Prayer for the State of Israel

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Om'neinu / Avinu shebashamayim uva'aretz, Tzur Yisrael vet'go'alo, bareikh et m'dinat Yisrael she'the'ei l'reishit tz'michat g'ulateinu. Hagein aleha b'evrat chasdeka, ufros aleha sukat sh'lomekha, ush'alach orkha v'tzidekeka l'rasheha sareha yo'atzeha v'shofteha, v'lal'om shebocher bam, v'takeim b'ru'ach mishpat milfanecha, shene'emar, “Tziyon b'mishpat tipadeh v'shaveha bitz'dakah.” Hatzeil na et kol ar'tzeha bein yardein layam mish'fichut damim, v'et kol hayoshvim v'hagarim bah, tachat kol shilton, mison'im bachutz umisin'ah bifnim, v'natata shalom ba'aretz v'shalvah lim'gineha, simchat olam l'khol yoshveha v'tikvah tovah l'khol ameha, v'nomar: Amen.

What's left out: “Strengthen the hands of those who defend the land...and crown them with the crown of victory.”

Why: This was the only phrase in the original prayer referring to the IDF. In a time of war, we need a full prayer for the protection and success of soldiers, like the Mi Shebeirakh prayer used by the IDF. (http://www.jr.co.il/prayers/hebrew-idf-prayer.htm) In a less critical time, any hope for the IDF is included in the phrase “grant secure calm (shalvah) to her defenders,” which also includes everyone working for peace, justice, and security in the lands of Israel/Palestine and the state of Israel.

Om'neinu is a gender-diverse alternative to Avinu derived from omenet, one who breastfeeds (see Num 11:12, Rut 4:16, Esth 2:7).
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