



Rabbis for Human Rights: Prayer for the State of Israel

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A Prayer for the State of Israel for Israelis In Observance of Yom HaAtzmaut



Sovereign of the Universe, accept in lovingkindness and with favor our prayers for the State of Israel, her government and all who dwell within her boundaries and under her authority. On the 67th anniversary of her founding, reopen our eyes and our hearts to the wonder of Israel and strengthen our faith in Your power to work redemption in every human soul. Grant us also the fortitude to keep ever before us those ideals to which Israel dedicated herself in her Declaration of Independence, so that we may be true partners with our fellow Israelis in working towards her as yet not fully fulfilled vision.

Grant those entrusted with guiding Israel's destiny the courage, wisdom and strength to do Your Will. Guide them in the paths of peace and give them the insight to see Your Image in every human being. Be with those charged with Israel's safety and defend them from all harm. May they have the strength to protect their country and the spiritual fortitude never to abuse the power placed in our hands.

Spread Your blessings over the Land. May justice and human rights abound for all her inhabitants. Guide them "to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8.), and "may justice well up like water, righteousness like a mighty stream" (Amos 5:24). Implant tolerance and mutual respect in every heart, and may all realize that, "We were not brought into this world for conflict and dissension, nor for hatred, jealousy, harassment or bloodshed. Rather, we were brought into this world in order to recognize You, may You be blessed forever" (R. Nahman of Bratislav). Spread over Israel and all the world Your shelter of peace, and may the vision of Your prophet soon be fulfilled: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4).

So may it be Your Will that speedily and in our day all inhabitants of the earth will say of the State of Israel, "It is very good." (Genesis 1:31) for she will have become a blessing to the entire world and a "light unto the nations."

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