

Eternal God,

We weep for the children of Israel whose lives have been traumatized these three years by the threat and the reality of rocket attacks from Gaza!

We weep for the children of Palestine victimized by the savagery of their leaders' decisions to use them as human shields behind which they launch deadly attacks on the children of Israel!

How long, Adonai?

How long will it take until the Palestinian people say to Hamas, "Enough! You are destroying any hope that we have for Palestinian dignity, independence and prosperity."

How long?

How long will Hamas continue to shed the blood of its own people?

May the New Year bring sanity to those so called leaders who make Hamas' decisions, and may it be a year of peace and harmony for all of Your children—the Palestinians and the Arabs in their vast land holdings and the tiny Jewish State of Israel.

May they live side by side in peace and harmony with one another,

And may those who call for only one state and no Jewish state at all realize that their intransigence only leads to more conflict and bloodshed.

*Baruch Atah Adonai Ga'al Yisrael.* We praise You Eternal One our God, the Redeemer of Israel!

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