

Prayer for Gilad Shalit, to be read by all communities
Composed by Sephardi Chief Rabbi Amar

May it be Your will, oh L-rd, our G-d and G-d of our Forefathers, That the verses of these Psalms which we have read before You today will find favor and will be accepted as if spoken by King David, Your servant and annointed one, of blessed memory.

May You do this for the sake of Your Holy Names that is written in them, alluded to and included within them. Accept mercifully and graciously our prayer and request.

May our supplication come before You that You shall take pity, forgive and have mercy upon Your servant, the son of Your handmaiden,

Gilad, son of Aviva Shalit

And You shall save him in both physical salvation and compassion, together with all the hostages and prisoners of Israel, Your People.

"He who liberates prisoners in good health, may He redeem him (Gilad) from his captors

Bring him forth from captivity to freedom, from slavery to redemption, from darkness into light,

Restore him to complete health, both in mind and body,

Fortify his spirit and increase his strength, spreading happiness and joy,

So that he may be strengthened and healed, and know eternal happiness.

May the proliferation of public prayer, protest and grief on his behalf, far and wide, act on his behalf to protect, shield and redeem him from the house of his imprisonment.

And He will cast asunder his evil sentence that has been decreed, his good deeds shall be enumerated before the Almighty blessed be He, including all that he has done and accomplished on behalf of our people and our inheritance.

So shall He cast asunder his evil sentence through the Holy Name that is alluded to in the initials of the words "וראנו הרנוט גבוש מרע נתר בלק"; accept the delight of Your People, exalt us and purify us exceedingly.

May He fulfill for him the Biblical declaration, as it is written:

And those redeemed by the L-rd shall return and come to Zion in gladness, with eternal happiness on their heads; they shall know rejoicing and happiness; sorrow and grief shall fade. May this come to pass speedily in our days. Amen."