

A prayer for voting (“because where would you need to pray more than in a voting booth or when you mail in your ballot?”)
This prayer can be said every day from now through the election:

הַרְיֵנִי מִכּוּוֹן בְּהַצְבָּעֲתִי | בַּתְּפִילָּתִי
לְדַרֵּשׁ שְׁלוֹם בְּעֵד הַמְּדִינָה הַזֹּאת כְּמוֹ שְׁכַתּוֹב
וְדַרְשׁוּ אֶת שְׁלוֹם הָעִיר אֲשֶׁר הִגְלִיתִי אֶתְכֶם שָׁמָּה
וְהִתְפַּלְלוּ בְּעֵדָה אֶל ה' כִּי בְשְׁלוֹמָהּ יִהְיֶה לְכֶם שְׁלוֹם
יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ ה' שֶׁהַהַצְבָּעוֹת יִמְנוּ נְאֻמָּנוֹת
וְתִמְנָה הַצְבָּעֲתִי כְּאֵלוֹ קִימְתִי הַכְּתוֹב הַזֶּה
בְּכָל עֲצָמְתִי

תִּתֵּן לֵב שׁוֹמֵעַ לְמִי שְׁאֲנוּ בּוֹחֵרִים
וְטוֹב יִהְיֶה בְּעֵינֶיךָ שֶׁתִּשָּׂא עֲלֵינוּ מִמְּשָׁלָה טוֹבָה
שֶׁתִּבְיֵא רְפוּאָה וּמִשְׁפָּט וְשְׁלוֹם לְכָל יוֹשְׁבֵי הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת
וּלְכָל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֵל וְעַל יְרוּשָׁלַיִם
מִמְּשָׁלָה שֶׁתִּכְבַּד הַצֶּלֶם בְּכָל אָדָם וּבִבְרִיאָה
כִּי הַמַּלְכוּת שֶׁלְךָ הִיא

כְּשֵׁם שֶׁהִשְׁתַּתְּפִיתִי | אֲשֶׁתַּתֵּן בְּבַחֲרֵינוּ
כִּן זְכַנִּי לַעֲשׂוֹת מַעֲשִׂים טוֹבִים וּלְתַקֵּן עוֹלָם בְּכָל פְּעֻלָּתִי
וּבְפְעוּלָהּ שֶׁל... שְׁאֲנִי מִתְנַדֵּב | מִתְנַדְּבֶת לְקִיּוֹם
בְּעֵד כָּל הַבְּרִיאוֹת, בְּזִכְרוֹן בְּרִית מִי נֹחַ
לְהִגֹּן וּלְבַל תִּשְׁחִית אֶרֶץ וּמְלוּאָה

** תֵּן לְכָל אַמּוֹת הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת הַכֹּחַ וְהַרְצוֹן
לְרַדֵּף צְדָק וּלְבַקֵּשׁ שְׁלוֹם כְּאֲגַדָּה אַחַת
לְעַקֵּר גְּזַעְנוֹת וְחִמָּס וּלְהַצְמִיחַ רְפוּאָה
וְחַיִּים טוֹבִים וְשְׁלוֹם, פֶּה וּבְכָל הָעוֹלָם
וְקִיּוֹם לָנוּ הַכְּתוֹב: וַיְהִי גַעַם אֲדָנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ עָלֵינוּ
וּמַעֲשֵׂה יָדֵינוּ כּוֹנֵנָה עָלֵינוּ, וּמַעֲשֵׂה יָדֵינוּ כּוֹנֵנָה

Behold, I am intending through my vote / through my prayer to seek peace for this country, as it is written (Jer. 29:7):
“Seek the peace of the city where I cause you to roam and pray for her to *YHVH* (Adonai/God),
for in her peace you all will have peace.”

May it be Your will, *YHVH*, that votes be counted faithfully, and may You count my vote as if I had fulfilled this verse with all my power.

May You give a listening heart to whomever we elect and may it be good in Your eyes to raise for us a good government that will bring healing, justice and peace to all living in this land and to all the world, and upon Jerusalem, a government that will honor the image of God in all humanity and in Creation, for rulership is Yours.

