

תְּפִלָּה שְׁחָרִית לְיוֹם כְּפוּר

YOM KIPPUR

MORNING SERVICE

for the

DAY OF ATONEMENT

Opening Anthem

מה טֹבו אֹהֲלֶיךָ יַעֲקֹב, מִשְׁכְּנֹתֶיךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאֲנִי בְּרַב חֶסֶדְךָ אָבוֹא
בֵּיתְךָ, אֲשֶׁתַּחֲוֶה אֶל הַיְכָל קִדְשֶׁךָ בְּיִרְאַתְךָ. יְיָ אֲהַבְתִּי מְעוֹן
בֵּיתְךָ, וּמְקוֹם מִשְׁכַּן כְּבוֹדְךָ. וְאֲנִי אֲשֶׁתַּחֲוֶה וְאֶכְרַע, אֲבָרְכָה
לִפְנֵי יְיָ עֲשֵׂי. וְאֲנִי תַפְלְתִי לְךָ יְיָ, עֵת רְצוֹן, אֱלֹהִים בְּרַב חֶסֶדְךָ,
עֲנֵנִי בְּאַמַּת יִשְׁעֶךָ.

How beautiful are your tents, Jacob, Rachel, and Leah, your dwelling places, Israel. In Your great love, let me enter Your house, to pray - awestruck- in Your holy place. Your kindness has led me to Your house; here I will honor You. I pray to You, God, that this may be a good time for our meeting. Out of Your great love, let me perceive Your truth, and find Your help.

Mah-to-vu

*Mah to-vu, Mah to-vu
O-hah-leh-chah Yah-ah-kov,
mish-k'no-teh-chah Yis-ra-el.*

O how good, O how good,
O how good are your homes,
My people, Your holy dwellings, *Yis-ra-el*.

Reader

This is the day of encounter. On this day, we are called to the sanctuary by a summons as exalting and enduring as the ever-lasting hills. Prepare to meet your God.

This is the day of awe. What are we, as we stand in Your presence, O God? A leaf in the storm; a fleeting moment in the flow of time; a whisper lost among the stars.

This is the day of decision. Today we invoke the best within us as we shape our destinies. May we mend our ways and right the heart's old wrongs. On this Sabbath of the soul, may we be inscribed for blessing in the Book of Life.

This is *Yom Kippur*, the day of our atonement. We seek to return to our faith and our tradition, to the noblest of our ideals and the deepest impulses of our humanity. Before God and one another, we confess our sins knowing that the gates of repentance are always open. We yearn to be at one with the spirit within ourselves, blessed by God's embracing love.

Responsive Reading

We are tenants in the house of life; our days on earth are fleeting.

Time, like a river, rolls on, flowing year after year into the sea of eternity.

Passing time leaves bitter memories of hours misspent.

Now these memories come back to confront us, and we tremble to think of them.

But Your purpose gives meaning to our fleeting days. Your teaching guides us, and Your love sustains us.

To You we pray for the knowledge and strength to live more responsibly.

Deliver us from bondage to the past. Release us from the grip of old habits. Make us free to begin anew.

Let this be for us the beginning of a new season of life and well-being.

Though our lives be short, let them be full. Hold our mortal days in Your hands as eternal moments.

Judge us less harshly than we judge ourselves. Judge us with mercy, O Fountain of life, in whose light we see light.

Reader

God and Creator. On this great and holy day, our people have gathered since time immemorial to rededicate themselves to You. We have come into Your presence with a sense of our vulnerability. We have yielded to temptations and have gone astray, heedless of Your will. God, Your love is boundless. Purify our hearts and direct our thoughts to You. Kindle within us a steadfast faith which shall dispel the darkness of doubt and confusion.

Responsive Reading

*Not for ourselves alone do we pray,
Not for ourselves alone,
But for all people.*

Knowing our failings,
Let us be patient with those of others.
Knowing our will to goodness,
May we see in others a dignity that is human,
A beauty inviolate forever.
Every soul is precious,
And every life is a gift to us.
Yet one stands poised to strike the next;
Armies uproot vines and fig trees,
As war and war's alarms make all afraid.

*Not for ourselves alone, therefore,
Not for ourselves alone,
But for all people
Do we seek reconciliation and peace.*

Reader

Grant that this day may bring renewal of the spirit to us and to our people. May our worship direct the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, and all of our hearts to one another. Renew within us the spirit of hope and the love of life. Grant us the blessing of atonement and reconciliation. *Amen.*

Congregation rises

Reader

בְּרַחוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ.

Bar-chu et Adonai hah-m'vo-rach.

Praise the Eternal God to whom all praise is due.

Congregation

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Ba-ruch Adonai hah-m'vo-rach lo-lam vah-ed.

Let us praise the Eternal God
to whom all praise is due now and forever.

