

יהי רצון מלפני אבינו  
שֶׁבַשְׁמַיִם  
אֲשֶׁר הוֹצִיא אֶת עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל  
מִתַּחַת סְבָלוֹת מִצְרַיִם  
הוּא יְבָרֵךְ וַיִּנָּצֵר אֶת אַחֵינוּ  
וְאַחֵיוֹתֵינוּ  
הַחַטּוּפִים הָאֲסוּרִים בְּכַבְלֵי  
בְּרֹזֶל,  
יַחֲזִק נַפְשָׁם וְאַמוּנָתָם,  
יִשְׁמְרֵם מִכָּל נֹגַע וּמַחֲלָה,  
יַחְמַל עַל בָּנָיו וּבָנוֹתָיו  
הַמְּצַפִּים לִישׁוּעָתוֹ,  
יַבְטֵל מֵעַלֵיָּהֶם כָּל גְּזֵרוֹת  
אֲכֻזָּרוֹת.

בְּחֶסֶדוֹ הַגָּדוֹל  
יַחֲיֵשׁ פְּדוּתָם  
וַיִּצְאוּ מִהֶרָה מֵאֲפֵלָה לְאוֹרָה  
וּמִבּוֹר הַשְּׁבִי לְחֵירוֹת עוֹלָם  
וַיָּשׁוּבוּ לְשָׁלוֹם אֶל  
מִשְׁפְּחוֹתֵיהֶם וְאֶל בְּתֵיהֶם.

אָנָּה, נִטַע אַחֲוָה שְׁלוֹם  
וְרַעוּת בְּלֵב כָּלֵם,  
הַסֵּר קִנְיָאָה וְשִׁנְאָת חִנָּם  
וּפָרַס עָלֵינוּ סִכַּת שְׁלוֹמְךָ  
וְנִזְקָה בְּקָרוֹב לֹאמַר לְפָנֶיךָ  
שִׁירָה חֲדָשָׁה.

May it be the will of our FATHER IN  
HEAVEN

Who brought His people Israel out  
from the suffering of Egypt  
that He bless and save our abducted  
brothers and sisters,  
bound with iron chains.

May He strengthen their souls and  
faith,

Protect them from all harm and  
disease,

Have mercy on His sons and  
daughters awaiting His salvation,  
Nullify all cruel decrees from upon  
them.

In His great kindness,  
may He hasten their redemption  
and may they quickly emerge from  
darkness to light,  
and from the pit of captivity to the  
freedom of the world,  
and return in peace to their families  
and to their homes.

Please, plant brotherhood, peace  
and friendship in the hearts of all,  
Remove envy and baseless hatred  
and spread over us the Sukkah of  
Your peace,  
And may we merit to soon sing  
before You a 'New Song.'<sup>(1)</sup>

תפילה להשבת החטופים | Prayer for the Return of the Captives, by Rabbi David Lau (Office of the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel 2024)

This prayer for the well-being of the captives taken hostage by ḤAMA'S and its allies on 7 October 2023 was written by the Ashkenazi chief rabbi of the State of Israel, David Lau, and shared by his office in the month preceding Pesah 2024. The text of the prayer transcribed is that as posted at Arutz Sheva on 7 April 2024. The translation in English was made by Rabbi Shimshon Nadel as disseminated over Facebook on 8 April 2024. Many thanks to Abraham Katz for bringing the prayer to our attention. He notes the prayer is intended to be read at the Passover seder in the Maggid section before והיא שעמדה (v'hi she'amda).