

OLAM TIKVAH Prayers for Israel

MI SHEBERACH FOR THE IDF

May the One who blessed our ancestors Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov, Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel, and Leah, bless and protect the soldiers in the Israeli Defense Forces, and the rest of those fighting for the security of the land and the people.

מִי שֶׁבֵּרַךְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אֲבָרָהִם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב
שָׂרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל וְלֵאָה
הוּא יְבָרֵךְ וְיִשְׁמֹר אֶת חִילֵי צָבָא הַגָּנָה
לְיִשְׂרָאֵל וְשָׂאֵר הַלִּוְחָמִים לְמַעַן בְּטָחוֹן
הָעַם וְהָאָרֶץ

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE MISSING OR CAPTIVE

God of Israel, our Rock and our Redeemer, God of Mercy, of Compassion, we pray, we plead that You return these precious and beloved people the captured and the missing, who have cruelly and heartlessly been torn from their homes and carried off to our enemy's territory.

אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגוֹאֲלוֹ, אֵל
רַחוּם וְחַנוּן, בְּתַפְלָה וּבְתַחֲנוּנִים אֲנוּ
פוֹנִים אֵלֶיךָ לְהַחְזִיר בְּשָׁלוֹם לְבֵתֵיהֶם
אֶת נִסְרֵי עַמְּךָ הַשְּׁבוּיִים וְהַנֶּעְדָּרוֹת
שֶׁנֶּעְקְרוּ בְּיַד זְדוֹנִית מִבֵּיתֵיהֶם וְנִחְטְפוּ
אֶל אֶרֶץ אוֹיֵב

We are terrified contemplating their fate, horrified at the thought of the sufferings of the missing and captured, who are not yet within our power to reach. And so we plead before You: Source of Mercy, be at their side, support them, protect them, and quickly bring them back to the embrace of their families and all who love them as You have declared: "...Behold, I will restore the captives of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on their dwelling places..." (Jeremiah 30:18)

חֲרָדִים אֲנוּ לְגוֹרְלָם וּמִבְעָתֵים
מִהִמָּחֲשָׁבָה עַל מָה שְׁעוֹבֵר עַל הַנֶּעְדָּרוֹת
וְהַנֶּעְדָּרוֹת, הַשְּׁבוּיִים וְהַשְּׁבוּיִת שֶׁלָּנוּ
אֲדָּיִינוּ קִצְרוֹ מְלֵחוֹשִׁיעַ וְעַל כֵּן נוֹשָׁאִים
אֲנוּ תַחֲנוּנֵנוּ לְפָנֶיךָ: אֵב הַרְחָמִים, הִיָּה
נָא בְּעֶזְרֶם וְהִגּוּ בְּעֶדֶם וְהַשִּׁיבֵם בְּמַהֲרָה
לְחִיק מִשְׁפָּחוֹתֵיהֶם וְנִסְרֵיהֶן כָּמוֹ
שֶׁאָמַרְתָּ: "הִנְנִי שֹׁב שְׁבוֹת אֶהְיֶה יַעֲקֹב
וּמִשְׁכְּנֵתִיו אֲרַחֵם" (יִרְמְיָהוּ ל:יח)

We beseech you, ADONAI, quickly fulfill Your word: "Here, I am with you, I will watch over you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, indeed I will not leave you until I have done what I have said for you."

אֲנִי הֵי קַיִם בְּמַהֲרָה אֶת מֵאֲמַר הַכָּתוּב:
וְהִנֵּה אֲנִכִּי עִמָּךְ וְשִׁמְרֵתִיךָ בְּכָל
אֲשֶׁר-תֵּלֵךְ וְהִשְׁבֵּתִיךָ אֶל-הָאָדָמָה "הַזֹּאת
כִּי לֹא אֶעֱזָבְךָ עַד אֲשֶׁר אִם-עָשִׂיתִי אֶת
אֲשֶׁר-דִּבַּרְתִּי לָךְ" (בְּרָאשִׁית כח:טו)
וְשָׁבוּ בָנִים לְגִבּוֹלָם אָמֵן כֵּן יְהִי רָצוֹן

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL BY RABBI NAOMI LEVY

God, our Strength and Protection, we pray for Israel. Watch over Israel, 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. Fill them with Your wisdom. Fill the men and women who defend Israel with wisdom and with Your holy light. Watch over them, God. Hear their prayers. Hear the prayers of innocent civilians in Gaza who share our longings for an end to this conflict. 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. Amen