

# Peace, Please

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We gather together,  
in faith and with hope  
to pray for peace  
and for the safety of the people of Israel.

Help us, O Holy One  
and protect us in our hour of need.  
Touch our hearts  
lest they harden with despair.  
Guide our thoughts  
lest they are overcome with fear.

Bring healing to the wounded,  
strength to those in mourning,  
courage to those in fear,  
wisdom to those who lead.

*Yedid nefesh*, beloved one,  
reveal Yourself  
and fill the world with Your light.  
Spread over us the shelter of Your peace.  
Be quick, God of love, for the time has come.  
Have mercy upon us, Eternal One of peace.