

Creator of All Humanity,

As Jews, our story is bonded with Yours. This week we begin reading the story of how You redeemed us from Mitzrayim and brought us to the Land of Israel, the land claimed by the sons of Jacob.

When You brought us there, You warned us to walk in Your ways or the land would reject us. Walk in Your ways or we forfeit the blessing that Jacob received from Isaac. Walk in Your ways or you will turn Your face away from us. We are bonded to the Land of Israel and live in covenant with You. Give us the strength to walk in Your ways.

May the love of Jewish families toward one another warm Your love of Israel. May the moral fire of Jews everywhere, inspired by Torah, turn Your face toward Israel. May Your spirit draw closer to Israel, beckoned by the wisdom and compassion demonstrated by Israel's leaders as they govern the people of Israel and Your Land. May they govern with: Solomon's wisdom, David's zeal and compassion born of the bitter lessons we learned in Mitzrayim and the Galut in our age.

Also, we look forward to a day when Jews like us, the Masorti Movement, are fully respected in Israel, as a first step on the ladder to unity of Am Yisroel that we must achieve before we may truly and fully invite Your Holy Presence.

And let us say ...

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Blessing theme: Israel