

**Supplemental Readings**  
**Provided by The CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis)**  
**Liturgy for Moments of Communal Crises**

Adonai, Mysterious Source of all that is,  
was, and ever will be.  
Life, and all that fills it, is ever-changing.  
You alone abide.  
At this time of uncertainty in our world,  
Many of us are filled with anxiety and fear.  
And so we turn to You,  
You, who are beyond our mere mortal  
understanding.  
We hope and pray that wisdom and  
courage will guide us,  
and the leaders of all countries,  
in the days and weeks that lie ahead.  
We hope and pray that anxiety and fear  
will soon be replaced with peace and calm  
as we remember that this storm too will, in  
time, pass,  
and that a semblance of quiet will return  
and goodwill will prevail.

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**A Prayer for Nonviolence**

God of life and Maker of all creation,  
Every act of violence in our world, in our  
communities,  
And in our homes, destroys a part of Your  
creation.

Stir in our hearts a renewed sense of  
reverence for all life.

Give us the vision, the wisdom, and the  
courage,  
To create a community of safety for our  
children.

Guide us in Your ways so that we may  
Break the cycle of violence.

This we believe:  
That peace, love, and healing begin with us.

Tonight, let us begin.  
Amen.

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**A Prayer of Courage and Consolation**

Holy One of Blessing,  
Grant us the will to stand firm  
In the face of evil and hostility,  
Not to be silent or afraid.  
To work diligently and faithfully  
To banish wickedness from the earth.  
Holy One of Blessing,  
Grant us the courage and resolve  
To speak when there is hatred,  
To act when there is confusion,  
To join with others  
in building a world of safety,  
Understanding, and acceptance.

Because there is hate, dear God,  
Help us heal our fractured and broken  
world.

Because there is fear, dear God,  
Grant courage and faith to those in need.

Because there is pain, dear God,  
Bring healing to the shattered and  
wounded.

Because there is hope, dear God,  
Teach us to be a force for justice and  
kindness.

Because there is love, dear God,  
Help us to be a beacon of light and  
compassion.

As it is written,  
Be strong and let your heart have courage.  
(Joshua 1:6)  
Depart from evil, do good, seek peace and  
pursue it. (Psalm 34:15)

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**They Went Forth from Egypt** on a single  
night  
But next time the miracle will be different.

Once two Sages were walking very early in  
the valley  
And they saw the light of the morning star.  
Said one to the other,  
“This is how the redemption will be.  
The dawn breaks with a single ray of light  
And bit by bit the sky is illumined,  
Until morning comes and the darkness is  
gone.  
So the redemption will occur little by little,  
Growing steadily and gradually  
Until the world is full of light.”

Do not wait for a miracle  
Or the sudden transformation of the world.  
Bring the day closer, step by step,  
With every act of courage, of kindness,

Of healing and repair.  
Do not be discouraged by the darkness.  
Lift up every spark you can  
And watch the horizon  
For the coming of dawn.  
Look closely!  
It has already begun.

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When evil obscures our world, let us be  
bearers of goodness.  
When fists are clenched in self-righteous  
rage, let our hands be open for the sake of  
peace.  
When injustice slams doors on the ill, the  
poor, the old, and the stranger,  
Let us pry the doors open.  
Where shelter is lacking, let us be builders.  
Where food and clothing are needed, let us  
be providers.  
Where knowledge is denied, let us be  
champions of learning.  
When dissent is stifled, let our voices speak  
truth to power.  
When the earth and its creatures are  
threatened, let us be their guardians.  
When bias, greed, and bigotry erode our  
country's values,  
Let us proclaim liberty through the land.  
In the places where no one acts like a  
human being,  
Let us bring courage.  
Let us bring compassion;  
Let us bring humanity.