Congregation is seated

Reader and Congregation

You create light and darkness,
The possibility of peace within a warring world.
All forms and creatures
Acknowledge their only common bond
In You.

You open daily the gates of the east,
Cleave the windows of the sky,
Bring forth the sun from its place,
The moon from its abode.

The sky, the sun, the moon are far from us.
 Yet their Creator created us.
 And so their world is ours.
 Their light is ours,
 Though we must often gather up their light
 From the dark places where it has fallen.

Bring forth their light,
 That ours may shine anew.
 You who have created the light
 Are praised.

ברוך אתה יי, אלהינו מלך העולם, יוצר אור, ובורא הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ,
 עֲשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם וּבּוֹרֵא אֶת הַכּוֹל: הַמַּאִיר לָאָרֶץ וְלַדָּרִים עָלֶיהָ
 בְּרַחֲמִים. וּבְטוֹבוֹ מְחַדֵּשׁ בְּכָל יוֹם תְּמִיד מַעֲשֵׂה בְּרֵאשִׁית:
 מִה רַבּוֹ מַעֲשָׂיֶךָ יי. כָּלֵם בְּחֻכְמָה עֲשִׂיתָ, מְלֵאָה הָאָרֶץ קִנְיָנֶךָ:

תְּתַבְּרֶךָ יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ עַל שְׁבַח מַעֲשֵׂה יְדִיךָ. וְעַל מַאֲוֵרֵי אֹר
 שְׁעֲשִׂיתָ יִפְאַרְוֶךָ סֵלָה. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי יוֹצֵר הַמַּאֲוֵרוֹת:

*Bah-ruch ah-tah, Adonai, Eh-lo-hay-nu, meh-lech hah-o-lam,
 yo-tzayr or u-vo-ray cho-shech o-seh sha-lom u-vo-ray et hah-kol.
 Hah-may-er lah-ah-retz v'lah-dah-reem ah-leh-hah b'rah-chah-
 meem, uv'tu-vo m'chah-daysh b'chol yom tah-meed mah-ah-say
 v'ray-sheet. Mah rah-bu mah-ah-say-chah, Adonai, ku-lam b'choch-
 mah ah-see-tah mal-ah hah-ah-retz kin-nah-yah-nay-chah.*

*Tit-bah-rach, Adonai Eh-o-hay-nu, al sheh-vach mah-ah-say
 yah-deh-chah v'al m'o-ray or sheh-ah-see-tah, y'fah-ru-chah
 seh-lah. Bah-ruch ah-tah, Adonai, yo-tzer ham-o-rot.*

We praise You, our God, Sovereign of the universe, Maker of
 light and Creator of darkness, Author of peace and Creator of
 all things. In Your mercy, You give light to the earth and all who
 live on it, and in Your goodness You renew creation continually,
 day by day. How diverse are Your works, O God. With wisdom
 You have made them all. The world is full of Your creations.

Your handiwork proclaims Your praise. The radiant stars bear witness to Your glory.

We praise You, O God, Creator of light.

אֶהְבֶּה רַבָּה אֶהְבַּתְנוּ, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֲמֻלָּה גְדוֹלָה וַיִּתְרָה
 חֲמֻלַת עֲלֵינוּ. אָבִינוּ מִלְכָּנוּ, בְּעִבּוּר אַבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵנוּ
 שְׁבֻטָּחוּ בָּךְ, וְתִלְמָדִים חֲקֵי חַיִּים, כֵּן תַּחֲנֶנּוּ וְתִלְמְדֶנּוּ. אָבִינוּ,
 הָאֵב הַרְחֻמוֹ, הַמְּרַחֵם, רַחֵם עֲלֵינוּ, וְתֵן בְּלַבְנוּ לְהַבִּין
 וְלְהַשְׁכִּיל, לְשִׁמּוֹעַ, לְלַמֵּד וּלְלַמֵּד, לְשִׁמּוֹר וְלַעֲשׂוֹת וּלְקַיֵּם אֶת
 כָּל דְּבָרֵי תִלְמוּד תּוֹרַתְךָ בְּאֶהְבָּה. וְהָאֵר עֵינֵינוּ בְּתוֹרַתְךָ,
 וְדַבֵּק לַבְּנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ, וַיַּחַד לְבַבְנוּ לְאֶהְבָּה וּלְיִרְאָה אֶת
 שְׁמֶךָ, וְלֹא יָבוֹשׁ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד: כִּי בְשֵׁם קֹדֶשְׁךָ הַגְּדוֹל וְהַנּוֹרָא
 בְּטַחְנוּ, נִגְיָלָה וְנִשְׁמָחָה בִּישׁוּעָתְךָ. וְהִבִּיאֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם מֵאֲרֻבַּע
 כַּנְפוֹת הָאָרֶץ, וְתוֹלְכֵנוּ קוֹמָמִיּוֹת לְאֲרֻצְנוּ, כִּי אֵל פּוֹעֵל
 יִשׁוּעוֹת אַתָּה, וּבָנוּ בְּחֵרֶת מִכָּל עַם וְלָשׁוֹן. וְקִרְבַּתְנוּ לְשִׁמְךָ
 הַגְּדוֹל סֵלָה בְּאַמֶּת לְהוֹדוֹת לָךְ וּלְיַחַדְךָ בְּאֶהְבָּה.
 בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, הַבּוֹחֵר בְּעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּאֶהְבָּה.

