

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם

Root – ש – ל – ע

Meaning – Peace or Completeness

Words in the prayer with the same root עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם is found in a number of different places in the Reform prayer service

including at the end of the Amidah and at the end of the Mourner's Kaddish. The prayer speaks of peace and the desire for peace for ourselves, for Israel, and for all of humankind.

Jewish tradition shares story that the inspiration for the prayer came from a group of rabbis looking at the night sky and being amazed that all of the stars, planets, and other bodies in the universe could co-exist so peacefully. They prayed that what they observed in the night sky would come true for all people on Earth.

Vocabulary and Translation

Do, make – עֲשֵׂה

Peace – שְׁלוֹם

He, him – הוּא

On us – עָלֵינוּ

Past Roots

ב – ר – כ – bless –

ר - ה - ב - Choose -

ל - א - Roots of the names of God -

ב-ו-ט - Good

May the One who makes peace in the high heavens make peace for us and to all Israel. And we say: Amen.