

*Prayer for Peace in a Time of War*

May hate subside and love increase.

May our broken hearts and bodies  
and our wounded souls and spirits  
find healing and repair.

May the power of the many  
outweigh the hubris of the few  
and for our sake  
and the sake of our ancestors  
and our children  
may all war cease.<sup>1</sup>

Hear the cries of all parents  
Whose children have been stolen, lost, or killed.  
Hear the voices of the millions  
Seeking refuge, shelter and home around our world-  
Afghanistan, Mexico, Jordan, and Iran, Israel and Palestine,  
Bangladesh, Syria, Uganda and Ukraine.<sup>2</sup>

We pray for Israelis sitting afraid in bomb shelters,  
Who celebrate Purim, Shabbat, and Passover in the tiny confines of a  
safe room  
Who can feel the shake of a bomb down the street  
Who hold their children close to them at night, whispering, "I am here."

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<sup>1</sup> Rabbi Seth Goldstein

<sup>2</sup> Martha Hurwitz

We pray for the innocent people of Iran and all those caught in the crossfire of war —  
for all who long for freedom, dignity, and a life without fear.<sup>3</sup>

We invoke your blessings upon the members of our American military forces, may they be privileged to return to the loving arms of their families and a grateful country safely and speedily.<sup>4</sup>

We know there is a wilderness ahead,  
and yet we refuse to give up the dream of a Promised Land.  
Let's hold tightly to that vision,  
and sing for that day.<sup>5</sup>

עוֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמָיו  
הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ  
וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל  
וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

Oseh shalom bimromav  
Hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu  
V'al kol Yisrael  
V'imru: amen.

May the One who creates harmony on high, bring peace to us and to all Israel. To which we say,  
Amen.

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<sup>3</sup> Rabbi Reuven Taff

<sup>4</sup> Rabbi Gerald Skolnik

<sup>5</sup> Amy Josefa Ariel