Just as I have participated / Just as I will participate in the election, so may I merit to do good works and to repair the world through all my efforts, and through the act of... [add your pledge]... which I pledge to do on behalf of all living creatures, in remembrance of the covenant of Noah’s waters to protect and to not destroy the earth and her plenitude.

** Give to all the peoples of this country the strength and the will to pursue righteousness and to seek peace as a unified force to uproot racism and violence and to make healing, good life and peace flourish here and throughout the world and fulfill for us the verse (Ps. 90:17): “May the pleasure of *Adonai* our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us; make the work of our hands endure.”

** *Special addition for the 2020 election can be added at ** — see next page for text and for transliterations.*

Transliteration of voting prayer:

*Hareini m'kaven b'hitzba'ati | bit'filati
lid'rosh shalom b'ad ham'dinah hazot k'mo shekatuv
"V'dirshu et shalom ha'ir Asher higleiti etchem shaman
v'hitpal'lu ba'adah el Hashem ki bish'lomah yihyeh lakhem shalom"
Y'hi ratzon l'fanekha Hashem shehahatzba'ot yimanu ne'emanot
v'timneh hatzba'ati k'ilu kiyamti hakatuv hazeh b'khol otzmati*

*Titein lev shomei'a l'mi she'anu bochrin
v'tov yihyeh b'einekha shetisa' aleinu memshelah tovah
shetavi' r'fu'ah umishpat v'shalom
l'khol yoshvei ha'aretz hazot
ul'khol yoshvei teivel v'al y'rushalayim
v'shet'khabeid hatzelem b'khol adam uvab'ri'ah*

*K'shem shehishtatafti \ eshtateif bab'chirut
ken zakeini la'asot ma'asim tovim ul'taken olam b'khol po'ali
uvap'ulah shel... she'ani mitnadeiv \ mitnadevet l'kayeim
b'ad kol hab'riyot, b'zikaron b'rit Mei Noach
l'hagein ul'val tashchit eretz um'lo'ah*

*** Ten l'khol umot ha'aretz hazot hako'ach v'haratzon
lir'dof tzedek ul'vakeish shalom k'agudah achat
la'akor giz'anut v'chamas ul'hatzmi'ach r'fu'ah
v'chayyim tovim v'shalom, poh uv'khol ha'olam
v'kayeim lanu et hakatuv: "Viy'hi no'am Adonai Eloheinu aleinu
uma'aseih yadeinu kon'nah aleinu, uma'aseih yadeinu kon'neihu"*

Special addition for the 2020 U.S. election

The world always needs an end to tyranny, but we especially need that right now. You can add this additional paragraph where you see ** in the voting prayer, and you can also add it to *birkat haminim* in the *amidah* prayer:

תַּעֲקַר טִירוֹנְיָא וְעָרִיצוֹת
וּתְשַׁבֵּר רַמָּאִים
וּתְמַגֵּר עֲשָׂקֵי נְדָכָאִים
תַּעֲבִיר מְמַשְׁלֵת זָדוֹן מִן הָאָרֶץ
וּתְסַפֵּל פּוֹגְעֵי בְדִמּוּקְרַטְיָה וְתִפְרֵ תְחַבּוּלוֹתָם
תְּכַלֵּם וְתִשְׁפִּילֵם וְתִכְנִיעֵם בְּמַהֲרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ

Tear out tyranny and despotism. Ruin those who cheat and deceive. Upend and overthrow those who oppress the vulnerable. Make the reign of the arrogant disappear from the land. Pulverize the plans of those who attack democracy. Obstruct them, humble them, and bring on their downfall, soon, in our days.

*T'akor tirunya va'aritzut ut'shaber rama'im
ut'mager oshkei nidka'im
Ta'avir memshelet zadon min ha'aretz
ut'sakel pog'ei b'demokratiyah v'tafeir tach'bulotam
T'khaleim v'tashpileim v'takhni'eim bim'heirah
v'yameinu*