

## A Prayer for the Spiritual Welfare of the United States at a Time of Trial

May God on High, who loves righteousness and justice, protect and keep the United States of America - its people, its ministers and its advisers - and safeguard the ideals and free institutions that are its pride and its glory. May it be a beacon of hope for the oppressed and the enslaved and a refuge for the homeless and tempest-tost, giving to bigotry no sanction, and to persecution no assistance.

May it renew its commitment to protect the vulnerable and the powerless in its midst, as it is written (Deut. 10:18): "God does justice to the orphan and the widow, and loves the migrant, feeding and clothing him." And it is written (Ex. 22:20-22): "You shall not wrong or oppress the migrant, nor abuse the widow or the orphan - and if you do abuse them, they will cry out to Me, and I shall surely hear their cry" and take up their cause.

Author of mercy and compassion, teach us the ways of compassion; pour out Your spirit upon the land, that all who dwell within it might know that we are all Your children, created as brothers and sisters to one another. May the land be filled with knowledge of You as the waters cover the sea, and let us say: Amen.

אל עליון, רם על כל גוים, אוהב צדקה ומשפט, חוס וְהַגֵּן עַל אַרְצוֹת הַבְּרִית – אַנְשֵׁיהָ, שְׂרִיָּה וְיוֹעֲצֵיהָ – וְשִׁמּוֹר נָא עַל שְׂאִיפוֹתֶיהָ וּמוֹסְדוֹתֶיהָ הַחֲפְשִׁיִּים, שֶׁהֵם תְּהִילָתָהּ וְתִפְאָרְתָּהּ. מִי יִתֵּן וְתִהְיֶה לְעֹשׂוֹקִים וּלְמַשְׁעֲבָדִים תִּקְוָה, וּמְנוּס לְכָל חֹסְרֵי קוֹ וְטְרוּפֵי סוּפָה, מִגְּנָה שְׂנֵאת חַנּוּם וְדוּחָה כָּל רְדִיפָה.

רוּחַ חֲדָשָׁה בְּרָא בָּהּ, לְהַשְׁכִּיל עַל כָּל רֶשַׁע וְדָל בְּקִרְבָּהּ, הַקְטַנִּים עִם הַגְּדֹלִים, כְּמָה שֶׁכָּתוּב בְּתוֹרָתְךָ: יי' "עֲשֵׂה מִשְׁפֵּט יְתוּס וְאַלְמָנָה, וְאַהֲבֵה גֵר לְתֵת לוֹ לֶחֶם וְשִׂמְלָה." וְכֵן כָּתוּב: "וְגֵר לֹא תוֹנֶה וְלֹא תִלְחָצֶנּוּ.... כָּל אֲלֻמָּנָה וְיְתוּס לֹא תַעֲנוּנוּ." וְכָתוּב: "אִם עָנָה תַעֲנֶנָּה אֹתוֹ, כִּי אִם צָעַק יִצְעַק אֵלַי - שְׁמַע אֲשַׁמְעֶךָ וְתִרִיב רִיבּוֹ.

אֵל רַחוּם וְחַנוּן, לְמַדְנֵנו אֲוִרְחוֹת רַחֲמִים וְדַרְכֵי נֹעַם; שִׁפּוֹךְ אֶת רוּחְךָ עַל הָאָרֶץ, שֶׁכָּל יוֹשְׁבֵיהָ יִדְעוּ שֶׁבָּנִים אֲנַחְנוּ לָךְ, וְאַחִים נוֹצְרֵנו לְזוּלָתֵנוּ. קִים בְּמַהֲרָה מִקְרָא שְׁכָתוּב, "כִּי מְלֶאכֶה הָאָרֶץ דַּעַה אֶת יי', כַּמִּים לַיָּם מְכַסִּים." וְנֹאמַר: אָמֵן.

El elyon, ram 'al kol goyim, ohev tzedakah umishpat, hus v'hagen 'al artzot habrit – ansheiha, sareiha v'yo'atzeiha – ushmor na 'al she'ifoteiha umos'doteiha ha'hofshi'im, shehem tehilatah v'tifartah. Mi yiten utehe la'ashukim v'limshubadim tikva, umanos l'khol hasrei ken utrufei sufah, m'ganah sinat hinam v'dohah khol redifah.

Ruah hadasha b'ra bah, lehaskil 'al kol rash vadal bekirbah, haketanim 'im hagedolim, k'mo shekatuv betoratekha: Adonai "oseh mishpat yatom v'almanah, veohav ger latet lo lehem vesimlah." Vekhen katuv: "v'ger lo toneh v'lo tilhatzenu . . . kol almanah v'yatom lo t'anun." V'khatuv: "im 'aneh t'aneh oto, ki im tza'ok yitz'ak elai - shamo'a eshma' tza'akato" v'tariv rivo.

El rahum v'hanun, lamdenu orhot rahamim v'darkhei no'am; shfokh et ruhakha 'al ha'arets, shekol yoshveiha yed'u shebanim anahnu lakh, v'ahim notzarnu l'zulateinu. Kayyem bimheira mikra shekatuv: "Ki mal'a ha'arets de'ah et Adonai, kamayim l'yam m'khasim." V'nomar: Amen.