

A PRAYER FOR THE HOSTAGES AND THE IDF AFTER LIGHTING SHABBAT CANDLES

In memory of the fallen soldiers and civilian victims of the massacre
in the south of Israel and the ensuing war with our enemies

“The glory of Shabbat is its candles. If one observes [the mitzva of] Shabbat candles, I will show you the candles of Zion.... It will not be necessary for you to use the light of the sun to see; rather I will provide illumination for you with My glory.... In the future, the nations will walk by your light.... Why do you deserve all of this? Because of the candles you light for Shabbat.”

— YALKUT SHIMONI, BEHA'ALOTEKHA

Two candles should be lit before the start of Shabbat. After lighting the candles, extinguish the match, cover your eyes and say the following blessing:*

**בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר
קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת.**

BLESSED ARE YOU, LORD OUR G-D, KING OF THE UNIVERSE,
WHO HAS SANCTIFIED US WITH HIS COMMANDMENTS,
AND HAS COMMANDED US TO LIGHT SHABBAT CANDLES.

It is customary to add prayers and personal supplications after lighting. The following is a special prayer for the captives, the IDF, the injured and the entire Jewish nation:

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֵלֵינוּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ,
שֶׁתִּתְמַלֵּא בְּרַחֲמִים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל עַמְּךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל
וְתִצְלִלְנוּ וְתוֹשִׁיעֵנו מִיָּד כָּל אוֹיְבֵינוּ וְשׁוֹנְאֵינוּ, וּמִכָּף
כָּל מִבְקָשֵׁי רָעָתָנוּ, הַפֵּר עֲצָתָם וְקִלְקַל מַחֲשָׁבוֹתָם,
וְלֹא תַעֲשִׂינָהּ יְדֵיהֶם תּוֹשִׁיָהּ, וְכִמוֹ שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר, עֲצוֹ
עָצָה וְתִפְרָה, דְּבָרוּ דְּבָר וְלֹא יָקוּם, כִּי עָמְנוּ אֵל.
וְנֶאֱמַר, ה' הִפִּיר עֲצַת גּוֹיִים הֵנִיא מַחֲשָׁבוֹת עַמִּים,
וְיִהְיֶה רָצוֹן שֶׁחֲרָבָם תָּבוֹא בְּלִבָּם וְקִשְׁתוֹתָם תִּשְׁבְּרֶנָּה.

May it be Your will, Lord our G-d and G-d of our
ancestors, that You be compassionate and have
mercy on us and on all Your nation of Israel.
Please rescue and save us from the hands of all our
enemies and adversaries, and from those who seek
to harm us. Thwart their plans and frustrate their
schemes, so that they may not achieve success.
May their evil intentions come to nothing, and
may they not triumph. As it is said, 'They devise
plans, but they do not succeed; they speak words,
but they are in vain, for G-d is with us.' And it is
said, 'The Lord thwarts the plans of nations and
brings to naught the schemes of peoples.' May it
be Your will that their swords enter their own
hearts, and may their bows be broken. >>>

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אָנא ה' יִהְיֶה נָא רַחֲמֶיךָ עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל עַמֶּךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל,
עֲמֵד נָא מִכִּסֵּא הַדִּין וְשֵׁב עַל כִּסֵּא הַרְחָמִים, וְתַכְנֵס
לָנוּ לִפְנֵי וּלְפָנִים מְשׁוֹרֵת הַדִּין, וְתַבְטֵל מֵעָלֵינוּ כָּל
גְּזֵרוֹת קָשׁוֹת וָרָעוֹת, וְתִגְזֹר עָלֵינוּ גְּזֵרוֹת טוֹבוֹת,
יְשׁוּעוֹת וְנִחְמוֹת, לְמַעַן רַחֲמֶיךָ, וְתִקְרַע רֵעַ גִּזְרֵנוּ
וְיִקְרָאוּ לִפְנֶיךָ זְכוּיוֹתֵינוּ.

"קוּמָה עֲזָרְתָּהּ לָנוּ וּפְדֵנוּ לְמַעַן חֲסֶדְךָ"

Please, Lord, let Your mercy be upon us and upon all Your people, Israel. Arise, now, from the throne of judgment and sit on the throne of mercy, and come before us and act with compassion rather than strict justice. Nullify all harsh and evil decrees against us, grant us favorable decrees, salvation, and consolation for the sake of Your mercy. Tear up the evil decree of our judgment. May our merits be proclaimed before You.

'Arise to our aid, and redeem us for the sake of Your kindness.'

אָנא ה' שְׁמַר וְהִגֵּן עַל עַבְדֶּיךָ צֶאֱן מִרְעִיתְךָ,
הַנִּמְצָאִים בַּשְּׁבִיָּה בְּעֵזָה, הִגֵּן עַל חֲיָלֵי הַצָּבָא
וְכוֹחוֹת הַבְּטָחוֹן, הַצִּילֵם מִפֶּחַ יָקוֹשׁ, לֹא תֵאָנֶה
אֲלֵיהֶם רָעָה, וְנִגַּע לֹא יִקְרַב בְּאֱהֲלֵיהֶם, וְתִצִּילֵם
מִכָּל מִיָּנִי פְרָעָנוּיֹת וְתֵאוֹנוֹת הַמִּתְרַגְּשׁוֹת לְבוֹא
בְּעוֹלָם, וְשַׁלַּח נָא רְפוּאָה שְׁלֵמָה לְכָל חוֹלֵי עַמֶּךָ,
לְכָל הַפְּצוּעִים, וְשִׁמַּע נָא אֶת קוֹל תַּחֲנוּנֵנוּ, כִּי אַתָּה
שׁוֹמֵעַ תַּפִּילַת כָּל פֶּה, בְּרוּךְ שׁוֹמֵעַ תַּפִּלָּה. יְהִיו
לְרָצוֹן אֲמָרֵי פִי וְהִגִּיוֹן לְבִי לִפְנֶיךָ ה' צוּרִי וְגֹאֲלִי.

ה' עֲזַרְנוּ יְתֵן ה' יְבָרֶךְ אֶת עַמּוֹ בְּשָׁלוֹם, אָמֵן וְאָמֵן.

Please, Lord, watch over and protect Your servants, Your flock, who are held captive in Gaza. Protect the soldiers of the army and security forces, save them from any peril and harm. Let no evil befall their tents, and save them from the calamities and disasters that trouble the world. Please heal all the sick among Your people, and all the wounded, and hear the voice of our supplication, for You are the One who hears every prayer. Blessed is the One who hears prayer. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable before You, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace. Amen and Amen.

SHABBAT SHALOM