*Ah-hah-vah rah-bah ah-hav-tah-nu, Adonai, Eh-lo-hay-nu,
 chem-lah g'do-lah vee-tay-rah chah-mal-tah ah-lay-nu Ah-vee-nu
 mal-kay-nu. Bah-ah-vur ah-vo-tay-nu v'i-mo-tay-nu sheh-bat-
 chu v'chah vat-l'am-daym chu-kay chah-yeem, kayn t'cho-nay-nu
 ut-l'am-day-nu. Ah-vi-nu hah-av hah-rah-chah-man ham'rah-
 chaym, rah-chaym ah-lay-nu, v'tayn b'li-bay-nu l'hah-veen
 ul'has-kil, lee-sho'ah li-l'mod ul'ah-mayd, lee-sh'mor v'lah-ah-sot
 ul'kah-yaym et kol div'ray tal-mud To-rah-teh-chah b'ah-hah-vah.*

*Bah-ruch ah-tah Adonai, hah-bo-chayr b'ah-mo Yisrael
 b'ah-hah-vah.*

Great is Your love for us, O God, and abundant Your compassion. Our ancestors trusted in You, and You taught them the laws of life; so, be gracious to us, and teach us. Incline our hearts to hear Your words, to know and understand, to learn

and teach, and with love to uphold the truths of Your Torah. Enlighten us with Your teaching, make us faithful to Your commandments and whole-hearted in the love and awe of Your name. For in love You summon us to serve You and proclaim Your unity.

We praise You, O God. In love You have called Your people Israel to serve You.

Congregation rises

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְיָ אֶחָד.

Shema Yisrael Adonai Eh-lo-hay-nu Adonai eh-chad.

Hear, O Israel; the Eternal is our God, the Eternal God is One.

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Ba-ruch Shem k'vod mal-chu-to lo-lam vah-ed.

Let us praise God who rules in glory forever and ever.

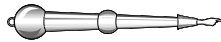
Congregation is seated

וְאֵהָבֵת אֵת יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיהָ, בְּכֹל-לִבָּבָהּ, וּבְכֹל-נַפְשָׁהּ, וּבְכֹל-מְאֹדָהּ.
וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה, אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מְצִוֶּה הַיּוֹם, עַל-לִבָּבָהּ.
וְשָׁנַנְתֶּם לְבַנְיָהּ, וְדַבַּרְתֶּם בָּם בְּשִׁבְתֶּךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ, וּבְלִכְתֶּךָ בְּדַרְךָ
וּבְשֹׁכְבְךָ, וּבְקוּמְךָ. וּקְשַׁרְתֶּם לְאוֹת עַל-יָדְךָ, וְהָיוּ לְטֹטְפֹת
בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ, וּכְתַבְתֶּם עַל מְזוֹזֹת בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ:

*V'ah-hav-tah et Adonai Eh-lo-heh-chah b'chol l'vah-veh-chah
u-v'chol naf-sh'chah u-v'chol mo-deh-chah. V'hah-yu hah-d'vah-
reem hah-ay-leh ah-shayr ah-no-chee m'tzah-v'chah hah-yom
al l'vah-veh-chah. V'shee-nan-tam l'vah-neh-chah, v'dee-bar-tah
bam. B'shiv-t'chah b'vay-teh-chah, uv'lech-t'chah vah-deh-rech
uv'shoch-b'chah uv-ku-meh-chah. Uk-shar-tam lot al yah-deh-
chah, v'hah-yu l'to-tah-fot bayn ay-neh-chah, uch-tav-tam al
m'zu-zot bay-teh-chah u'veesh-ah-reh-chah. L'mah-an tiz-k'ru
vah-ah-see-tem et kol mitz-vo-tai, veh-yee-tem k'do-sheem leh-lo-
hay-chem. Ah-nee Adonai Eh-lo-hay-chem.*

(Sung)

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, and with all your might.
And these words which I command you on this day
Shall be upon your heart, shall be upon your heart.
And you shall teach them diligently unto your children,
And you shall speak of them when you sit in your house,
When you walk by the way, and when you lie down,
And when you rise up, and when you rise up.
And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand,
And they shall be a symbol before your eyes.
You shall write them on the doorposts of your house
And upon your gates, and upon your gates,
That you may remember, and do all my commandments,
And be holy unto your God.



