

## THE CHIEF RABBI'S PRAYER FOLLOWING THE MANCHESTER TERROR ATTACK ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2017

[Avinu Shebashamayim] Heavenly Father, Master of the universe,

We stand before You in prayer and supplication, stunned and shocked by the brutal and merciless atrocity committed this week in Manchester - a heartless desecration of Your precious gift of life and an affront to the values of peace and democracy.

We mourn for those who were murdered and pray that You will grant consolation to their families in the depths of their grief. Send a speedy recovery to the injured and peace of mind to all who have been traumatised by this act of barbarity.

Help us, Almighty God, to promote reconciliation and respect between the faiths and their adherents in this land, so that we may live in peace and security, working together for the good of all.

May the love of unity, compassion, justice, peace and harmony prevail over the forces of darkness who use terror to achieve their perverted goals.

Grant us the resolve to live together under the tabernacle of Your peace, as it is written, "they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks..."

May this be Your will and let us say, Amen.

