

# **"On Purim... Whatever prayers are sent to Hashem by Klal Yisrael are accepted."**

-Divrei Yechezkel, P. 31

This Purim it is urgent that each and every Jew use the unique powers of the day to daven for Klal Yisrael and ourselves.

Chazal tell us that just as Hashem rescued us on that first Purim, so He stands by ready to rescue us every Purim. We beseech, and He answers, no matter what our merits, no matter what our flaws. Chazal explain why: "The law of tzedakah is that one is supposed to check the worthiness of the recipient. But on Purim, the law of tzedakah bids us not to scrutinize the worthiness of the recipient but to give to whomever asks."

So too with Hashem and our tefillos. Just as we give tzedakah on Purim to all who ask, without regard to their worthiness so too Hashem answers us without scrutinizing our worthiness. (Nidvas Pi, P8)

With so much power in our prayers, this Purim there's so much we must accomplish. Klal Yisrael faces a range of dangers and tragedies that is unprecedented in recent times. Our prayers can alleviate the suffering and danger in Eretz Yisrael and America. We can daven for the many families suffering the heartbreak of ill-

ness, the strain of financial troubles, and the horrific loss of life from terrorist attacks in Eretz Yisrael. Every word we daven, especially on behalf of Klal Yisrael, carries special weight on this day. (Toras Emes p. 73)

On the first Purim, Klal Yisrael accepted the Torah anew, this time completely out of love for Hashem, out of the people's own desire to fulfill His will. Thus, Purim is also an especially favorable day to reaffirm our own commitment to Torah and Mitzvochs through our own Kabalas HaTorah.

In the past few years many Jews have begun to tap into Purim's unique qualities by davening at a Vasikin minyan, when the gates of prayer are opened their widest. But all day long on Purim, Hashem is there, awaiting our prayers and willing to shower us with His love, His kindness and His brochos.

We each possess the power on this day to ask Hashem to help us with our troubles, to end fear, danger and strife. For ourselves, and especially for the Jews of Eretz Yisrael. Through this one day of tefilah and simcha, we can invoke blessing, joy and prosperity to last the entire year.

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