

A Prayer for Canada

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Hashem, thank you for giving us Canada, a diverse nation that is accessible, inclusive, and kind. Guide our government and leaders to be empathic, open minded, honest, and decisive. Help them to bring our people together. Inspire us to be educated, caring, optimistic, and to take action to heal the problems of the world.

As Shimon HaTzaddik said, the world stands on three things:

On Torah,

On service,

And on acts of human kindness.

הוא הִיא אֹמֵר, עַל שְׁלֹשָׁה דְבָרִים הָעוֹלָם עוֹמֵד

עַל הַתּוֹרָה

וְעַל הָעֲבוּדָה

וְעַל גְּמִילוּת חַסְדִּים:

hu hayah omeir, al sheloshah devareem ha-olam omeid

al ha-torah

we-al ha-avodah

we-al gemeelut chasadeem

Note: This prayer was written by Gavriella Shalva Engel-Yan (age 12) for use at her bat mitzvah which was celebrated at the First Narayever Congregation in Toronto on June 17, 2023.