

Prayer for Israeli MIAs

He who blessed our forefathers Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph, Moses, Aaron, David and Solomon, may He bless, preserve and protect the captive and missing soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces including:

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May He Rescue them from captivity and speedily restore them in peace, in the merit of the prayers of this holy assemblage who pray for them. May the Holy One, Blessed be He, show them mercy, increase their strength, remove their pain and send them a recovery of body and recovery of spirit, may He return them to the bosom of their families, (*On Sabbath: The Sabbath prohibits us from crying out, may salvation come speedily,*) swiftly and soon. Now let us respond: Amen.

מי שברך אבותינו אברהם יצחק ויעקב
יוסף משה ואהרון דוד ושלמה
הוא יברך וישמור וינצור את
נעדרי צבא ההגנה לישראל ושבוייו ובתוכם :

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יפדם משבים ויחזירם בשלום בקרוב
בעבור שכל הקהל הקדוש הזה מתפללים בעבורם
בשכר זה הקב"ה ימלא עליהם רחמים
ירבה כוחם ויבטל צערם וישלח להם רפואת הנפש
ורפואת הגוף ויחזירם לחיק משפחותם
(לשבת : שבת היא מלועוק וישועה קרובה לבוא)
השתא בעגלא ובזמן קריב ונאמר אמן.

Prayer for the State of Israel

Our Father who is in Heaven, Rock and Redeemer of Israel, bless the State of Israel, the beginning of our redemption. Defend her with Your wing of mercy/grace, and spread over her a shelter of Your peace; and send Your light and Your truth to her leaders, ministers and advisors, and help them with Your good counsel. Strengthen the hands of the defenders of our Holy Land, deliver it to them, God the savior, and crown them with a crown of victory. Give peace in the land and eternal happiness to its inhabitants.

And visit all our Brethren of the house of Israel, in all the lands where they are scattered, and bring them rapidly to Zion, Your city and to Jerusalem, where Your name lives, as it says in the Torah of Moses, Your servant: "Even if your dwelling is at the end of the sky, God will congregate you from there, and bring you from there, and will bring you toward the land that Your forefathers inherited and you will inherit it." Dedicate our hearts to love and worship Your name and to keep all that is in Your Torah, and send us the son of David, the Messiah of Your justice, to redeem those who wait for Your salvation. Appear with the glory and the pride of Your strength, in front of all the inhabitants of the Universe, and all those who have breath will say: "The God of Israel is the King, and He reigns over all". Amen.

אבינו שבשמים, צור ישראל וגואלו, ברך את מדינת ישראל ראשית צמיחת
גאולתנו. הגן עליה באברת חסדך ופרוס עליה ספת שלומך ושלח אורך ואמתך
לראשיה, שריה, ויועציה ותקנם בעצה טובה מלפניך. חזק את ידי מגיני ארץ
קדשנו והנחילים אלהינו ישועה ונצחון ונצחון תעטרם, ונתת שלום בארץ ושמחת
עולם ליושביה.

ואת אחינו כל בית ישראל פקדנא בכל ארצות פזורים ותולכים מהרה
קוממיות לציון עירך ולירושלים משכו שמך, ככתוב בתורת משה עבדך "אם
יהיה נדחך בקצה השמים משם יקבצך אלהיך ומשם יקחך, והביאך אל הארץ
אשר ירשו אבותיך וירשתה". ויחד לבנו לאהבה וליראה את שמך ולשמר את
כל דברי תורתך, ושלח לנו בן דוד משיח צדקך לפדות מחכי ישועתך. הופיע
בהדר גאון עוזך על כל יושבי תבל ארצה, ויאמר כל אשר נשמה באפו "יי אלהי
ישראל מלך ומלכותו בכל משלה". אמן סלה.

Aheinu - For the Captured Soldiers

If any of our brothers, members of the house of Israel, find themselves in trouble or in captivity, whether they are at sea or on dry land, may G-d take pity on them and deliver them from their trouble to well-being, from darkness to light, from captivity to freedom, swiftly.

אחינו
אחינו כל בית ישראל
הנתונים בצרה ובשביה
העומדים בין בים ובין ביבשה
המקום ירחם עליהם
ויוציאם מצרה לרוחה
ומאפלה לאורה ומשעבוד לגאולה
השתא בעגלא ובזמן קריב
(תפלת שחרית לחול אחר קריאת התורה)

VIGIL - For the Safe Return of Israeli Hostages and MIAs

Between Heaven and Hell

On June 11, 1982, three Israeli soldiers were captured in the battle of Sultan Yakoub in Syrian-controlled Lebanon: Zachary Baumel, Tzvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz. They were taken alive but, despite being paraded through the streets of Damascus, their fate is still unknown. This song, composed in their honour, can also apply to Ron Arad, captured in 1986, and Guy Hever, last seen alive near the Syrian border in 1997, as well as the captives we pray for today.

Verse:

Where are the young men alone in a cell?
Where is the place between heaven and hell?
Where are the flowers that bloomed in the spring?
Where is the beauty that they used to bring?

Refrain:

Here is the bread,
The salt and the wine
But where is the taste for life that once was mine?
Where is the road that leads to where they dwell?
Somewhere on Earth between heaven and hell.

Verse:

Where is the heart that is harder than stone?
Where is the prison that's furthest from home?
Where is their music?
Where is their song?
Where is the love they gave - where has it gone?

Refrain:

Here is the bread,
The salt and the wine
But where is the taste for life that once was mine?
Where is the road that leads to where they dwell?
Somewhere on Earth between heaven and hell.

Middle Section:

Freedom is yours like a bird in the sky.
Fly in your mind and you know by and by.
You will come home - where you belong.
Where is the love they gave - where has it gone?

Refrain:

Here is the bread,
The salt and the wine
But where is the taste for life that once was mine?
Where is the road that leads to where they dwell?
Somewhere on Earth between heaven and hell.

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