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The Temple, service for V-E Day, 1945.



SUGGESTED SERVICE FOR D-DAY

A. REGULAR EVENING SERVICE

B. SUPPLEMENTARY SELECTIONS WHICH MAY BE USED OR ADAPTED BY EACH RABBI TO  
SUIT HIS CONGREGATION'S LITURGICAL PRACTICE.

1. Invocation -

Lord of Hosts

The word of the Psalmist echoes in our hearts, "This is the day for which we have waited"

Girded for battle against the blasphemers of Thy name, a mighty host of freemen are resolved to crush the ruthless oppressor who has darkened fair lands, looted peoples, devastated communities, desecrated altars of religion, tortured human beings and snuffed out millions of innocent lives.

Today as our sons and the sons of our allies enter upon the first act in the drama of liberation our prayers go with them. Anxiety mingled with pride fills our hearts. We know the cost may be heavy but we shrink not, for the future of our children's children is at stake.

Arise O Lord, and Let Thine enemies be scattered. Bring victory to our armies, O Lord, embattled in righteousness. Then speed the dawn of Peace, O Father of Mercy. May the reign of evil go up as the smoke and Thou alone rule supreme over a family of nations dwelling in security and in concord, with none to make them afraid.

*Turn to Page 26 in Prayer Book read in unison*  
Amen.

*Psalm - 23*

*Psalm 18*

*Read this*

*119*

2. Responsive Readings -

Psalm 2:7, Ps. 83:3, Ps. 53:2, Ps. 10:3, Ps. 10:11, Ps. 10:13, Ps. 10:6, Ps. 10:7, Isaiah 5:20, Ps. 10:7, Ps. 10:8, Ps. 83:4, Ps. 83:5, Ps. 74:22, Ps. 74:23, Ps. 59:2, Ps. 59:3, Kings I 8:32, Ps. 1:6, Ps. 37:14, Ps. 37:15, Ps. 10:15, Ps. 28:4, Ps. 68:3, Ps. 83:15, Ps. 83:16, Judges 5:31, Ps. 60:14, Zech. 4:6.

3. Unison Readings -

Psalm 3

Psalm 35:1-8

4. Special Readings -

Deut. 9:1-5

Isaiah 37:21-33

Ezekiel 35

Nahum 1:1-7

5. Concluding Prayer -

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O Lord of Hosts strengthen the hearts of our sons and daughters who are this day confronting the ruthless and brutal foe. Give them high courage and vision of their noble cause, uphold them with Thy might and sustain them with Thy spirit and guide them victoriously from strife and unto peace, freedom and justice for all mankind.

Amen.

*Conclude with America*



## A CALL TO PRAYER ON D-DAY

Issued by the Synagogue Council of America

The forces of freedom are marshalled against the forces of oppression. The day of reckoning is nigh at hand. Humanity is facing the severest test in history. With God's aid the outcome is certain. With utmost faith in the justice of our cause and with confidence in the triumph of liberty over tyranny, we join our brothers in the armed forces of the United Nations in rededicating ourselves to the ideals for which we are fighting.

In manifestation of our spiritual unity with our armed forces, the Synagogue Council of America, representing all religious branches of American Jewry, calls upon Jewish religious leaders in the country to convoke their communities for a special Service of prayer and rededication at 8:00 P.M., following the announcement of the launching of the invasion of enemy-held Europe by the armed forces of the United Nations. Synagogues should remain open for prayer all day on D-Day. We do not know what day or hour the invasion will come, but the least we can do is to establish our spiritual kinship with our sons and brothers who will be plunging into the crucial battle of the war for human freedom.

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The above call should be read from pulpits at weekly Sabbath services until D-Day and published in Congregational bulletins.

A suggested service of prayer and devotions is herein enclosed for use or adaptation at these convocations.



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Today as our sons and the sons of our allies have entered upon the first act in the drama of liberation our prayers go with them. Anxiety mingled with pride fills our hearts. We know the cost may be heavy but we shrink not, for the future of our children's children is at stake.

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Psalm 18 (I READ)

Page 119 -- Prayer Book (I READ)

Page 110 -- Prayer Book (I READ)

### Concluding Prayer

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ALL SING AMERICA



THE TEMPLE  
Ansel Road and E. 105th St.

A Special Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving ~~Celebrating~~

*Celebrating*  
V-E DAY

Today, Tuesday, May 8th - 5:00 P.M.

Members of The Temple their families and friends  
are invited.

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V-E DAY  
ORDER OF SERVICE

- 1) Opening Prayer
- 2) Hymn 47 . . . . . Congregation
- 3) Selections from Scriptures: Is. 14.3-15; Ps. 144.1-11
- 4) "The Lord Is My Light" . . . . . Choir
- 5) Responsive Reading -- Union Prayer Book - p. 242-47
- 6) Violin Selection . . . . . Dr. Gross
- 7) Prayer by the Congregation - (open Ark)
- 8) Rabbi's Remarks
- 9) Hallelujah . . . . . Choir
- 10) National Anthem
- 11) Benediction - "Giver of Peace"