Responsive reading

We affirm the Source of life that unites all the universe into one great harmony. That oneness, however, is not yet a reality. We see imperfection, disorder, and evil all around us. But before our eyes is a vision of perfection, order, and goodness. These too, we have known in some measure. There is evil enough to break the heart, good enough to exalt the soul. Our people have experienced untold suffering and wondrous redemptions. We await a redemption more lasting, and more splendid, than any in the past.

When will redemption come?

When we master the violence that fills our world.

When we look upon others as we would have them look upon us.

When we grant for every person the rights we claim for ourselves.

Once we were in bondage, then we were free. In this first liberation, our people saw the power of the Most High revealed. They perceived that a presence redeems time and event from the hands of tyrants. We, too, acclaim the power that makes for freedom. We sing the song that celebrates our deliverance from Egypt and all bondage:

מִי כְּמִכָּה בְּאֵלִים יְיָ, מִי כְּמִכָּה נְאֻדָּר בְּקִדְשׁ, נוֹרָא תְהִילָת,
עֲשֵׂה פִלְאָ?

Mee chah-mo-chah bah-ay-leem Adonai? Mee kah-mo-chah neh-dar bah-ko-desh, no-rah t'hee-lot, o-say feh-leh?

Who is like You, Eternal One? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, awe-inspiring, working wonders?

שִׁירָה חֲדָשָׁה שִׁבְחוּ גְאוּלַיִם לְשִׁמְךָ עַל שְׁפַת הַיָּם,
יְחַד בְּלָם הוֹדוּ וְהִמְלִיכוּ וְאָמְרוּ:

*Shee-rah chah-dah-shah shib-chu g'u-leem l'shim-chah al s'fat
hah-yam. Yah-chad ku-lam ho-du v'him-lee-chu vah-m'ru:*

Our liberated people sang a new song unto Your name. They
proclaimed Your glory and said:

יְיָ יִמְלֹךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

Adonai yim-loch lo-lam vah-ed.

The Eternal God shall reign forever and ever

צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל, קוֹמָה בְּעֶזְרַת יִשְׂרָאֵל, גְּאֻלָּנוּ יְיָ צְבָאוֹת שָׁמוּ,
קְדוֹשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ גֹאֵל יִשְׂרָאֵל:

*Tzur Yis-ra-el, ku-mah b'ez-rat Yis-ra-el. Go-ah-lay-nu Adonai
tz'vah-ot sh'mo, k'dosh Yis-ra-el. Ba-ruch ah-tah Adonai, gah-al
Yis-ra-el.*

Rock of Israel, help those who are oppressed and deliver those
who are persecuted. We praise our creator, the Holy One of Israel.

Congregation rises

יְיָ שְׁפַתִי תִפְתַּח וּפִי יִגִּיד תְּהִלָּתֶיךָ

Adonai s'fah-tah'ee tif'tach u-fee yah-geed t'hi-lah-teh-chah

Eternal God, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your glory.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאֲמוֹתֵינוּ, אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם אֱלֹהֵי
יִצְחָק וְאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב, אֱלֹהֵי שָׂרָה אֱלֹהֵי רַבְקָה אֱלֹהֵי רַחֵל וְאֱלֹהֵי לֵאָה,
הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא אֵל עֲלִיּוֹן, גּוֹמֵל חֲסָדִים טוֹבִים, וְקִנְיָה
הַכֹּל, וְזוֹכֵר חֲסִדֵי אֲבוֹת וְאֲמָהוֹת וּמְבִיא גּוֹאֵל לְבָנֵי בְנֵיהֶם לְמַעַן
שָׁמוּ בְּאֵהָבָה מְלֶךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמְגַן. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ מְגַן אַבְרָהָם
וְעֶזְרַת שָׂרָה.

*Ba-ruch Atah Adonai Eh-lo-hay-nu vay-lo-hay ah-vo-tay-nu
v'i-mo-tay-nu, Eh-lo-hay Av-ra-ham, eh-lo-hay Yitz-chak, v'eh-lo-
hay Ya-ah-kov. Eh-lo-hay Sah-rah, eh-lo-hay Riv'kah, eh-lo-hay
Rah-chayl, v'eh-lo-hay Lay-ah. Hah-ayl hah-gah-dol hah-gee-bor
v'hah-no-rah, Eyl el-yon. Go-mayl chah-sah-deem toh-veem,
v'ko-nay hah-kol, v'zo-chayr chas-day ah-vot v'i-mah-hote.
U-may-vee g'u-lah liv-nay v'nay-hem l'mah-an sh'mo
b'ah-hah-vah.*

You revealed Yourself to Abraham,
Raised up Isaac,
You appeared to Jacob as he wrestled in his soul.
You enabled Sarah to create new life,
Entrusted Rebecca with our destiny,
And created an eternal people
From the children of Leah and Rachel.

