

Prayer for the European Court of Human Rights

Eternal God, whose deeds are righteous and who acts for the oppressed (Psalm 103:6), we give thanks before You for the European Court of Human Rights.

After the horrors of the Shoah and the bloodshed of the Second World War, European leaders gathered together and resolved, once and for all, to let right be done by every human being. In recognition of the Divine spark in each one of us, they agreed laws and appointed judges, and for over six decades the institutions they created have upheld and defended Your teachings of justice and mercy.

Let the rights they agreed be as stars guiding the way for humanity:

חיים	Life
כבוד	Dignity
חרות	Freedom
דרור	Liberty
צדק	Justice
הגינות	Fairness
פרטיות	Privacy
דעה	Thought
ביטוי	Expression
קהילה	Gathering
משפחה	Family
משפט	Judgment
שוות	Equality

Eternal God, strengthen the resolve of the judges of the European Court of Human Rights, be present in their courtrooms, and bless their work. Teach national leaders to exercise their powers for good, and grant them the courage to do what is right, not what is easy.

Let us live by Your words: Learn to do good, practise justice, and aid the wronged (Isaiah 1:17).

