A Prayer for Light in Times of Darkness

Read before kindling the Shabbat candles. During this time, we call on God's many attributes to help and heal, nurture and shelter.

One may also choose to light a *yahrzeit*, commemorative candle for the *neshamot*, souls of Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgram, who were murdered in Washington, D.C.

יוֹצֵר אוֹר *YOTZER OR,* Creator of Light, Blessed Holy One, we stand before You, as we kindle the Shabbat Lights.

רַחֲמָן RAHAMAN, Merciful One, we stand at the end of another week of heartbreak and violence.

שְׁכִינָה SHEKHINAH, Sacred Presence, we stand surrounded by You, as our enemies seek to harm us.

סוֹמֵךְ נוֹפְלִים SOMEKH NOFLIM, Supporter of the Fallen, we call You to bring comfort to the families of those who were cruelly struck down in a land of freedom.

מַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים MATIR ASSURIM, Freer of Captives, we call You to bring our family members home.

רוֹפֵא חוֹלִים ROFEH HOLIM, Healer of the Sick, we call You to repair the bodies and souls of the injured in the ongoing conflict.

קֵל רוֹעִי EL ROI, God my Shepherd, protect us and all Your people Israel from danger and those who would lift their hand against us.

ה׳ צִדְקֵנוּ ADONAI TZIDKENU, God of Justice, do Your work in Israel and worldwide to raise the weak and bring down the wicked.

לָרְעֵבִים נֹתֵן לֶחֶם NOTEN LEHEM L'REEVIM, God who feeds the hungry, end the pain and suffering of the innocent.

שׁוֹמֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל SHOMER ISRAEL, Guardian of Israel, bring an end to the violence that has consumed our people as we seek to live freely in our land.

עֹשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם OSEH SHALOM, Maker of Peace, bring lasting peace to Israel so that we may live together with our neighbors in security and hope.

אוֹר קַדְמוֹן OR KADMON, Primordial Light, as the light of creation pierced the void, we pray that these candles will enlighten our hearts and that their glow will penetrate the souls of those who seek to harm us so that they, too, may live in light and hope.