

*A prayer for the 2021 inauguration, amid threats of domestic terrorism,
for the sake of our new government, and the success and well-being of our
new president and vice president, from neohasid.org:*

הַרִינִי מְכוּוֹן | מְכוּוֹנָת בְּתַפִּילַתִּי
בְּיוֹם חֲנוּכַת מַמְשָׁלָה וְנִשְׂאֵי וְסַגֵּנֵי הַנְּשִׂיא
לְדַרְשׁ שְׁלוֹם בְּעַד הַמְּדִינָה הַזֹּאת כְּמוֹ שְׁכַתּוֹב
וְדַרְשׁוּ אֶת שְׁלוֹם הָעִיר אֲשֶׁר הַגְּלִיתִי אֶתְכֶם שָׁמָּה
וְהַתְּפַלְלוּ בְּעֵדָה אֶל ה' כִּי בְשִׁלּוּמָה יִהְיֶה לָכֶם שְׁלוֹם

יְהִי רְצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ
שֶׁתִּתֶּן לָב שׁוֹמֵעַ לְמִי שְׁאָנוּ נוֹשְׂאִים הַיּוֹם וְהַגּוֹן עֲלֵיהֶם
וְתִשָּׂא עֲלֵינוּ מַמְשָׁלָה טוֹבָה
שֶׁתִּשְׂאוּף וְתַחַל לְהַבִּיא רְפוּאָה וּמִשְׁפָּט וְשְׁלוֹם
לְכָל יוֹשְׁבֵי הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת וּלְכָל יוֹשְׁבֵי תְּבֵל וְעַל יְרוּשָׁלַיִם
מַמְשָׁלָה שֶׁתִּכְבֵּד הַצֶּלֶם בְּכָל אָדָם וּבְבְרִיאָה
כִּי הַמְּלָכוֹת שֶׁלְךָ הֵיא

לָכֵן תַּעֲקֹר טִירוֹנִיָּא וְעָרִיצוֹת וְתִשְׁבֵּר רַמָּאִים
וְתִמְגַר עֲשָׂקֵי נְדָכָאִים וְתַעֲבִיר מַמְשָׁלַת זְדוֹן מִן הָאָרֶץ
וְתִסְכַּל פּוֹגְעִים בְּדַמוֹקְרַטְיָה וְתַפֵּר תַּחְבּוּלוֹתָם
תִּכְלֵם תִּשְׁפִּילִם וְתִכְנִיעֵם בְּמַהֲרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ

וְתִתֶּן לְכָל אַמּוֹת הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת הַכֹּחַ וְהַרְצוֹן
לְרַדֵּף צְדָק וּלְבַקֵּשׁ שְׁלוֹם כְּאֵגְדָה אַחַת
לְעַקֵּר גְּזַענוֹת וְחִמָּס מִלְּבַבֵּנוּ וּמִחֲבֵרֵתֵינוּ
וּלְהַצְמִיחַ רְפוּאָה וְחַיִּים טוֹבִים וְשְׁלוֹם, פֹּה וּבְכָל הָעוֹלָם
תִּזְכְּנִי לַעֲשׂוֹת מַעֲשִׂים טוֹבִים וּלְתַקֵּן עוֹלָם בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׂי
וּבַפְּעוּלָה שְׁל... [add your pledge] שְׁאֲנִי מִתְּנַדָּב | מִתְּנַדָּבֶת
לְקַיֵּם בְּעַד כָּל הַבְּרִיאוֹת, לְהַקִּים בְּרִית מִי נֹחַ
וְקַיֵּם לָנוּ הַכְּתוּב: וַיְהִי נֶעַם אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ עָלֵינוּ
וּמַעֲשֵׂה יְדֵינוּ כּוֹנְנָה עָלֵינוּ, וּמַעֲשֵׂה יְדֵינוּ כּוֹנְנָהוּ

I stand present, intending through my prayer
on the day of inaugurating
a new government, president and vice president,
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* our God, that You give a listening heart
to those whom we elevate today and protect them,
and may You raise for us a good government
that will strive and begin to 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.

Therefore, may You tear out tyranny and despotism,
ruin those who cheat and deceive,
and upend those who oppress the vulnerable.
Make the reign of the arrogant disappear from the land,
and pulverize the plans of those who attack democracy.
Deny them, make them fail, humble them
soon in our days.

May You give to all peoples of this country the strength and will
to pursue righteousness and to seek peace as a unified force
to uproot racism and violence from our hearts and our society
to make healing, life and peace flourish, here and in all the world.
May I merit to do good works and 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,
to uphold the covenant after the floodwaters of Noah.
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.”



Transliteration of prayer for the inauguration:

*Hareini m'khaven \ m'khavenet bit'filati
b'yom chanukat hamemshalah v'hanasi u's' ganit hanasi
lid'rosh shalom b'ad ham'dinah hazot k'mo shekatuv
“V'dirshu et sh'lom ha'ir asher hig'leiti etchem shamah
v'hitpal'lu ba'adah el Hashem ki bish'lomah yihyeh lakhem shalom”*

*Y'hi ratzon mil'fanekha Hashem Eloheinu
shetitein lev shomei'a l'mi she'anu nos'im hayom
v'tisa' aleinu memshelah tovah,
Shetish'of v'tacheil l'havi' r'fu'ah umishpat v'shalom
l'khol yoshvei ha'aretz hazot ul'khol yoshvei teivel v'al y'rushalayim
memshalah shet'khabeid hatzelem b'khol adam uvab'ri'ah
ki hamalkhut shelkha hi*

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

*V'titein l'khol umot ha'aretz 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
T'zakeini la'asot ma'asim tovim ul'taken 'olam b'khol ma'asai
uvap'ulah shel... [add your pledge] she'ani mitnadeiv \ mitnadevet
l'kayeim b'ad kol habri'yot, l'hakim b'rit Mei Noach
v'kayeim lanu et hakatuv: “Viy'hi no'am Adonai Eloheinu 'aleinu
uma'aseih yadeinu kon'nah 'aleinu, uma'aseih yadeinu kon'neihu”*

*America The Beautiful,
revised lyrics*

*O beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountains majesty
Above the fruited plains
America! America!
God shed her grace on thee
And crown thy good in
neighborhoods
From sea to shining sea.*

*O, Beautiful our open skies
How far our eyes do go
We crave a land unlimited
By anyone's control
America, our liberty
Has blinded us with greed
Our bounty has deluded us
To take more than we need.*

*How humbling,
that grace bestowed
On our unworthy heads
When we the people turn our backs
On families that fled
America, our borders ache
O, let us find our soul
Unite the families torn apart
Each broken heart be whole.*

*O beautiful, to make amends
For our abhorrent acts
Our country built by labor forced
On stolen lands and backs
America, repent for this
Repair and say what's true
Let equity our promise be
Declare these truths anew*

*O beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountains majesty
Above the fruited plains
America! America!
God shed her grace on thee
And crown thy good in
neighborhoods
From sea to shining sea.*

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