

The Chief Rabbinate of Israel has requested that this prayer be recited for the safety of the kidnapped soldiers: Gilad ben Aviva (Shalit), Ehud ben Malka (Goldwasser) and Eldad ben Tova (Regev). Additionally, *Tehillim* 70, 13, 126 and 142 should be recited.

English follows the Hebrew.

תפילה לשלומו של גלעד, אהוד ואלדד

יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו,
שיעלו לרצון מזמורי תהלים אלו שקראנו לפניך היום
ויתקבלו לפניך כאילו אמרם דוד המלך עבדך משיחך ע"ה.

ותקבל ברחמים וברצון את תפילתנו ובקשתינו
ותבוא לפניך תחינתנו ותחוס ותחמול ותרחם
על עבדכם

גלעד בן אביבה שליט

אהוד בן מלכה גולדווסר

אלדד בן טובה רגב

ותושע אותם בישועה ורחמים

יחד עם כל השבויים והאסירים מעמך ישראל.

מוציא אסירים בכושרות הוא יפדם מידי שוביהם
ויוציאם מעבדות לחירות ומשעבוד לגאולה ומאפילה לאורה'
וירפאם רפואה שלימה, רפואת הנפש ורפואת הגוף.
ויאמץ את רוחם וירבה את כוחם ויאזרם בשמחה ובגילה.
אז יתחזקו ויתרפאו והייתה להם שמחת עולם.

וזכות תפילת רבים וצעקתם ונאקתם

המעתירים בעדם בכל אתר ואתר, תעמוד להם למגן וצינה ולפדותם מבית שבים,
ויקרע רוע גזר דינם ויקראו לפניהם יתברך כל זכויותם וכל אשר פעלו ועשו למען עמנו ונחלתנו,
ויקרע גזר דינם.

קבל רנת עמך שגבנו טהרנו נורא.

ויקיים בו מקרא שכתוב:

"ופדויי ה' ישוּבון ובאו ציון ברינה ושמחת עולם על ראשם, ששון ושמחה ישיגו ונסו יגון ואנחה."
במהרה בימנו. אמן.

**A Prayer for the Safety of the Kidnapped Soldiers: Gilad ben Aviva (Shalit),
Ehud ben Malka (Goldwasser), and Eldad ben Tova (Regev)**

Translated by Amitai Blickstein

Read Tehillim, psalms 70, 13, 142, and 126

It should be Your Will, Lord, Our God, and God of our parents and ancestors, that these Tehillim that we read before You today will be pleasing, and accepted before You as if David Hamelech *himself* had said them! Act for honor of your Holy Name, and mercifully accept our prayer and request, and present our supplication before You, and pity, be merciful on your beloved servants, **Gilad *ben* Aviva (Shalit), Ehud *ben* Malka (Goldwasser) and Eldad *ben* Tova (Regev)** and save them with Your Salvation and mercy, together with all the kidnapped and imprisoned Jews of your People, Israel.

Most Able Freer-of-Prisoners: He will redeem them from amongst the kidnapped, and take them from slavery to freedom, from servitude to redemption, from darkness into light, and fully heal their wounds - physical, psychological and spiritual; give them courage and spirit, strengthen their resistance and resilience, surround them with happiness and laughter, and then they shall strengthen themselves and will heal, and enjoy everlasting joy.

And the merit of everyone praying together, our cries and prayers, that beg on their behalf from every corner of the world, may it stand for them (and all others in his situation) to shield and protect them, and to ransom them from his place of captivity. Tear up the evil decree! May all our merits call out to God – and may every good thing they has ever done or made call out with us!!

Fulfill the pasuk in Your holy Torah that says:

*“And those Hashem ransoms will return, and come to Zion
exulting, singing, and they will be visibly happy forever; joy
and gladness will overtake them, and sorrow and sadness shall
flee, running.”*

May it happen very soon, speedily in our days, Amen.

Tehillim for the safe return of the kidnapped soldiers: 70, 13, 142, and 126

Rambam, The Laws of Fasts, 1 : 1,3:

“It is a positive commandment from the Torah to cry out and to blast the trumpets for every crisis that occurs to the (Jewish) community. As it says: “When you go out to war against an enemy who oppresses you, you shall blast the trumpets and be remembered before G-d...” (Bamidbar 10:9). This means any event that would cause you pain, such as drought, plague, locusts, etc. You should cry out about them and blast the trumpets... and if you don't cry out or blow the trumpets... this is seen as cruelty...”

- According to the Rambam, what must we do as a community when terrible events occur?
- What can we do today instead of blowing the trumpets (which we only had in the Mishkan and Bet Hamikdash)?
- What other examples would require a similar response besides the ones given by the Rambam?