

Do NOT read out the titles to the prayers which have been highlighted in purple

## **PRAYERS TO BE READ AFTER THE HAFTARAH**

### **1. A PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY** [*Read ONLY on Shabbat*]

May the God who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, bless this holy congregation, together with all other holy congregations: them, their families, and all that is theirs.

May God bless those who unite to form synagogues for prayer and those who enter them to pray; those who provide lamps for lighting and wine for Kiddush and Havdalah; those who share their food with visitors and are charitable; and all those who faithfully devote themselves to the needs of the community.

May the Holy One grant them their reward; remove all their sickness, keep them in good health and forgive all their sins. Send blessing and success on all their endeavours, together with all Israel, and let us say, Amen.

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### **2. A PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY AND THE WORLD**

God of the Universe, bless this country and all who live or seek refuge here. Guide the Queen, her government and all who are responsible for this country's safety and welfare. Grant them wisdom, so that they deal fairly with all the people. Teach them how to live in accordance with Your precepts, so that in the words of Micah, Your prophet, they will act justly, love mercy and walk humbly in Your presence.

Unite all the people. Teach us how to work together, so that we may all live with one another in a spirit of friendship and mutual respect. Inspire us to practise Tikkun Olam, healing the world, that we may become an influence for good, promoting understanding amongst all the nations of the world. May we and our children live in peace, and let us say, Amen.

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### **3. A PRAYER FOR MEDINAT YISRAEL**

May the God of our ancestors bless and protect the State of Israel and all who dwell in it. May the words of Your prophet Isaiah soon be fulfilled: "Ki Mitziyon Taytzay Torah U'Dvar Adonai Mi'Yerushalayim" - For Torah will come out of Zion and the Word of God from Jerusalem.

Protect Israel from bigotry, hatred and war. Let us pray that all the leaders and peoples of the region are granted the wisdom and compassion to achieve a just and durable peace. May the vision of Your Prophet, Isaiah, come true: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore".

God of Mercy, protect the Israel Defence Forces and all those who, in the course of defending the State, have been taken prisoner or have gone missing. Banish their suffering by restoring their freedom. Return them speedily to their loved ones, and let us say, Amen.