

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 every day from now through the election. Page 3 has prayers for democracy to say everyday even after the election.

הַרִינִי מְכוּוֹן | מְכוּוֹנֵת בְּהַצְבָּעֵתִי וּבַתְּפִילָּתִי
לְדַרְשׁ שְׁלוֹם בְּעֵד הַמְדִינָה הַזֹּאת כְּמוֹ שְׁכַתּוֹב
וְדַרְשׁוּ אֶת שְׁלוֹם הָעִיר אֲשֶׁר הִגְלִיתִי אֶתְכֶם שָׁמָּה
וְהִתְפַּלְלוּ בְּעֵדָה אֵל ה' כִּי בִשְׁלוֹמָה יִהְיֶה לָכֶם שְׁלוֹם
יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ ה' שֶׁהַהַצְבָּעוֹת יִמְנוּ נְאֻמָּנוֹת
וְתִמְנָה הַצְבָּעֵתִי כְּאֵלוֹ קִימְתִי הַכְּתוֹב הַזֶּה
בְּכָל עֲצָמְתִי

תִּתֵּן לֵב שׁוֹמֵעַ לְמִי שְׁאֲנוּ בּוֹחֲרִים
וְטוֹב יִהְיֶה בְּעֵינֶיךָ שֶׁתִּשָּׂא עֲלֵינוּ מִמְשָׁלָה טוֹבָה
שֶׁתְּבִיא רְפוּאָה וּמִשְׁפָּט וְשְׁלוֹם לְכָל יוֹשְׁבֵי הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת
וְלְכָל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵּבֵל וְעַל יְרוּשָׁלַיִם
מִמְשָׁלָה שֶׁתִּכְבֵּד הַצֶּלֶם בְּכָל אָדָם וּבִבְרִיאָה
כִּי הַמְּלָכוֹת שֶׁלְּךָ הֵיא

כְּשֵׁם שֶׁהִשְׁתַּתְּפִיתִי | אֲשֶׁתַּתֵּן בְּבַחֲרֵינוּ
כִּן זְכַנִי לַעֲשׂוֹת מַעֲשִׂים טוֹבִים וּלְתַקֵּן עוֹלָם בְּכָל פְּעֻלָּתִי
וּבְפְעוּלָה שֶׁל... שְׁאֲנִי מִתְנַדֵּב | מִתְנַדְּבֵת לְקִיּוֹם
בְּעֵד כָּל הַבְּרִיאוֹת, בְּזִכְרוֹן בְּרִית מִי נָח
לְהִגֵּן וּלְבַל תִּשְׁחִית אֶרֶץ וּמְלוּאָה

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

תִּתֵּן לְכָל אַמּוֹת הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת הַכֹּחַ וְהָרָצוֹן
לְרַדֵּף צְדָק וּלְבַקֵּשׁ שְׁלוֹם כְּאִגְדָּה אַחַת
לְעַקֵּר גְּזַעְנוֹת וְחָמָס וּלְהַצְמִיחַ רְפוּאָה
וְחַיִּים טוֹבִים וְשְׁלוֹם, פֶּה וּבְכָל הָעוֹלָם
וְקִיּוֹם לָנוּ הַכְּתוֹב: וְיִהְיֶה נֶעַם אֲדַנִּי אֲלֵהִינוּ עֲלֵינוּ
וּמַעֲשֵׂה יְדֵינוּ כּוֹנֵנָה עֲלֵינוּ, וּמַעֲשֵׂה יְדֵינוּ כּוֹנֵנָה

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 bochrin
v'tov yihyeh b'einekha shetisa' aleinu memshelah tovah
shetavi' r'fu'ah umishpat v'shalom
l'khol yoshvei ha'aretz 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'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
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:

Who would imagine that the U.S. would be even more polarized than it was in 2020? The world everywhere always needs an end to tyranny, but we especially need to prevent that in the U.S. now. 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 נְדָבָאִים
תַּעֲבִיר מְמַשְׁלֵת זָדוֹן מִן הָאָרֶץ
וּתְסַכֵּל פּוֹגְעִים בְּדְמוּקְרָטִיָּה וְתַפֵּר תְּחַבּוּלוֹתָם
תְּכַלֵּם וְתִשְׁפִּילֵם וְתַכְנִיעֵם 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 zaton min ha'aretz
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 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 כְּבְרָאשׁוֹנָה וְיִוְעָצֵינוּ כְּבִתְחִלָּה
שְׂיִהְיוּ מְלָאִים צְדָק וְרַחֲמִים
וְהִסֵּר מִמֶּנּוּ יָגוֹן וְאַנְחָה וּמְלוֹךְ עָלֵינוּ אֶתְּהָ יְהוָה
לְבַדְךָ בְּחֶסֶד וּבְרַחֲמִים וְצִדְקָנוּ בְּמִשְׁפָּט

וְתֵן לְכָל אַמּוֹת הָעוֹלָם הַכֹּחַ וְהַרְצוֹן
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לְעִקֹר גְּזַענוֹת וְחָמָס וּלְהַצְמִיחַ רְפוּאָה
וְחַיִּים טוֹבִים וְשְׁלוֹם

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' מֶלֶךְ אוֹהֵב צְדָקָה 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:

וְלַמְלַשְׁיָנִים | וְלַמְשַׁחֲתִים וְלַמְחַבְּלִים
אֶל תְּהִי תִקְוָה וְכָל הָרָשָׁעָה כְּרָגַע תֵּאבֵד
וְכָל אֵיבִיךָ וְכָל הַזָּדִים מִהֲרָה יִכָּרְתוּ

וְתַעֲקֹר טִירוֹנְיָא וְעָרִיצוֹת
וְתִשְׁבֵּר רַמָּאִים

וְתַמְגֵּר עֲשָׂקִי נְדָכָאִים

תַּעֲבִיר מִמְשַׁלֵּת זָדוֹן מִן הָאָרֶץ

וְתַסְכֵּל פּוֹגְעִים בְּדַמוֹקְרַטְיָה וְתַפֵּר תַּחְבּוּלוֹתֵם
תְּכַלֵּם וְתִשְׁפִּילֵם וְתַכְנִיעֵם בְּמַהֲרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' שׁוֹבֵר אוֹיְבִים וּמַכְנִיעַ זָדִים

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.