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# KAVANA FOR THE UNITED STATES

## RESPONSIVE READING

### LEADER

Our God and God of our ancestors: We ask Your blessings for our country, for its government, for its leaders and advisors, and for all who exercise just and rightful authority.

### CONGREGATION

**Teach them insights from your Torah that they may administer all affairs of state fairly, that peace and security, happiness and prosperity, justice and freedom may forever abide in our midst.**

### LEADER

May this land under Your Providence be an influence for good throughout the world, uniting all people in peace and freedom and helping them fulfill the vision of Your prophet.

### CONGREGATION

**"Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they experience war any more."**

### LEADER

Master of the universe, we invoke your blessings upon the members of our American military forces, those brave men and women whose courage and commitment to that for which this country stands protects us all.

### CONGREGATION

**Most of all, we pray what for all soldiers is the ultimate prayer: that they be privileged to return to the loving arms of their families and a grateful country safely, speedily, and in good health.**

*Adapted from Siddur Sim Shalom*