



The Power of Prayer

In times of remembrance and reflection, the power of prayer can bring solace and unity. With this in mind, we have compiled a collection of prayers that you may wish to incorporate into your events, gatherings, or personal moments of contemplation.

These prayers are designed to resonate deeply with the themes of remembrance, healing, and hope, providing comfort to those who seek it. Whether you're leading a communal service or finding quiet moments of reflection, our curated selections will support your journey and enhance the significance of your observance.

Explore the prayers here to find those that speak to your heart and can enrich your commemorative experience.



The Mekimi Commitment

At this time of sorrow and loss, anguish and hope, we join together with Jews and allies around the world and commit ourselves to raising up:

- The memories of those we've lost, ensuring their stories are never forgotten
- The spirits of the survivors and bereaved families, offering unwavering support and compassion
- The hope for the safe return of the hostages, keeping their plight in the forefront of global consciousness
- The resilience of our communities, fostering unity and strength in the face of adversity
- The voices of those affected, amplifying their experiences and needs
- The pursuit of justice and accountability for the atrocities committed
- The education of future generations about the events of October 7th and their impact
- The dialogue for peace and understanding to prevent such tragedies from recurring
- The mental health and well-being of all those touched by this tragedy
- The global awareness of the ongoing effects of terrorism and violence
- The support for first responders and security personnel who risked their lives
- The rebuilding of shattered communities, both physically and emotionally

Through these commitments, we strive to transform grief into action and despair into hope.



The Mekimi Prayer

Source of All Life, Creator of Peace,
We stand together today, united in remembrance and hope,
We honor those whose lives were cruelly taken from us on October 7th And
support those who bear the wounds today.
We remember the souls lost—each a world entire,
Their names forever etched in our hearts.
May their memory be a blessing
We pray for the hostages still held in captivity,
For their safe return.
Sustain their hope and protect them from harm.
We stand with the survivors and the bereaved,
Whose lives were forever altered in a moment.
Grant them strength to face each day,
And the comfort of knowing they are not alone.
We seek healing for communities torn by violence,
For a world shadowed by hatred and fear.
Help us to raise each other up in this time of sorrow,
To find light in the darkness that surrounds us.
Guide us, Source of Our Life,
Transform our pain into purpose,
Our grief into growth,
Our anger into action for justice and peace.
May we honor the lost by how we live, Cherishing the preciousness of each life,
Grant us the courage to confront hatred, the wisdom to choose love,
And the strength to build bridges where others would build walls.
May we find solace and strength in our unity,
And let us say: Amen.



Prayer for the Hostages

[Leader]: Let us pray for those still held captive, taken on October 7th. We stand united in hope, in faith, and in our unwavering commitment to see them returned to their loved ones.

[All]: We pray for their safe return.

[Leader]: For those who were torn from their homes, from the arms of their families, from the fabric of their daily lives:

[All]: We hold you in our hearts.

[Leader]: For those who were young, innocent, and vulnerable, enduring trauma beyond measure:

[All]: We pray for their protection.

[Leader]: For the elderly, fragile in body but resilient in spirit:

[All]: We honor your strength and pray for their comfort.

[Leader]: For the men and women, brothers and sisters, sons and daughters:

[All]: We carry their names and faces in our minds.

[Leader]: To the families waiting, hoping, and fighting tirelessly for their loved ones' return:

[All]: We stand alongside you in solidarity and support.

[Leader]: For those working day and night for the hostages' release:

[All]: We pray for your wisdom, perseverance, and success.

[Leader]: In the face of this ongoing tragedy, we affirm:



[All]: We will not rest, we will not forget, we will not abandon hope.

[Leader]: Let our voices rise together, a chorus of compassion and determination:

[All]: Bring them home. Bring them home. Bring them home.

[Leader]: May the day soon come when families are reunited, when emptiness turns to fullness when fear gives way to joy.

[All]: May it be Your will that our prayers are answered speedily, that all hostages are returned safely to their loved ones, and that peace prevails in our world.

Amen.



Acheinu

אָחִינֵנוּ כָּל־בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל,
הַנֶּתְּ וְנִים בְּצָרָה וְבִשְׁבִּיָּה
הָעוֹמְדִים בֵּין־בָּיִם וּבֵין־בִּיבָשָׁה
הַמְּקוֹם יִרְחַם עֲלֵיהֶם, וַיּוֹצִיאֵם
מִצָּרָה לְרוֹחָה, וּמֵאֲפֵלָה
לְאֹרָה, וּמִשְׁעַבְדוּד לְגָאֻלָּה
הַשְּׂתֵא־בְּעִגְלָא וּבְזִמְנָא קָרִיב.

