

## **A Prayer for Israel: Land of Contrasts**

Farmers plowing with animals  
Drip irrigation

Bedouin tents with TV antennas  
Towering apartments

Women in tank tops  
Women in long dark dresses, faces covered.

A soldier holding a rifle  
His girlfriend carrying a bouquet of flowers

Camels, buses, taxies, donkeys.  
Churches, Temples, Mosques, and Shuls

Lord, bless this land so sacred to Jews, Muslims, and Christians.

Open the eyes and hearts of the people and their neighbors.  
May they may come to understand one another and cease the endless conflict.

Bring healing to all those wounded in battle.  
Dry the tears of their families.  
Return our missing soldiers to the arms of their loved ones.

Lead us -- from fear to faith; from hatred to hope; from carnage to calm.

Spread Your wings over the Land and the people of Israel and grant us peace.

Amen

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