## A PRAYER FOR AMERICA'S MILITARY PERSONNEL Rabbi Gerald C. Skolnik, Forest Hills Jewish Center Rabbi Yonatan M. Warren, LCDR CHC USN Revised, Summer 2021

Ribbono Shel Olam! Sovereign of the Universe!

We invoke the full bounty of 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.

Whether stationed here at home, or deployed by air, land or sea to wherever their orders take them around the world, so often in harm's way, we ask, dear God, that they be protected within your sheltering presence. Shield them from harm and from pain, assuage their loneliness, and sustain their faith in the face of the formidable enemies that they confront on a daily basis. May all their efforts be crowned with victory, and the assurance that we who depend on their courage appreciate and understand the great difficulty of their work.

Most of all, we pray what is our heartfelt hope for all military personnelthat they be privileged to return to the arms of their loved ones and a grateful country safely, speedily, and in good health. In Your mercy, be with those who await the return of their deployed service members.

May our beloved country tend to their emotional and physical wellbeing long after their active service has been completed, and may they never feel forgotten by those whose liberty they have so steadfastly defended. Because of their courage, may we all be privileged to know and savor the blessings of true peace and security.

Amen.