

A Prayer for the Renewal of Creation

Master of the universe, in whose hand is the breath of all life and the soul of every person, grant us the gift of Shabbat, a day of rest from all our labors. With all of our senses may we perceive the glory of Your works. Fill us with Your goodness, that we may attest to Your great deeds. Strengthen us to become Your faithful partners, preserving the world for the sake of future generations. ► ADONAI our God and God of our ancestors, may it be Your will to renew Your blessing of the world in our day, as You have done from the beginning of time.

A Prayer for Our Country

תְּפִלָּה לְשִׁלוֹם הָאָרֶץ

רְבוֹנוֹ שֶׁל עוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בְּיָדְךָ נַפֵּשׁ כָּל־חַי וְרוּחַ כָּל־בְּשָׂר
אִישׁ, הַנְּחִילֵנוּ שַׁבַּת מְנוּחָה, יוֹם לְשָׁבוֹת בּוֹ מִכָּל־
מְלָאכָה. בְּכָל־תְּחוּשָׁה, נִבְּרִיר וְנִגְדַע אֶת־הוֹד וְיִצְרָתְךָ.
שִׁבְעֵנוּ מִטּוֹבְךָ שְׁנֵהֵיָה עֵדִים לְגִדּוֹל מַעֲשֶׂיךָ. חֲזִיקֵנוּ
לְהִיּוֹת עִמָּךְ שׁוֹתֵפִים נְאֻמָּנִים, לְשָׁמּוֹר עַל עוֹלָמְךָ
בְּעִבּוֹר הַדּוֹרוֹת הַבָּאִים. ◀ יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאֲמוֹתֵינוּ, שֶׁתְּבָרֵךְ אֶת־עוֹלָמְךָ
בְּיָמֵינוּ בְּיָמֵי קָדָם.

PRAYER FOR THE RENEWAL OF CREATION. Concerns about our environment are as much a part of our consciousness as are the issues that were historically raised in this part of the service. This prayer, written by Daniel Nevins, expresses the hope that by ceasing to labor on Shabbat, by being able to appreciate and be grateful for life and its gifts, we will increase our awareness of the need to be responsible caretakers of the natural world.