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While participating in Rosh Hashanah services this year, one of the prayers we read really spoke to my heart and soul:

When will redemption come?

When we master the violence that fills our world.

When we look upon others as we would have them look upon us.

When we grant to every person the rights we claim for ourselves.

Gates of Repentance: The New Union Prayerbook for the Days of Awe, p.103

When indeed? This passage may be short, but it emboldens us to action. It speaks to the very core of Jewish values, "Tikkun Olam, Repair the World." We must do whatever we can to work toward the coming of redemption. We must speak out against violence, treat others as we want to be treated and grant equality to all. We must educate ourselves and others, we must make our voices heard. In this wonderful country of ours, we have the right to vote our conscience. When you begin to look toward 2020 elections, please look at the candidates, all of them, and vote for those who best speak to your values.