

Prayer for Our Country and Our World

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May it be Your will O Lord, our God, and God of our ancestors,
That the leaders and advisors stewarding our planet
Be graced with Your light and wisdom.

May the insight that every human is created in Your image
Animate our pursuit of liberty and justice for all,
And give to bigotry no sanction.

May our leaders wed justice to mercy as they contend
With emerging challenges and dire threats.

May our government's checks and balances safeguard the ideals and
free institutions which are the pride and glory of our country.

May our leaders forsake immediate gratification to pursue long-term weal.
May they be faithful to our founders' motto: *E pluribus unum*,
to promote conditions for a common bond in true harmony.

"He has told you what it is to be good,
What the Lord demands from you:

Only this—Do justice and lovingkindness,
And walk modestly with your God."

Bless us, O Lord, with the fortitude to free the fettered, raise the fallen,
Straighten the bent, bind the wounded, and heal the afflicted.

May rivers of righteousness overflow, sprouting seeds of justice along the banks,
Until peace fills the earth as water fills the sea.

As our ancestors responded to God's call,
So will we, together. *Hineinu*.



Prayer for the Congregation

Hazzan Howard Glantz

מִי שְׁנִפַּח נִשְׁמַת חַיִּים לְכָל חַי, יִבְרַךְ בְּאַהֲבָה אֶת כָּל חֲבֵרֵי קְהִילַתֵּינוּ עַד־תִּישָׁרוּן,
וְיִלְמַד זְכוּת עַל כָּל אֱלֹה שְׁתוֹרְמִים יֵין לְקִדּוּשׁ וְנֵר לְהַבְדֵּלָה.
הַנִּיחַ הַקְדוּשָׁה תִּשְׁמֹר עֲלֵיהֶם וְעַל כָּל הַיִּקְרִים לָהֶם. לָכֵן,
יִשְׁאַפּוּ כּוֹלָם לְהוֹדוֹת לְשִׁכִּינְתְּךָ הַקְדוּשָׁה, וְיֹאמְרוּ

Mi sheNipach nishmat chayim l'chol chai, Yevarekh b'ahavah,
et kol kehilateinu Adat Yeshurun, vilameid z'chut al kol eileh
shetormim yayin l'kiddush v'ner l'havdalah.

Havaya haKedosha tishmor aleihem v'al kol hayekarim lahem,
yish'afu kulam l'hodot liShecinat'kha haKedosha, v'yomru...

May the One who breathed life into all who live, bless with love,
all those who identify with our congregation, Adath Jeshurun.
May Adonai consider with merit all those who donate (make possible)
wine for Kiddush and candles for Havdalah. May the Holy One protect
them and all those who are precious to them. May they in turn, yearn only to
give gratitude to Your Holy Presence, and say... Thank You, Thank You, Holy One.



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