

## Prayer for Thanksgiving Shabbath

O L-rd, our G-d, G-d of our fathers, Ruler of nations, we worship You and praise Your Name for Your mercy and for Your truth.

On this Sabbath day after the Thanksgiving holiday we will make mention of Your loving kindness according to all that You have bestowed on us and we will proclaim Your great goodness and saving grace.

Throughout the past ages You carried Israel as on eagles' wings.

When dispersed in every land, Your Divine presence accompanied us in every affliction.

From nation to nation You did lead us, until the hand of the oppressor was weakened and the day of human rights began to dawn.

Wherever we found a resting place, and built You a sanctuary, You did dwell in our midst, and cleaving unto You, O L-rd, we are alive this day.

We thank You that You have sustained us unto this day, and that in the fullness of Your mercy You have vouchsafed to us a soil on which to grow strong in freedom and in fidelity to Your truth. You have opened unto us this blessed haven of our beloved land.

Everlasting G-d, in whose eyes a thousand years are as yesterday which is past and as a watch of the night, we lift up our hearts in gratitude to You, in that 365 years ago (*number for year 2019*) You did guide a little band of Jews who, seeking freedom to worship You, found it in a land which, with Your blessing, became a refuge of freedom and justice for the oppressed of all peoples. We thank You that our lot has fallen in pleasant places.

O L-rd, look down from from heaven and bless this Republic.

Preserve it in the liberty which has been proclaimed in the land, and in the righteousness which is its foundation. Bless it with prosperity and peace. May it advance from strength to strength and continue to be a refuge for all who seek its shelter. Imbue all its citizens with a spirit of loyalty to its ideals. May they be ever mindful that the blessings of liberty are safeguarded by obedience to law, and that the prosperity of the nation rests upon trust in Your goodness and reverence for Your commandments.

Bless the President and his counselors, and the judges, legislators, and executives of our county.

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Put forth upon them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and the spirit of courage, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the L-rd. May America become a light to all peoples, teaching the world that it is righteousness which exalts a nation.

Our Father in Heaven, Who loves all nations, all human beings are Your children. All are unique individuals with different gifts of mind and heart. But all, through their very existence, reveal Your marvelous plan for humanity. May the day speedily dawn when Your kingdom will be established on earth, when nations shall learn war no more, when peace shall be the crowning reward of a world redeemed by justice, and all people shall know You.

Then shall loving kindness and truth meet, righteousness and peace kiss each other, truth spring forth from earth, and righteousness look down from heaven. May all hearts serve You with one accord and recognize that You are One and Your Name is One.

Amen.