

Prayer for the Welfare and the Return of Israel's Captured and Missing from Among our Family

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מִי שְׁבַרְךָ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אֲבָרְחָם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב הוּא יְבָרְךָ וְיִשְׁמַר וְיִנְצֵר
אֶת נַעֲדָרֵי צָבָא הַגְּנָה לְיִשְׂרָאֵל וְחַטּוּפֵי יְשׁוּבֵי הַדְּרוֹם בֵּינֵיהֶם טַף
וְנָשִׁים זְקֵנִים וְנַעֲרִים הַחַטּוּפִים בְּיַד בְּנֵי עוֹלָה אוֹיְבֵי עַמְּךָ
וּמַחֲלָלֵי אֲדָמָתְךָ. בְּעֵבוֹר שְׂאֲנַחְנוּ מִתְּפִלָּלִים בְּאֲבוּרֵם הַקְּדוֹשׁ
בְּרוּךְ הוּא יִמְלֵא רַחֲמִים עֲלֵיהֶם, יַחֲזִק אֶת לִבָּם וַיֹּאמֶן אֶת רוּחָם
וְיוֹצִיאֵם מִחֹשֶׁךְ וְצִלְמוֹת וּמוֹסְרוֹתֵיהֶם יִנְתֵּק וּמִמְצוּקוֹתֵיהֶם יוֹשִׁיעֵם
וְיִשִּׁיבֵם מִהֲרָה לְחֵיק מְשֻׁפְּחוֹתֵיהֶם. וַיְקַיֵּם בָּהֶם מִקְרָא שְׁכָתוֹב
"וּפְדוּיֵי ה' יִשְׁבוּן וּבָאוּ צִיּוֹן בְּרִנָּה וְשִׂמְחַת עוֹלָם עַל רֵאשִׁים. שְׂשׂוֹן
וְשִׂמְחָה יִשְׁיִגוּ וְנָסוּ יְגוֹן וְאִנְחָה" וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן.

May the One who blessed our forefathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, bless, safeguard, and watch over the missing soldiers of the defense forces of the State of Israel and the captives of the Southern villages, amongst them include: children and women, the elderly and youth, who were kidnapped by the hands of evildoers, enemies of your nation, and defilers of your land. As we pray for them, may the Holy One shower compassion over them. May He strengthen their hearts, fortify their spirits, and bring them out from darkness and the shadow of death. May their bonds be severed, and from their distress, may He rescue them. May He return them swiftly to the embrace of their families. And establish for them that what is written, "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion, and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; They shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." (Isaiah 35:10) and let us say, **Amen**.

Acheinu

A Prayer for those in Trouble and Captivity

אֲחֵינוּ

*Acheinu kol beit yisrael,
acheinu kol beit yisrael,
han'tunim b'tzara, b'tzara uvashivyah,
ha-omdim bein bayam uvein
bayabasha.*

*Hamakom y'racheim, y'racheim
aleihem v'yotziem mitzara lirvacha
um'afaila
l'orah umishiabud lig'ulah, hashta
ba'agala uvizman kariv.*

אֲחֵינוּ כָּל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל,
הַנְּתוּנִים בְּצָרָה
וּבְשִׁבְיָהּ, הָעוֹמְדִים בֵּין
בָּיִם וּבֵין בַּיַּבְשָׁה,

הַמְּקוֹם יְרַחֵם
עֲלֵיהֶם, וַיּוֹצִיאֵם
מִצָּרָה לְרוּחָהּ, וּמֵאֲפֵלָה
לְאוֹרָהּ, וּמִשְׁעֲבוּד לְגֹאֲלָהּ,
הַשָּׂתָא בְּעִגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב.

As for our siblings, the whole house of Israel, who are given over to trouble or captivity, whether they are on the sea or on the dry land:

May the All-present have mercy upon them, and bring them forth from narrowness to expanse, from darkness to light, and from subjugation to redemption, now speedily and in our time.