



Eternal God, whose presence is over all of us, help us through our prayers and our deeds to be able to build trust between us and our enemies. We ask You to spread Your shelter of peace over the State of Israel, granting safety to those who guard and those who watch, giving skill to those who negotiate, so that the peoples of Israel and Palestine may come to a closer understanding of each other. Help them to overcome prejudice and anger, hatred and fear, so that they may learn to live side by side in peace and harmony. May Your Divine Presence, Your light and Your love shine down upon these troubled souls, comforting the bereaved, healing and soothing all pain, enabling them to raise their spirits of hope and understanding, so that in our lifetime we shall be able to know how good and how pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together.

*Hineih mah tov umah na-im*    הִנֵּה מַה־טוֹב וּמַה־נָּעִים  
*shevet achim gam yachad.*    שֵׁבֶת אַחִים גַּם־יַחַד.

How good and how pleasant it is that siblings dwell together.

(PSALM 133:1)

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