PRAYER FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL. Upon Israel's independence in 1948, many prayers were circulated for the well-being of the new state. This one was composed by Israel's chief rabbi and was then slightly edited by the writer S.Y. Agnon.

THAT IT MAY BE SHALOM. This Hebrew word was added by the Chief Rabbi of England, Immanuel Jakobovits, turning the phrase "the beginning of the redemption" into an expression of hope, rather than a statement of fact.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE. Rabbi Nathan Sternharz, a student of the Hasidic master Nahman of Bratzlav (1772–1810, Ukraine), recorded this prayer. The version here has been adapted and translated by Jules Harlow.

NATION WILL NOT THREATEN V'YISEA DAYI. Isaiah 2:4.

I WILL BRING PEACE V'YISHMAV. Leviticus 26:6.

LET JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS FLOW L'NEI EFRON. Amos 5:24.