

A Prayer for Haiti:

Avinu SheBaShamayim, Adon Kol HaMa'asim, Ribon Kol HaOlamim, Racheim Al Kol Eileh HaSovlim - HaNifga'im BiRi'idat Ha'Adamah BiHaiti. Chamol al Ma'asekha – Habitah Adonai, URe'ei Tzaratam; Ha'azinah, Elohim, UShema Tza'akatam . Chazeik et Yedei HaMatzilim, Nacheim et Ha-Aveilim, Refa Na LaPetzuim. Choneinu Binah VeHaskeil Leida at Chovoteinu, uFetach et Libeinu LeMa'an Noshit Yad el HaNidka'im. Barkheinu Eloheinu VeNeileikh BeDarkekha, Rachmanim Benei Rachmanim. Tein Banu Ometz VeChokhmah Lema'an Nimna Ason VaMavet. Hashta Ba'agalah Uvizman Kariv, Vi'imru, Amein.

Ruler of Creation, Master of the World: Have mercy on all those who are suffering; on those who have been stricken in the earthquake in Haiti. Have compassion on Your creatures – Look, O God, and see their distress. Listen, God, and hear their cries. Strengthen the hands of those who would bring relief, comfort the mourners, Heal, please, the wounded. Grant us wisdom and discernment to know our obligations, and open our hearts so that we may extend our hands to the devastated. Bless us so that we may walk in Your ways, "compassionate ones, children of compassionate ones." Grant us the will and the wisdom to prevent further disaster and death; Now, speedily, and soon - and let us say, Amen.

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