

Difficulties

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO GUIDES THE DESTINIES OF EACH OF US, WHO GIVES LIFE AND WHO PROCLAIMS DEATH, WHO LIFTS SOME OF US UP TO THE HEIGHTS AND WHO BRINGS OTHERS OF US DOWN TO THE DEPTHS, GRANT THAT NO MATTER WHAT DURING THE COMING YEAR OUR LOT MAY BE, EACH OF US WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE NECESSARY COURAGE AND STRENGTH OF MIND TO OVERCOME WHATEVER DIFFICULTIES MAY COME OUR WAY, AND THAT EACH OF US WILL ALWAYS FEEL THAT OUR EFFORTS, TROUBLES, SUFFERINGS, OR JOYS, WE ARE ALWAYS FURTHERING THY PURPOSES AND ARE ALWAYS HELPING THEE TO MAKE THIS A BETTER WORLD. GRANT, O LORD, THAT THE HOSTAGES WHO ARE NOW BEING HELD THIS DAY BY MURDERS IN MUNICH WILL SOON BE FREED AND THAT THE DEATHS WHICH HAVE ALREADY OCCURRED WILL NOT HAVE OCCURED IN VAIN, THAT THE WORLD WILL NOW TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ERADICATE HATRED AND TERRORISM AGAINST OUR PEOPLE AND AGAINST ALL PEOPLES AND THAT PEACE WILL NOW REIGN IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. GRANT, ALSO, O LORD, THAT OUR BRETHREN WHO ARE NOW CAPTIVES IN RUSSIA WILL SOON BE SET FREE AND THAT THE SLAVE TAX WHICH HAS JUST RECENTLY BEEN IMPOSED WILL BE REVOKED. O LORD, LIFT US ALL UP AND CAUSE SORROW AND TRAGEDY, EVIL AND SICKNESS, TO SOON PASS AWAY, AND MAY WE ALL LIVE TO SEE THE DAY WHEN THEY TRUE GLORY SHALL BE REVEALED AND ALL MEN SHALL LIVE AS BROTHERS. AMEN.