

**A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY, ITS LEADERS,
AND THE MEMBERS OF ITS ARMED FORCES**



Our God and God of our ancestors, with mercy accept our prayer on behalf of our country and its government.

Pour out Your blessings upon this land, upon its leaders, its judges, officials and officers – those of them who are devoted in good faith to the needs of the public. Instruct them with Your laws and help them understand Your rules of justice, so that peace and security, happiness and freedom will never depart from our land.

Bless the valiant soldiers of the United States Armed Forces who risk their lives to ensure our nation's security and to protect the welfare of all Your creation. Be their shelter and fortress, and do not allow them to falter. May harmony dwell in their ranks, victory in their battalions. Protect them on land, in the air and at sea. Guide them in peace, lead them toward peace, and return them speedily to their families' embrace, alive and unharmed.

Adonai, God whose spirit is in all creatures: awaken that spirit within all the inhabitants of our land. Uproot from their hearts hatred and malice, jealousy and strife. Plant among those of different nationalities and faiths who dwell in our nation, love and companionship, peace and friendship.

May our land be a blessing to all who dwell on Earth, and cause them to dwell in friendship and freedom. Speedily fulfill the vision of Your prophets: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore"; "For all of them, from the least of them to the greatest shall know Me."

And let us say: Amen.