As they came to know You as their God,
May we seek to know You in our own lives.
You are transcendent,
Yet engaged with us here on earth,
Teaching us, through Your Torah,
How to live created in Your image.

With all our faults, with all our virtues,
We are the children of those who came before us,
Whom You have loved, and who lived in Your Name.
Source of life and love, justice and peace,
Inscribe us now in the Book of Life.
We praise You, God of Abraham and Sarah.

Responsive reading

God of ages past and future, God of this day: As You were with our mothers and fathers, be with us as well.

As You strengthened them, strengthen us.

As You were their guide, be ours as well.

Grant that we too may be bearers of Your teaching, teachers of Your truth.

Then our tradition shall endure and our people Israel will live, from mother and father to daughter and son, and all who follow them.

One generation comes. One generation passes.

Each of us is a link in the endless chain of our heritage.

Students of the Torah become teachers. Our people and our ideals endure. Our people and our values live on.

זְכַרְנוּ לְחַיִּים מִלֶּךְ חַפֵּץ בְּחַיִּים וְכַתְּבֵנוּ בְּסֵפֶר הַחַיִּים לְמַעַן
אֱלֹהִים חַיִּים מִלֶּךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמְגַן: בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה מְגַן
אַבְרָהָם וְעִזְרַת שָׂרָה.

*Zoch-ray-nu l'chah-yeem, meh-lech chah-fetz bah-chah-yeem,
v'chot-vay-nu b'say-fer hah-chah-yeem, l'mah-an-chah Eh-lo-heem
chah-yeem. Meh-lech o-zayr u-mo-shee-ah u-mah-gayn. Bah-ruch
atah Adonai, mah-gayn Av-rah-ham, v'ez-raht Sah-rah.*

Our God and God of our ancestors, be mindful of us and all Your people, the House of Israel. Grant us well-being and blessing, life and peace, on this Day of Atonement.

Remember us this day for well-being. *Amen.*

Bless us this day with Your presence. *Amen.*

Grant us this day continued life. *Amen.*

The Sanctification | Kedushah

Congregation rises

Reader

We sanctify Your name on earth, as the heavens declare Your glory, and in the words of the prophet we say together:

קְדוֹשׁ קְדוֹשׁ קְדוֹשׁ יְיָ צְבָאוֹת, מְלֵא כֹל הָאָרֶץ כְּבוֹדוֹ.

*Kah-dosh, kah-dosh, kah-dosh Adonai tz'vah-ot,
m'lo kol hah-ah-retz k'vo-do.*

Holy, holy, holy is the God of all creation.
The whole universe is full of God's glory.

אֲדִיר אֲדִירָנוּ, יְהוָה אֲדִירָנוּ, מָה אֲדִיר שְׁמֶךָ בְּכֹל הָאָרֶץ.

*Ah-deer, ah-deer-ay-nu, Adonai Ah-do-nay-nu. Mah ah-deer
shim-chah b'chol hah-ah-retz.*

God our strength, God our creator, how majestic is Your presence in all the earth.

Congregation

בְּרוּךְ כְּבוֹד יְיָ מִמְּקוֹמוֹ.

Ba-ruch k'vod Adonai mim-ko-mo.

Praised be the glory of God in all the world.

Reader

אֶחָד הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ. הוּא אֲבִינוּ, הוּא מְלֻכְנוּ, הוּא מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.
וְהוּא יִשְׁמִיעֵנוּ בְּרַחֲמָיו לְעֵינֵי כָל חַי.

*Eh-chad hu Eh-lo-hay-nu. Hu ah-vee-nu, hu mal-kay-nu,
hu mo-shee-ay-nu. V'hu yash-mee-ay-nu, b'rah-chah-mav
lay-nay kol chai.*

Our God is One. God is our creator. God is our helper who, in mercy, will answer our prayers in the sight of all the living.

Congregation

יְמִלֵּךְ יי לְעוֹלָם, אֱלֹהֵינוּ צִיּוֹן לְדוֹר וָדוֹר, הַלְלוּהָ.

*Yim-loch Adonai lo-lam, Eh-lo-hah-yeech tzee-on, l'dor vah-dor.
Hal-leh-lu-yah.*

The Eternal One, our God, shall be with us forever, from generation to generation. *Hallelujah.*

Congregation is seated



***U'netaneh Tokef* | וְנִתְּנָה תִּקְוָה**

Let us Proclaim the Sacred Power of this Day

Reader

This season urges us to change our ways. But how can we? Is not our future already determined by our past – by the goals we have pursued, the habits we have formed, the relationships we have established, the countless choices, great and small, that we have made over the years?

And yet, our destiny is not unalterable. For God has made us free. However strong the shackles of our past may be, we can break their hold. We can change course and escape from the sequence of events which we, ourselves, have set in motion.

