

*A prayer for the 2021 inauguration, amid threats of domestic terrorism,  
for the sake of our new government, and the success and well-being of our  
new president and vice president, from neohasid.org:*

הַרִינִי מְכוּוֹן | מְכוּוֹנֵת בַּתְּפִילָּתִי  
לְיוֹם | בְּיוֹם חֲנוּכַת מְמַשְׁלָה וְנֹשֵׂא וְסֹגְנֵי הַנְּשִׂיא  
לְדַרְשׁ שְׁלוֹם בְּעַד הַמְּדִינָה הַזֹּאת כְּמוֹ שְׁכַתּוֹב  
וְדַרְשׁוּ אֶת שְׁלוֹם הָעִיר אֲשֶׁר הַגְּלִיתִי אֶתְכֶם שָׁמָּה  
וְהַתְּפַלְלוּ בְּעֵדָה אֶל ה' כִּי בְשָׁלוֹמָה יִהְיֶה לָכֶם שְׁלוֹם

יְהִי רְצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ  
שֶׁתִּתֶּן לָב שׁוֹמֵעַ לְמִי שְׁאָנוּ נוֹשְׂאִים הַיּוֹם וְהַגּוֹן עֲלֵיהֶם  
וְתִשָּׂא עֲלֵינוּ מְמַשְׁלָה טוֹבָה  
שֶׁתִּשְׂאוּף וְתַחַל לְהַבִּיא רְפוּאָה וּמִשְׁפָּט וְשְׁלוֹם  
לְכָל יוֹשְׁבֵי הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת וּלְכָל יוֹשְׁבֵי תְּבֵל וְעַל יְרוּשָׁלַיִם  
מְמַשְׁלָה שֶׁתִּכְבֵּד הַצֶּלֶם בְּכָל אָדָם וּבְבְרִיאָה  
כִּי הַמְּלָכוֹת שֶׁלְךָ הֵיא

לְכֹן תַּעֲקֹר טִירוֹנִיָּא וְעָרִיצוֹת וְתִשְׁבֵּר רַמָּאִים  
וְתִמְגַר עֲשָׂקִי נְדָכָאִים וְתַעֲבִיר מְמַשְׁלֵת זְדוֹן מִן הָאָרֶץ  
וְתִסְכַּל פּוֹגְעִים בְּדַמוֹקְרַטְיָה וְתַפֵּר תַּחְבּוּלוֹתָם  
תַּכְלֵם תִּשְׁפִּילִם וְתַכְנִיעֵם בְּמַהֲרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ

וְתִתֶּן לְכָל אַמּוֹת הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת הַכֹּחַ וְהַרְצוֹן  
לְרַדֵּף צְדָק וּלְבַקֵּשׁ שְׁלוֹם כְּאֵגְדָה אַחַת  
לְעַקֵּר גְּזַענוֹת וְחִמָּס מִלְּבַיְנוּ וּלְהַצְמִיחַ רְפוּאָה  
וְחַיִּים טוֹבִים וְשְׁלוֹם, פֹּה וּבְכָל הָעוֹלָם  
תִּזְכְּנִי לַעֲשׂוֹת מַעֲשִׂים טוֹבִים וּלְתַקֵּן עוֹלָם בְּכָל פְּעוּלוֹתַי  
וּבְפְעוּלָה שְׁל... [add your pledge] שְׁאֲנִי מִתְנַדֵּב | מִתְנַדָּבֶת  
לְקִים בְּעַד כָּל הַבְּרִיאוֹת, לְהַקִּים בְּרִית מִי נֹחַ  
וְקִים לָנוּ הַכְּתוּב: וַיְהִי גַעַם אֲדָנִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ עָלֵינוּ  
וּמַעֲשֵׂה יָדֵינוּ כּוֹנְנָה עָלֵינוּ, וּמַעֲשֵׂה יָדֵינוּ כּוֹנְנָהוּ

I stand present, intending through my prayer  
for the day / on the day of inaugurating  
a new government, president and vice president,  
to seek peace for this country, as it is written (Jer. 29:7):  
“Seek the peace of the city where I cause you to roam  
and pray for her to *YHVH* (Adonai/God),  
for in her peace you all will have peace.”

May it be Your will, *YHVH* our God, that You give a listening heart  
to those whom we elevate today and protect them,  
and may You raise for us a good government  
that will strive and begin to bring healing, justice and peace  
to all living in this land and to all the world, and upon Jerusalem,  
a government that will honor the image of God  
in all humanity and in Creation,  
for rulership is Yours.

Therefore, may You: **Tear out** tyranny and despotism,  
**Ruin** those who cheat and deceive,  
**Upend** those who oppress the vulnerable.  
**Make** the reign of the arrogant disappear from the land, and  
**Pulverize** the plans of those who attack democracy.  
**Overthrow** and humble them, bring their downfall, soon in our days.

May You give to all the peoples of this country the strength and will  
to pursue righteousness and to seek peace as a unified force  
to uproot racism and violence from our hearts and to make healing,  
good life and peace flourish, here and throughout the world.  
May I merit to do good works and repair the world  
through all my efforts, and through the act of... [add your pledge]...  
which I pledge to do on behalf of all living creatures,  
to uphold the covenant after the floodwaters of Noah.  
Fulfill for us the verse (Ps. 90:17): “May the pleasure of *Adonai* our  
God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us;  
make the work of our hands endure.”

*Transliteration of prayer for the inauguration:*

*Hareini m'khaven \ m'khavenet bit'filati  
b'yom chanukat hamemshalah v'hanasi us'ganit hanasi  
lid'rosh shalom b'ad ham'dinah hazot k'mo shekatuv  
“V'dirshu et shalom ha'ir asher higleiti etchem shamah  
v'hitpal'lu ba'adah el Hashem ki bish'lomah yihyeh lakhem shalom”*

*Y'hi ratzon mil'fanekha Hashem Eloheinu  
shetitein lev shomei'a l'mi she'anu nos'im hayom  
v'tisa'aleinu memshelah tovah,  
Shetish'of v'tacheil l'havi' r'fu'ah umishpat v'shalom  
l'khol yoshvei ha'aretz hazot ul'khol yoshvei teivel v'al y'rushalayim  
memshalah shet'khabeid hatzelem b'khol adam uvab'ri'ah  
ki hamalkhut shelkha hi*

*Lakhen t'akeir tirunya va'aritzut ut'shaber rama'im  
ut'mager 'oshkei nidka'im v'ta'avir memshelet zadon min ha'aretz  
ut'sakel pog'im b'demokratiyah v'tafeir tach'bulotam  
T'khaleim tashpileim v'takhni'eim bim'heirah v'yameinu*

*V'titein l'khol umot ha'aretz hazot hako'ach v'haratzon  
lir'dof tzedek ul'vakeish shalom k'agudah achat  
la'akor giz'anut v'chamas ul'hatzmi'ach r'fu'ah  
v'chayyim tovim v'shalom, poh uv'khol ha'olam  
ut'zakeini la'asot ma'asim tovim ul'taken 'olam b'khol p'ulotai  
uvap'ulah shel... [add your pledge] she'ani mitnadeiv \ mitnadevet  
l'kayeim b'ad kol habri'yot, l'hakim b'rit Mei Noach  
v'kayeim lanu et hakatuv: “Viy'hi no'am Adonai Eloheinu 'aleinu  
uma'aseih yadeinu kon'nah 'aleinu, uma'aseih yadeinu kon'neihu”*