

## A PRAYER FOR PEACE AND STRENGTH

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Holy One of blessing,  
we pray for the soldiers  
who are called to defend the people of Israel.  
Keep them safe. When they are weary  
give them strength.  
When they are scared give them courage.  
May they find strength and faith in the days ahead.

Holy One of blessing,  
we pray for the people of Israel  
who long to live under your canopy of peace.  
Keep them safe. When they are threatened  
protect them from harm.  
When they are wounded and bereaved  
grant them healing and comfort.  
May they find strength and courage in the days ahead.

May our voices carry prayers of hope  
that the people of Israel know that they are not alone.

Dear God,  
give us strength  
and know that there is nothing more sacred than peace.  
Grant us dear God,  
Faith. Courage. Wisdom.