But to do so requires a supreme effort, the effort of *teshuvah*, of earnest resolve to lead a better life. To urge us, and to help us to make such an effort, is the purpose of this season. If we seize the opportunity it offers, we can liberate ourselves from our past and so avert the destiny to which it would otherwise lead.

May the medieval poem that we now recite stir us, as it stirred our ancestors, to recognize that we are subject to God's judgment, and that the nature of God's judgment depends on the quality of our lives.

וַיִּתְנַהֵּן הַתְּקֵף קִדְשֵׁת הַיּוֹם, כִּי הוּא נוֹרָא וְאִיּוֹם: וּבּוֹ תִּנְשֵׂא
 מַלְכוּתְךָ, וַיִּכּוֹן בְּחֶסֶד כְּסֵאֲךָ, וַתֵּשֶׁב עָלָיו בְּאַמֶּת. אַמֶּת כִּי
 אַתָּה הוּא דִין וּמוֹכֵיחַ, וַיּוֹדַע וְעַד, וְכוֹתֵב וְחוֹתֵם, וְסוֹפֵר וּמוֹנֵה,
 וַתִּזְכּוֹר כָּל הַנְּשֻׁכָּחוֹת: וַתִּפְתַּח אֶת סֵפֶר הַזְּכוֹרוֹת, וַיִּמְאֲלוּ
 יִקְרָא, וְחוֹתֵם יָד כָּל אָדָם בּוֹ.

Congregation

Let us proclaim the sacred power of this day. For on this day
 Your dominion is exalted, Your throne proclaimed in steadfast
 love. There in truth You reign. You are Judge and Arbiter,
 Counsel and Witness. You write and You seal. You record and
 You recount. You remember deeds long forgotten. You open the
 book of our days, and what is written there proclaims itself, for
 it bears the signature of every human being.

וַתֵּשֶׁבָה וַתִּפְלֶה וַצְדָקָה מֵעֲבִירִין אֶת רַע הַגְּזֵרָה.

*U-t'shu-vah, u-t'fi-lah, u-tz'dah'kah mah-ah-vee-reen et ro-ah
 hag'zay-rah.*

But through return to the right path, through prayer and
 righteous giving, we can transcend the harshness of the decree.

Responsive reading

Let us proclaim the sacred power of this day.

On *Rosh Hashanah* we reflect,
 On *Yom Kippur* we consider:
 Who will live for the sake of others.
 Who, dying, will leave a heritage of life.

*Who will burn with the fires of greed.
Who will drown in the waters of despair.*

Whose hunger will be for the good.
Who will thirst for justice and right.

*Whose tongue will be a thrusting sword.
Whose words will make for peace.*

Who will be plagued by fear of the world.
Who will strangle for lack of friends.

*Who will rest at the end of day.
Who will lie sleepless on a bed of pain.*

Who will go forth in the quest for truth.
Who will be locked in the prison of self.

*Who will be serene in every storm.
Who will be troubled by the passing breeze.*

Who will be poor in the midst of possessions.
Who will be rich, content with their lot.

Repentance, prayer, and charity:
These return us to our God,
And help us shape our destinies.

*Forgiven for the past, renewed for tomorrow,
May we go forth with rejoicing,
To a year of great goodness, happiness, and peace.*

וּתְשׁוּבָה וּתְפִלָּה וּצְדָקָה מֵעֲבִירִין אֶת רַע הַגְּזֵרָה.

*U-t'shu-vah, u-t'fi-lah, u-tz'dah'kah mah-ah-vee-reen et ro-ah
hag'zay-rah.*

But through return to the right path, through prayer and
righteous giving, we can transcend the harshness of the decree.

Responsive Reading

May this season of repentance make us more sensitive to the needs of all others and more responsive to their spoken and unspoken pleas for sympathy and help:

All who struggle vainly for attention,

And those who shrink with fear at another's touch;

All whose outward appearance may hide a soul of beauty,

And those whose awkwardness blinds us to an inner grace;

All whose faces we forget from one encounter to the next,

And those who never seem to find a resting-place in the family of the secure;

All those whose ambition exceeds their skill,

And those whose early promise has dimmed to small achievement;

All whose minds are clouded or weak,

And those who bear the burden of broken bodies,

All those who wait in pain only for death,

And those who wait for news which never comes;

All who are alone, unloved, with none to love,

And all whose loved ones are gone, and those whose family ties are broken;

All those deprived of their rights by the callousness of others,

And all who have been driven from their homes by wars they never made.

Vidui – Confession

Congregation rises

אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ תְּבוֹא לְפָנֶיךָ
 תִּפְלֵתֵנוּ, וְאֵל תִּתְעַלֵּם מִתְּחַנְּתֵנוּ. אֲנַחְנוּ עַיִי כְּנִים
 וְקִשִּׁי עֶרְף לֹמֵר לְפָנֶיךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ
 וְאִמּוֹתֵנוּ צְדִיקִים אֲנַחְנוּ וְלֹא חָטָאנוּ.
 אָבֵל אֲנַחְנוּ. חָטָאנוּ.

