

# Prayer for the State of Israel

*A prayer for the State of Israel*

אָבִינוּ שְׁבַשְׁמִים, צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגּוֹאֲלוֹ, בָּרֵךְ אֶת־מְדִינַת  
יִשְׂרָאֵל, רֹאשִׁית צְמִיחַת גְּאֻלְתֵּינוּ. הִגֵּן עָלֶיהָ בְּאֶבְרַת חֲסֶדָּה,  
וּפְרֹס עָלֶיהָ סִבַּת שְׁלוֹמָהּ. וְשַׁלַּח אוֹרָהּ וְאַמְתָּהּ לְרֹאשֶׁיהָ,  
שָׂרֶיהָ וְיוֹעֲצֶיהָ, וְתַקַּנָּם בְּעֶצֶה טוֹבָה מִלְּפָנֶיהָ. חֲזַק אֶת־יְדֵי  
מִגְנֵי אֶרֶץ קְדֻשָּׁנוּ, וְהִנְחִילֵם אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְשׁוּעָה, וְעֲטָרַת נִצְחוֹן  
תְּעַטְרֵם. וְנִתֵּן שְׁלוֹם בְּאֶרֶץ וּשְׁמִיחַת עוֹלָם לְיוֹשְׁבֶיהָ, וְנֹאמַר  
אָמֵן.

Our Heavenly father, Protector and Redeemer of Israel, bless thou  
the State of Israel which marks the dawn of our deliverance.  
Shield it beneath the wings of your love; spread over it your  
canopy of peace: send your light and your truth to its leaders,  
officers and counselors, and direct them with your good counsel.  
And let us say: Amen.

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## **Prayer for Canada**

Eternal God, whose dominion embraces the universe, we ask Your blessings upon Canada; upon all those who govern our country and our province, and all who influence the quality of its national life. Make them conscious of their responsibility, and help us, each in our own way, to take responsibility to fashion in this country a society that excels in freedom and justice, tolerance and compassion, so that it may be a force for righteousness and peace in the life of all humanity.

Guard the valiant defenders of Canada. Crown their sacrifices with triumph and help them to preserve liberty for a world yearning to be free. Guard their going and their coming for life and peace.

May our country, in unity with all peoples who cherish freedom, achieve speedily the establishment of your kingdom of truth and justice among all the nations of the earth.

Amen.

## Prayer for Israel's Defense Forces

**מִי שְׁבַרְךָ** אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אֲבָרְהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב  
הוּא יְבָרְךָ אֶת חַיֵּילֵי צְבָא דְהַגָּנוּה לְיִשְׂרָאֵל  
הַעֲזֹמְדִים עַל מִשְׁמַר אֶרֶצֵנוּ וְעָרֵי אֱלֹהֵינוּ  
מִגְבוּל דְּהַלְבָנוֹן וְעַד מִדְבַּר מִצְרַיִם וּמִן דֶּנִּים  
דְּהַגָּדוֹל עַד לְבֹא דְהַעֲרָבָה בִּיבְשָׁה בְּאוֹר  
וּבַיָּם. יִתֵּן יְהוָה אֶת אוֹיְבֵינוּ תַקְמִים עָלֵינוּ  
נִגְפִים לַפְּנִיָּהֶם. דְּהַקְדוּשׁ-כְּרוֹךְ-הוּא יִשְׁמַר  
וְיַצִּיל אֶת חַיֵּילֵנוּ מִכָּל צָרָה וְצוּקָה וּמִכָּל גִּנֵּעַ  
וּמַחֲלָה וְיִשְׁלַח בְּרָכָה וְהַצְלָחָה בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׂה  
יָדֵיהֶם. יַדְבֵּר שׁוֹנְאֵינוּ תַחֲתֵיהֶם וַיַּעֲטֵרֵם  
בְּכֶתֶר יְשׁוּעָה וּבַעֲטָרַת נִצְחוֹן. וַיִּקְּם בָּהֶם  
תַּקְתוּב.

כִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם תַּחֲלֹךְ עִמָּכֶם לְהַלָּחֵם  
לָכֶם עִם אוֹיְבֵיכֶם לְהוֹשִׁיעַ אֶתְכֶם.  
וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן

## **Prayer for Israel's Defense Forces**

May God who blessed our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah bless the fighters of the Israel Defense Forces and security forces, who stand guard over our land and the cities of our God from the border of Lebanon to the desert of Egypt and from the Great Sea unto the approach of the Aravah, on the land, in the air, and on the sea.

May Hashem cause the enemies who rise up against us to be struck down before them. May the Holy One, Blessed is God, preserve and rescue our fighting men and women from every trouble and distress and from every plague and illness. May God send blessing and success in their every endeavor.

May God subdue our enemies and crown Israel with deliverance and victory. And may there be fulfilled for Israel the verse, it is the Lord your God who goes with you to fight for you, against your enemies, to deliver you.

Now let us say: Amen.

## 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 mankind 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 in 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 love and justice flow like a mighty stream.

Let peace fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.

And let us say: Amen

## What I wish for my Daughter

What I wish for my Daughter  
I wish for all our children.  
I wish for you to be a person of character  
Strong but not tough,  
Gentle but not weak.

I wish for you to be  
righteous but not self-righteous  
honest but not unforgiving.

Wherever you journey, may your steps be firm  
and may you walk in just paths  
and not be afraid.

Whenever you speak, may your words  
be words of wisdom and friendship.

May your hand build  
and your heart preserve what is good  
and beautiful in our world.

May the voices of the generations of our people  
move through you  
and may the God of our ancestors  
be your God as well.

May you know that there is a people,  
a rich heritage, to which you belong  
and from that sacred place  
you are connected to all who dwell on the earth.

May the stories of our people  
be upon your heart  
and the grace of the Torah rhythm  
dance in your soul.

## What I wish for my Son

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I wish for all our children.  
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