

Torah Portion: Mikeitz, Genesis 41:1–44:17 Haftarah: I Kings 3:15-4:1

Prayer for Redemption of Hostages

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Our God, the One who raised Joseph up from the pit, be "a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble." (Psalm 9:10)

Send complete rescue and full redemption to all those held captive by the enemy.

Strengthen their spirit and bring them our prayers that they be protected from all harm.

Implant understanding in the heart of the enemy that they may return the captives in wholeness of body and spirit.

Grant wisdom to the Israel Defense Forces that they may secure freedom for the captives without loss of life. Grant strength of spirit and courage of heart to all the sons and daughters of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar to release bonds of captivity and allow us all to live in freedom.

"They shall call upon Me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in distress; I will rescue them, and honor them." (after Psalm 91:15).