

A Prayer For Our Country

(To be read responsively with the congregation)

This prayer is found on pg. 148 in the Sim Shalom Prayer Book Instructions: Please proceed to the bima (stage) of the congregation when we turn back to the prayer book on 148.

The Rabbi will call you up and direct you to begin the following reading:

Reader: Our God and God of our ancestors: We ask Your blessings for our country - for its government, for its leaders and advisors, and for all who exercise just and rightful authority. Teach them insights of Your Torah, that they may administer all affairs of state fairly, that peace and security, happiness and prosperity, justice and freedom may forever abide in our midst.

Congregation: Creator of all flesh, bless all the inhabitants of our country with Your spirit. May citizens of all races and creeds forge a common bond in true harmony, to banish hatred and bigotry, and to safeguard the ideals and free institutions that are the pride and glory of our country.

Reader: May this land, under Your Providence, be an influence for good throughout the world, uniting all people in peace and freedom - and helping them to fulfill the vision of Your prophet: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they experience war any more." And let us say: Amen.