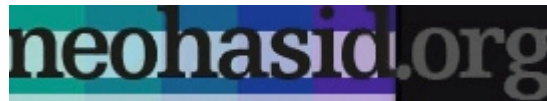


**With my vote today**, I am prepared and intending  
to seek peace for this country, as it is written (Jer. 29:7):  
“Seek the peace of the city where I cause you to roam  
and pray for her sake to God *YHVH*, for in her peace you all will have peace.”

May it be Your will that votes will be counted faithfully,  
and may You count my vote as if I had fulfilled this verse with all my power.  
May You give a wise heart to whomever we elect today  
and may it be good in Your eyes to raise for us a good government  
to bring justice and peace to all the inhabitants of this land and to Jerusalem,  
and to honor the image of God in all humanity and in Creation  
for rulership is Yours.

Just as I participated in elections today,  
so may I merit to do good works and to repair the world with all my efforts,  
and with the act of...*[fill in your pledge]*...which I pledge to do today  
on behalf of all living creatures, in remembrance of the covenant of Noah's waters  
to protect and to not destroy the earth and her plenitude.

May You give to all the peoples of this country the strength and the will  
to pursue righteousness and to seek peace as a unified force  
in order to cause to flourish, throughout the world, good life and peace,  
and may You fulfill for us the verse (Ps. 90:17):  
“May the pleasure of *Adonai* our God be upon us,  
and establish the work of our hands for us; make the work of our hands endure.”



If you can't pray in a voting booth, where can you pray? And where would you need more to pray? This prayer is not about casting a winning vote or supporting a particular party. It's a prayer that peace may come through whomever is elected, on behalf of the whole planet. You are also invited to add your own pledge that embodies the ideals you are voting for. This pledge is based on the Jewish custom of pledging to give charity when going up to the Torah. What is your pledge on the occasion of “going up” to the voting booth? Read the Hebrew version at <http://neohasid.org/resources/votingprayer>.

~ Rabbi David Seidenberg ([rebduvid86@gmail.com](mailto:rebduvid86@gmail.com)), creator of neohasid.org and author of *Kabbalah and Ecology: God's Image in the More-Than-Human World* ([kabbalahandecology.com](http://kabbalahandecology.com)), for **neohasid.org**.  
© 2016