*Eh-ho-hay-nu v'Eh-ho-hay ah-vo-tay-nu v'i-mo-tay-nu, tah-vo
 l'fah-neh-chah t'fi-lah-tay-nu, v'al tit'ah-lam mit'chi-nah-tay-nu.
 Ah-nach-nu ah-zay fah-neem uk-shay o-ref lo-mar l'fah-neh-
 chah, Adonai Eh-loh-ay-nu v'Eh-lo-hay ah-vo-tay-nu v'i-mo-
 tay-nu "Tzah-dee-keem ah-nach-nu v'lo chah-tah-nu." Ah-val
 ah-nach-nu chah-tah-nu.*

Our God and God of all generations may our prayers reach
 Your presence. And when we turn to You, do not be indifferent.
 Adonai, we are arrogant and stubborn, claiming to be blameless
 and free of sin. In truth, we have stumbled and strayed. We have
 done wrong.

אֲשַׁמְנוּ בְּגִדְנוּ. גְּזַלְנוּ. דִּבְרָנוּ דְּפִי: הָעֵינֵינוּ. וְהִרְשַׁעְנוּ.
 וְדָנוּ. חָמְסָנוּ. טָפְלָנוּ שִׁקָּר: יַעֲצָנוּ רָע. כּוֹזְבֵנוּ. לָצָנוּ.
 מְרַדְנוּ. נֹאצָנוּ. סָרְרָנוּ. עֵינֵנוּ. פִּשְׁעָנוּ. צָרְרָנוּ. קִשִּׁינוּ
 עֶרְף: רִשְׁעָנוּ. שִׁחַתְנוּ. תַּעֲבָנוּ. תַּעֲתָעָנוּ.

*Ah-sham-ru, bah-gad-nu, gah-zal-nu, di-bar-nu do-fee. Heh-
 ev-nu, v'hir-shah-nu, zad-nu, chah-mas-nu, tah-fal-nu sheh-ker.
 Yah-atz-nu rah ki-zav-nu, latz-nu, mah-rad-nu, ni-atz-nu, sah-
 rar-nu, ah-vee-nu, pah-shah-nu, tzah-rar-nu, ki-shee-nu o-ref.
 Rah-shah-nu, shi-chat-nu, ti-av-nu, tah-ee-nu, ti-tah-nu.*

Of these wrongs we are guilty:
We betray. We steal. We scorn. We act perversely.
We are cruel. We scheme. We are violent. We slander.
We devise evil. We lie. We ridicule. We disobey.
We abuse. We defy. We corrupt. We commit crimes.
We are hostile. We are stubborn. We are immoral. We kill.
We spoil. We go astray. We lead others astray.

We Confess Our Failures as Individuals and as a Community

Failures of Truth

We sin against You when we sin against ourselves.

For our failures of truth, O God, we ask forgiveness.

For passing judgment without knowledge of the facts,
and for distorting the facts to fit our theories.

For deceiving ourselves and others with half-truths,
and for pretending to emotions we do not feel.

For using the sins of others to excuse our own,
and for denying responsibility for our own misfortunes.

For condemning in our children the faults we tolerate in
ourselves,
*and for condemning in our parents the faults we tolerate in
ourselves.*

Teach us to forgive ourselves for all these sins, O forgiving God,
and help us to overcome them.

*For all these sins, O God of mercy, forgive us, pardon us,
grant us atonement.*

וְעַל כָּלֵם, אֵלֹהֵי סְלִיחוֹת, סְלַח-לָנוּ, מְחַל-לָנוּ, כִּפֹּר-לָנוּ.

*V'al ku-lam, Eh-lo-hah seh-lee-chot, s'lach lah-nu, m'chal lah-nu,
kah-payr lah-nu.*

Failures of Justice

We sin against You when we sin against ourselves.

For our failures of justice, O God, we ask forgiveness.

For keeping the poor in the chains of poverty,

and turning a deaf ear to the cry of the oppressed.

For using violence to maintain our power,

and for using violence to bring about change.

For waging aggressive war,

and for the sin of appeasing aggressors.

For obeying criminal orders,

and for the sin of silence and indifference.

For poisoning the air, and polluting the land and sea,

and for all the evil means we employ to accomplish good ends.

Teach us to forgive ourselves for all these sins, O forgiving God,
and help us to overcome them.

*For all these sins, O God of mercy, forgive us, pardon us,
grant us atonement.*

וְעַל כָּלֵם, אֱלֹהֵי סְלִיחוֹת, סְלַח-לָנוּ, מַחֲל-לָנוּ, כִּפֹּר-לָנוּ.

