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Dear friends,

I ask that you include in your prayers this evening over candle-lighting and prior to Kiddush, prayers for the families of those murdered, and prayers for those still missing.

Shabbat is a gift to us, that enables us to step away, as much as possible, from the chaotic events of the world. Create a sanctuary of peace and a sanctuary of time by limiting your exposure to news. It is not only for the sake of Shabbat, but for the sake of your own health and well-being.

It is at times like these that we are present for each other as a community. Shul on Shabbat is our anchor. Being in shul enables us to greet each other, to comfort each other, to learn, to experience, to feel and to express in prayer our pain and our resolve. Put simply: it will be good for you. Period.

With anti-Semitism now raging in the hearts of those near and far, we need to stand together too. As one. Being in shul is a message to ourselves and to the world, that just as we have prevailed in the past, we will prevail now. We will draw comfort from each other, as well as strength.

May God protect Israel.
May God give Israel strength.
Let this Shabbat be a Shabbat of quiet and peace.

Rabbi Eliot Malomet

You can see many prayers at: <https://uscj.org/israel-resources>

May the One who blessed our fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and our mothers, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel, bless the residents of the State of Israel who live under the constant threat of missile attacks and death. May the Holy One strengthen their hearts and endurance during this time of crisis, until the fury passes.

With your immense power, send support and healing to the bodies and souls of our brothers and sisters in the Western Negev, for it is fierce as

death[1] and for the land is filled with lawlessness because of them.[2]
They grasp the bow and javelin; they are cruel, they show no mercy.[3]
The joy of the festival has been turned into sorrow for them, for that day
is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of calamity and
desolation, a day of darkness and deep gloom, a day of densest clouds.[4]
May it be Your will, speedily and soon, to reveal the fate of those who
are missing and may all the captives of Israel return home speedily to
their dear ones, whole in body and in soul. Bring comfort to the broken-
hearted whose loved ones were shot and murdered as sheep to be slaughtered[5]
in the hands of evildoers.

And may it be the will before the One who dwells in the heavens to plant
good counsel in the hearts of all the leaders of the country, that they may
know how to conduct the nation's war with understanding, awareness and
wisdom, and to bring upon our enemies the words of Scripture, For their
day of disaster is upon them, the hour of their doom.[6]

Lord of Hosts, God of the wars of Israel, watch over the soldiers of the
Israel Defense Forces who stand in battle on land, in the air and at sea,
on the front lines and in the rear, and all the security and rescue forces.
Save them, O God, from every trouble, distress and calamity, and bestow
blessing and success upon their efforts. Help them to subdue our enemies,
and grant them, O God, salvation and the crown of victory. May they
depart in peace and return home alive and safe.

Our Father in heaven, grant peace to the land and eternal joy to all its
inhabitants. Fulfill for us soon in our days the verse of Scripture: Every
family shall sit under its own vine and fig tree with no one to disturb
them, for it is the Lord of Hosts who speaks.[7] May it be Your will, and
let us say, Amen.