

A prayer for voting (“because where would you need to pray more than in a voting booth or when you mail in your ballot?”)

This prayer can be said every day from now through the election:

הַרִינִי מְכוּוֹן | מְכוּוֹנֵת בְּהַצְבָּעֵתִי וּבַתְּפִילָּתִי
לְדַרֵּשׁ שְׁלוֹם בְּעַד הַמְדִינָה הַזֹּאת כְּמוֹ שְׁכַתּוֹב
וְדַרְשׁוּ אֶת שְׁלוֹם הָעִיר אֲשֶׁר הִגְלִיתִי אֶתְכֶם שָׁמָּה
וְהִתְפַּלְלוּ בְּעֵדָה אֶל ה' כִּי בְשְׁלוֹמָהּ יִהְיֶה לְכֶם שְׁלוֹם
יְהִי רְצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ ה' שֶׁהַהֲצָבָעוֹת יִמְנוּ נְאֻמָּנוֹת
וְתִמְנֶה הַצְּבָעֵתִי כְּאִלּוּ קִיַּמְתִּי הַכְּתוּב הַזֶּה
בְּכָל עֲצָמָתִי

תִּתֵּן לֵב שׁוֹמֵעַ לְמִי שְׁאֲנוּ בּוֹחֵרִים
וְטוֹב יִהְיֶה בְּעֵינֶיךָ שֶׁתִּשָּׂא עֲלֵינוּ מִמְּשָׁלָה טוֹבָה
שֶׁתְּבִיא רְפוּאָה וּמִשְׁפָּט וְשְׁלוֹם לְכָל יוֹשְׁבֵי הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת
וּלְכָל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֶל וְעַל יְרוּשָׁלַיִם
מִמְּשָׁלָה שֶׁתִּכְבַּד הַצֶּלֶם בְּכָל אָדָם וּבִבְרִיאָה
כִּי הַמַּלְכוּת שֶׁלְךָ הִיא

כְּשֶׁמֶ שֶׁהִשְׁתַּתְּפִיתִי | אֲשֶׁתַּתַּף בְּבַחֲרֵי
כִּן זְכַנִי לַעֲשׂוֹת מַעֲשִׂים טוֹבִים וּלְתַקֵּן עוֹלָם בְּכָל פְּעֻלָּתִי
וּבְפְעוּלָה שֶׁל... שְׁאֲנִי מִתְנַדֵּב | מִתְנַדְּבֵת לְקִיָּם
בְּעַד כָּל הַבְּרִיאוֹת, בְּזִכְרוֹן בְּרִית מִי נֹחַ
לְהִגֹּן וּלְבַל תִּשְׁחִית אֶרֶץ וּמְלוּאָה

תִּתֵּן לְכָל אַמּוֹת הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת הַכֹּחַ וְהָרְצוֹן
לְרַדֵּף צְדָק וּלְבַקֵּשׁ שְׁלוֹם כְּאַגְדָּה אַחַת
לְעַקֵּר גְּזַעְנוֹת וְחִמָּס וּלְהַצְמִיחַ רְפוּאָה
וְחַיִּים טוֹבִים וְשְׁלוֹם, פֶּה וּבְכָל הָעוֹלָם
וְקִיָּם לָנוּ הַכְּתוּב: וַיְהִי נֶעַם אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ עָלֵינוּ
וּמַעֲשֵׂה יָדֵינוּ כּוֹנְנָה עָלֵינוּ, וּמַעֲשֵׂה יָדֵינוּ כּוֹנְנָה

Behold, I am intending through my vote and 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.

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.”

Transliteration of voting prayer:

*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*

*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"*