*V'al ku-lam, Eh-lo-hah seh-lee-chot, s'lach lah-nu, m'chal lah-nu,
kah-payr lah-nu.*

Failures of Love

We sin against You when we sin against ourselves.

For our failures of love, O God, we ask forgiveness.

For confusing love with lust,

and for pursuing fleeting pleasure at the cost of lasting hurt.

For using others as a means to gratify our own desires,

and as stepping-stones to further our ambitions.

For withholding love to control those we claim to love,
and shunting aside those whose youth or age disturbs us.

For hiding from others behind an armor of mistrust,
*and for the cynicism which leads us to mistrust the reality of
 unselfish love.*

Teach us to forgive ourselves for all these sins, O forgiving God,
 and help us to overcome them.

*For all these sins, O God of mercy, forgive us, pardon us,
 grant us atonement.*

וְעַל כָּלֵם, אֵלֹוֹהַּ סְלִיחוֹת, סְלַח-לָנוּ, מְחַל-לָנוּ, כִּפֹּר-לָנוּ.

*V'al ku-lam, Eh-lo-hah seh-lee-chot, s'lach lah-nu,
 m'chal lah-nu, kah-payr lah-nu.*

אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, סְלַח לָנוּ מְחַל לָנוּ, כִּפֹּר-לָנוּ.

Eh-lo-hay-nu vay-lo-hay ah-vo-tay-nu v'i-mo-tay-nu.

S'lach lah-nu, m'chah-lah-nu, kah-payr-lah-nu.

Our God and God of our ancestors, forgive us, pardon us,
 and grant us atonement:

For we are Your people,
 and You are our God.

כִּי אָנוּ עַמֶּךָ, וְאַתָּה אֱלֹהֵינוּ;

We are Your children,
 and You our parent.

אָנוּ בְנֵיךָ וְאַתָּה אָבִינוּ.

We are your followers,
 and You our leader.

אָנוּ עֲבָדֶיךָ, וְאַתָּה אֲדוֹנֵנוּ;

We are Your flock,
 and You our shepherd.

אָנוּ צֹאנֶךָ, וְאַתָּה רוֹעֵנוּ.

We are Your vineyard,
 and You our keeper.

אָנוּ כַרְמֶךָ, וְאַתָּה נוֹטְרָנוּ;

We are Your creatures,
 and You our creator.

אָנוּ פְּעֻלָּתְךָ, וְאַתָּה יוֹצְרָנוּ.

We are Your beloved,
and You our friend. אָנוּ סְגֻלָּתְךָ, וְאַתָּה קְרוֹבָנוּ.

We are Your people,
and You our sovereign. אָנוּ עַמְּךָ, וְאַתָּה מְלִכְנוּ.

Kee ah-nu ah-meh-chah v'ah-tah Eh-lo-hay-nu.

Ah-nu vah-neh-chah ah-vee-nu.

Ah-nu ah-vah-deh-chah v'ah-tah ah-do-nay-nu.

Ah-nu tzo-neh-chah v'ah-tah ro-ay-nu.

Ah-nu chah-meh-chah v'ah-tah not-ray-nu.

Ah-nu f'u-lay-teh-chah v'ah-tah yotz-ray-nu.

Ah-nu si-gu-lah-teh-chah, v'ah-tah k'ro-vah-nu.

Ah-nu rah-yah-teh-chah v'ah-tah do-day-nu.

Ah-nu ah-meh-chah v'ah-tah mal-kay-nu.

Prayer for Peace

שֵׁים שְׁלוֹם טוֹבָה וּבְרָכָה, חֵן וְחֶסֶד וְרַחֲמִים, עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל
יִשְׂרָאֵל עַמְּךָ. בְּרַכְנוּ, אֲבִינוּ וְאַמּוֹתֵנוּ, כְּלָנוּ כְּאֶחָד בְּאוֹר פְּנִיָּךְ,
כִּי בְּאוֹר פְּנִיָּךְ נִתְּתָ לָנוּ, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, תּוֹרַת חַיִּים וְאַהֲבַת חֶסֶד,
וְצַדִּיקָה וּבְרָכָה וְרַחֲמִים וְחַיִּים וְשְׁלוֹם, וְטוֹב בְּעֵינֶיךָ לְבָרֶךְ
אֶת עַמְּךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכֹל יֵת וּבְכֹל שְׁעָה בְּשְׁלוֹמְךָ.

בְּסֶפֶר חַיִּים, בְּרָכָה וְשְׁלוֹם, וּפְרֻנְסָה טוֹבָה, נִזְכֵּר וְנַחֲתֵן
לְפָנֶיךָ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ עֹשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם.

Reader

Grant us peace, Your most precious gift, O Eternal Source
of peace, and enable our people Israel to be its messenger
unto all the world. