתְּבַרְךָ לְנֶצַח.

וּבְכֵן תִּרְחַם עָלֵינוּ וְיָקִים בְּנוּ מִקְרָא שְׂפָתוֹב:
וְנַתַּתִּי שָׁלוֹם בְּאֶרֶץ וּשְׂכֻבְתֵּם וְאִין מַחְרִיה
וְהַשְׁפַּתִּי חַיָּה רְעָה מִן הָאֶרֶץ וְחָרָב לֹא תַעֲבֹר בְּאֶרְצְכֶם.
וַיִּגַּל בְּפִיִּם מִשְׁפָּט, וַצְּדָקָה כָּנַחַל אֵיתָן.
כִּי מְלָאָה הָאֶרֶץ דְּעָה אֶת־יְהוָה בְּפִיִּם לִים מְכֻסִּים.

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.

THAT IT MAY BE **וְשִׁתֵּהא**. 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 **לֹא יֵשֶׁא גּוֹי**. Isaiah 2:4.

I WILL BRING PEACE **וְנַתַּתִּי שָׁלוֹם**. Leviticus 26:6.

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

FILL THE EARTH **כִּי מְלָאָה הָאֶרֶץ**. Isaiah 11:9.