

A prayer for voting (because when would you need to pray more than in a voting booth or when you mail in your ballot?) Use this prayer from now through the election. Page 3 has prayers for democracy to say everyday even after the election.

הריני מכוון | מכוונת בהצבעתי ובתפילתי
לדרש שלום בעד המדינה הזאת כמו שכתוב
ודרשו את שלום העיר אשר הגליתי אתכם שמה
והתפללו בעדה אל ה' כי בשלומה יהיה לכם שלום
יהי רצון מלפניך ה' שההצבעות ימנו נאמנות
ותמנה הצבעתי כאלו קימתי הכתוב הזה
בכל עצמתי

תתן לב שומע למי שאנו בוחרים
וטוב יהיה בעיניך שתשא עלינו ממשלה טובה
שתביא רפואה ומשפט ושלום לכל יושבי הארץ הזאת
ולכל יושבי תבל ועל ירושלים
ממשלה שתכבד הצלם בכל אדם ובבריאה
כי המלכות שלך היא

כשם שהשתתפתי | אשתתף בבחירות
כן זכני לעשות מעשים טובים ולתקן עולם בכל פעלי
ובפעולה של... שאני מתנדב | מתנדבת לקיים
בעד כל הבריות, בזכרון ברית מי נח
להגן ולבל תשחית ארץ ומלואה

***Add prayer for protecting democracy here (next page)*

תתן לכל אמות הארץ הזאת הכח והרצון
לרדף צדק ולבקש שלום כאגדה אחת
לעקר גזענות וחמס ולהצמיח רפואה
וחיים טובים ושלום, פה ובכל העולם
וקים לנו הכתוב: ויהי נעם אדני אלהינו עלינו
ומעשה ידינו כוננה עלינו, ומעשה ידינו כוננהו

Behold, I am intending through my vote / through my prayer
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 to *YHVH* (Adonai/God),
for in her peace you all will have peace.”

May it be Your will, *YHVH*, that votes be counted faithfully,
and may You count my vote as if I had fulfilled this verse
with all my power.

May You give a listening heart to whomever we elect
and may it be good in Your eyes to raise for us a good government
that will bring healing, justice and peace to all living in this land
and to all the world, and upon Jerusalem,
a government that will honor the image of God
in all humanity and in Creation, for rulership is Yours.

Just as I have participated / Just as I will participate in the election,
so may I merit to do good works and to repair the world
through all my efforts,
and through the act of... [add your pledge]... which I pledge to do
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.

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Give to all the peoples of this country the strength and the will
to pursue righteousness and to seek peace as a unified force
to uproot racism and violence and to make healing,
good life and peace flourish here and throughout the world
and 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.”

See next page for transliterations and additions.

Transliteration of voting prayer:

(<http://neohasid.org/resources/votingprayer/>)

*Hareini m'khaven \ m'khavenet b'hitzba'ati uvit'filati
lid'rosh shalom b'ad ham'dinah hazot k'mo shekatuv
“V'dirshu et shalom ha'ir Asher higleiti etchem shaman
v'hitpal'lu ba'adah el Hashem ki bish'lomah yihyeh lakhem shalom”
Y'hi ratzon l'fanekha Hashem shehahatzba'ot yimanu ne'emanot
v'timneh hatzba'ati k'ilu kiyamti hakatuv hazeh b'khol otzmati*

*Titein lev shomei'a l'mi she'anu bochrim
v'tov yihyeh b'einekha shetisa' aleinu memshelah tovah
shetavi' r'fu'ah umishpat v'shalom
l'khol yoshvei ha'arets hazot
ul'khol yoshvei teivel v'al y'rushalayim
v'shet'khabeid hatzelem b'khol adam uvab'ri'ah*

*K'shem shehishtatafti \ eshtateif bab'chirut
ken zakeini la'asot ma'asim tovim ul'taken olam b'khol po'ali
uvap'ulah shel... she'ani mitnadeiv \ mitnadevet l'kayeim
b'ad kol hab'riyot, b'zikaron b'rit Mei Noach
l'hagein ul'val tashchit eretz um'lo'ah*

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*Titein l'khol umot ha'arets hazot hako'ach v'haratzon
lir'dof tzedek ul'vakeish shalom k'agudah achat
la'akor giz'anut v'chamas ul'hatzmi'ach r'fu'ah
v'chayyim tovim v'shalom, poh uv'khol ha'olam
v'kayeim lanu et hakatuv: “Viy'hi no'am Adonai Eloheinu aleinu
uma'aseih yadeinu kon'nah aleinu, uma'aseih yadeinu kon'neihu”*

**** Prayer for democracy:**

Could the U.S. be more polarized? The world everywhere always needs an end to tyranny, but in the U.S. this election may determine whether democracy itself will be sustained. Add this paragraph where you see ** in the voting prayer, and you can also add it to *birkat haminim* in the *amidah* (see next page):

