

## Prayer for Israel During a Time of War

*Elohei Avraham v'Sarah*, God of Strength and Protection, in reverent spirit and at this difficult hour, we offer this prayer for the State of Israel.

**For the lives of the soldiers and civilians** taken captive far from their loved ones, we pray that You watch over them, give them hope, and bring them home, O God.

**For each injured soul whether of body or spirit**, send healing to them and wisdom and skill to those who attend them.

*Shomer Yisrael*, Guardian of Israel, spread Your shelter of peace over all the land, South, North, East, and West. Shine Your light upon Israel's **leaders, officers, and advisers**. Grant them courage, wisdom, and discernment, that they may act with clarity and determination.

Protect and watch over the men and women they command, the **brave fighters of the Israel Defence Forces** – keep them safe, hear their prayers and bring them victory.

*El Ha'Rachaman*, God of the Broken Hearted, uphold and **comfort those who mourn**. Help them in time to transcend their grief, to live beside the pain none should endure.

Above all, remember for merit and for good **all our martyred dead**, the souls of each innocent victim whose life has been cut short. May they find eternal peace and may their memory be a blessing.

**Help us** to honour their memory through our prayers and our deeds, now and always. Amen

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