

Our hearts go out to the families and friends of those killed, wounded and kidnapped. We hope and pray that this war will end with a positive outcome for the State of Israel.

“ה' עוז לעמו יתן, ה' יברך את עמו בשלום.”

“May God grant strength to God’s people; May God bless our people with peace.” (Psalm 29:11)

A Prayer for Israel in this Time of War

by Rabbi Naomi Levy

God, our Strength and Protection, we pray for the State of Israel in this devastating time of war, shock and grief. Our hearts are breaking, God. We pray for the lives of the innocent civilians who have been heartlessly kidnapped by Hamas, bring them home, watch over them, God. We pray for the lives of the soldiers who have been taken captive, we pray for their safe return, shelter them, God. We pray for the souls of the innocent victims who were brutally slaughtered. Send comfort and strength, God, to the grieving. Send healing to the injured, and strength and wisdom to their doctors and nurses. We pray for all our brothers and sisters in Israel in this time of tragedy and crisis.

Watch over Israel, God, spread Your shelter of peace over the land and over all our brothers and sisters who live there. Shine Your light upon Israel’s leaders, officers and advisers, help them to overcome all divisiveness and to act with clarity and determination. Protect the men and women who defend Israel, let them be safe and may they be victorious over the Hamas terrorists who attacked our people. Watch over them, God. Hear their prayers. Bring peace, God. Let it rain down from the heavens like a mighty storm. Let it wash away all hatred and bloodshed. Peace, God, please, God.

God of the brokenhearted, God of the living, God of the dead, gather the souls of the victims into Your eternal shelter. Let them find peace in Your presence, God. Their lives have ended, but their lights can never be extinguished. May they shine on us always and illuminate our way.

Amen.

Prayer during the current war in Israel

By Rabbi Gil Nativ

Rock and Redeemer of Israel; Since we are overwhelmed with pain and grief we turn to you: Why have you forgotten us? Why must we walk in gloom, oppressed by our enemy? Rise up and rescue us from blood-thirsty human beasts. Send healing to all our brethren who are wounded and in pain. Rescue all those who were taken captive and held hostage, and wipe the tears from the faces of all among us who mourn their loved ones.

Our Rock, who trains our hands for battle and our fingers for warfare, strengthen the hands of the Israeli Defense, Security and Rescue Forces. Deliver them and crown their efforts with triumph.

This is not the time for lengthy prayers. Our broken heart cries out soundless and voiceless. You will surely open the gates of Heaven for the cries of our heart!
Amen!

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מי שבִּרְךָ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אֲבֹרָהֶם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב הוּא
 יְבָרֵךְ אֶת חֵיָלָי צֶבֶא הַהֶגְנָה לְיִשְׂרָאֵל וְאֲנָשֵׁי
 כּוֹחוֹת הַבְּטָחוֹן, הַעוֹמְדִים עַל מִשְׁמַר אֲרֻצֵּנוּ וְעָרֵי
 אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מִגְּבוּל הַלְּבָנוֹן וְעַד מִדְּבַר מִצְרַיִם וּמִן
 הַיָּם הַגָּדוֹל עַד לְבוֹא הָעֵרֶבָה וּבְכֹל מְקוֹם שֶׁהֵם,
 בַּיַּבֶּשֶׁה, בַּאֲוִיר וּבַיָּם. יְתֵן יְהוָה אֶת אוֹיְבֵינוּ
 הַקָּמִים עָלֵינוּ נִגְפִים לְפָנֵיהֶם. הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא
 יִשְׁמֹר וְיִצִּיל אֶת חֵיָלָינוּ מִכָּל צָרָה וְצוּקָה וּמִכָּל
 נֶגַע וּמַחֲלָה, וְיִשְׁלַח בְּרָכָה וְהַצְלָחָה בְּכֹל מַעֲשֵׂי
 יָדֵיהֶם. יְדַבֵּר שׁוֹנְאֵינוּ תַחְתֵּיהֶם וְיַעֲטֹרֵם בְּכֹתֵר
 יְשׁוּעָה וּבַעֲטֹרֵת נִצְחוֹן. וְיִקֵּים בָּהֶם הַכְּתוּב: כִּי
 יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם הֵהָלַךְ עִמָּכֶם לְהִלָּחֵם לָכֶם
 עַם-אוֹיְבֵיכֶם לְהוֹשִׁיעַ אֶתְכֶם: וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן.

May He who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, bless the members of Israel's Defense Forces and its security services who stand guard over our land and the cities of our God from the Lebanese border to the Egyptian desert, from the Mediterranean sea to the approach of the Aravah, and wherever else they are, on land, in air and at sea. May the Lord make the enemies who rise against us be struck down before them. May the Holy One, blessed be He, protect and deliver them from all trouble and distress, affliction and illness, and send blessing and success to all the work of their hands. May He subdue our enemies under them and crown them with deliverance and victory. And may there be fulfilled in them the verse, "It is the Lord your God who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to deliver you." And let us say: Amen.



El Maleh Rachamim Compassionate God

By Rabbi David Wolpe

We pray not to wipe out haters but to
banish hatred.

Not to destroy sinners but to lessen sin.

Our prayers are not for a perfect world

but a better one Where parents are not bereaved by the
savagery of sudden attacks Or children orphaned by blades glinting

in a noonday sun. Help us dear God, to have the courage to
remain strong, to stand fast. Spread Your light on the dark hearts of

the slayers And Your comfort to the bereaved hearts

of families of the slain. Let calm return Your city Jerusalem, and

to Israel, Your blessed land. We grieve with those wounded in body and spirit,

pray for the fortitude of our sisters and brothers, and ask You to awaken the
world to our struggle and

help us bring peace.