תַּעֲקֹר טִירוֹנְיָא וְעָרִיצוֹת
וּתְשַׁבֵּר רַמָּאִים
וּתְמַגֵּר עֲשָׂקֵי נִדְכָּאִים
תַּעֲבִיר מִמְּשַׁלְתֵּי זָדוֹן מִן הָאָרֶץ
וּתְסַכֵּל פּוֹגְעִים בְּדִמּוּקְרָטִיָּה וְתִפֹּר תַּחְבּוּלוֹתָם
תְּכַלֵּם וְתִשְׁפִּילֵם וְתִכְנִיעֵם בְּמַהֲרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ

Tear out tyranny and despotism, ruin those who cheat and deceive, upend and overthrow those who oppress the vulnerable. Make the reign of the arrogant disappear from the land, and pulverize the plans of those who attack democracy and make them foolish. Obstruct them, humble them, and bring on their downfall, soon, in our days.

*Te'akeir tirunya va'aritzut ut'shaber rama'im
ut'mager oshkei nidka'im
Ta'avir memshelet zadon min ha'arets
ut'sakel pog'im b'demokratiyah v'tafeir tach'bulotam
T'khaleim v'tashpileim v'takhni'eim bim'heirah
v'yameinu*

For all times, before and after the election, inserted in the daily prayers. For democracy and justice, against tyranny, based on <http://neohasid.org/resources/votingprayer/>:

Addition to the 12th blessing of the Amidah —
The blessing for justice and compassion to prevail:

הַשִּׁיבָה שׁוֹפְטֵינוּ כְּבָרָא שׁוֹנָה וְיוֹעֲצֵינוּ כְּבִתְחִלָּה
שִׁיְהִיו מְלָאִים צֶדֶק וְרַחֲמִים
וְהִסֵּר מִמֶּנּוּ יָגוֹן וְאַנְחָה וּמְלֹךְ עָלֵינוּ אַתָּה יְיָ הוֹה
לְבַדְךָ בְּחֶסֶד וּבְרַחֲמִים וְצִדְקָנוּ בְּמִשְׁפָּט

וְתֵן לְכָל אַמּוֹת הָעוֹלָם הַכֹּחַ וְהָרָצוֹן
לְרֹדְף צֶדֶק וּלְבַקֵּשׁ שָׁלוֹם כְּאַגְדָּה אַחַת
לְעֹקֵר גְּזֵעֲנוֹת וְחֶמֶס וּלְהַצְמִיחַ רְפוּאָה
וְחַיִּים טוֹבִים וְשָׁלוֹם

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' מֶלֶךְ אוֹהֵב צֶדֶקָה וּמִשְׁפָּט

Restore our judges, like they were at first, and our leaders
who advise like they were at the beginning,

to be full of righteousness and compassion,

and remove from us anguish and sorrow, and You, YHVH,
will rule over us alone in love and compassion, and may we
be made righteous through doing justice.

Give to all the peoples of the world the strength and
will to pursue justice and to seek peace as one
united front, to uproot racism and violence (hamas)
and to make healing and good living and peace
flourish.

Blessed be You YHVH, the ruler who loves righteousness/
charity and justice.

Addition to the 13th blessing of the Amidah —
The blessing for the arrogant to be overthrown and
wickedness ended:

וְלַמְלָשִׁינִים | וְלַמְשַׁחֲתִים וְלַמַּחְבָּלִים
אַל תְּהִי תִקְוָה וְכָל הָרָשָׁעָה כְּרָגַע תֵּאבֵד
וְכָל אֹיְבֶיךָ וְכָל הַזֵּדִים מִהֲרָה יִכָּרְתוּ

וְתַעֲקֹר טִירוֹנְיָא וְעָרִיצוֹת
וְתִשְׁבֵּר רַמָּאִים

וְתַמְגֵּר עֲשָׂקִי נִדְכָּאִים

תַּעֲבִיר מִמִּשְׁלַת זָדוֹן מִן הָאָרֶץ

וְתַסְכֵּל פּוֹגְעִים בְּדְמוּקְרָטִיָּה וְתַפֵּר תַּחְבּוּלוֹתָם
תְּכַלֵּם וְתִשְׁפִּילֵם וְתַכְנִיעֵם בְּמַהֲרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' שׁוֹבֵר אוֹיְבִים וּמַכְנִיעַ זֵדִים

Let there be no hope for those who inform | *for those who*
destroy and terrorize, and may wickedness be eradicated as
if in an instant. May Your enemies and the arrogant be
quickly cut off,

and may You tear out tyranny and despotism, ruin
those who cheat and deceive, upend and overthrow
those who oppress the vulnerable. Make the reign of
the arrogant disappear from the land, and pulverize
the plans of those who attack democracy and make
them act foolishly. Obstruct them, humble them, and
bring on their downfall, soon, in our days.

Blessed be You YHVH who breaks enemies and humbles the
arrogant.