*Acheinu kol beit yisrael,
han'tunim B'tzara
uwashivyah,
haomdim bein bayam uwein
bayabasha*

*Hamakom, y'racheim,
aleihem v'yotziem mitzara
lirvacha, umi'afaila l'orah
umishibud lig'ulah, hashta
ba'agala uwizman kariv*

As for our brothers, the whole house of Israel, who are given over to trouble or captivity, whether they abide on the sea or the dry land: May the All-present have mercy upon them and bring them forth from trouble to enlargement, from darkness to light, and from subjection to redemption, now speedily and at a near time.

Shir Lama'alot: Psalm 121

(א) שִׁיר לַמַּעֲלוֹת אֲשֶׁר עֵינַי אֶל הַהָרִים מֵאִן יָבֹא עֲזָרִי.	<i>Shir lama'alot Esah einai el heharim, meayin yavo ezri?</i>
(ב) עֲזָרִי מֵעַם הַ עֹשֶׂה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ.	<i>Ezri me'im Adonai oseh shamayim va'aretz</i>
(ג) אֵל יִתֵּן לַמוֹט רַגְלֶךָ אֵל יְנוּם שְׁמֶרְךָ.	<i>Al yiten lamot raglecha, al yanum shomrecha</i>
(ד) הֲנִיחָה לֹא יְנוּם וְלֹא יִישָׁן שׁוֹמֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל. (ה) הַ שְׁמֶרְךָ הַ צֶּלֶק עַל יַד יְמִינֶךָ.	<i>Hineh lo yanum - v'lo yishan shomer yisrael</i>
(ו) יוֹמָם הַ שֶׁמֶשׁ לֹא יַכְכָּה וְיָרַח בַּלַּיְלָה.	<i>Adonai shomrecha, Adonai tzilecha, al yad yeminecha</i>
(ז) הַ יִשְׁמְרֶךָ מִכָּל רָע יִשְׁמַר אֶת נַפְשֶׁךָ.	<i>Yomam hashemesh lo yakeka, vayareich baleilah</i>
(ח) הַ יִשְׁמַר צִאתְךָ וּבֹאֶךָ מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם.	<i>Adonai yishmarcha mikol ra, yishmor et nafshecha Adonai yishmor tzietcha uwoecha meata vead olam</i>

I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains:
from whence shall my help come?
My help cometh from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved;
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, He that keepeth Israel
doth neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper;
The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall keep thee from all evil;
He shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall guard thy going out and thy
coming in, from this time forth and forever.



Ani Maamin

אֲנִי מְאֲמִין בְּאֵמוּנָה שְׁלֵמָה,	<i>Ani ma'amin</i>
בְּבִיאַת הַמָּשִׁיחַ, וְאֵף עַל פִּי	<i>b'emunah sh'leimah</i>
שִׁיתְמַהֲמָה, עִם כָּל זֶה אַחֲקֶה	<i>b'viat ha mashiach,</i>
לֹא בְּכָל יוֹם שְׁיָבוֹא.	<i>veaf al pi sh'yitmameha,</i>
	<i>im kol zeh achakeh lo</i>
	<i>bechol yom sheyavo</i>

I believe with perfect faith in the coming of the Messiah, and though he tarry, I will wait daily for his coming.

Oseh Shalom

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוַמָּי	<i>Oseh shalom bimromav</i>
הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ	<i>hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu</i>
וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן	<i>v'al kol Yisra'eil v'imru Amen</i>

He who makes peace in His high heavens may He, make peace for us and for all Israel, and say Amen.



Hatikvah

*Kol od balevav penimah,
Nefesh yehudi homiyah,
Ulefa-atei mizrach, kadimah,
Ayin letziyon tsofiyah.*

*Od lo avdah tikvateinu
Hatikva bat shnot alpayim,
Lihyot am chofshi be-artzeinu,
Eretz tzion, virushalayim.*

As long as in the heart within,
The Jewish soul yearns,
And toward the eastern edges, onward,
An eye gazes toward Zion.

Our hope is not yet lost,
The hope that is two-thousand years old,
To be a free nation in our land,
The Land of Zion, Jerusalem.

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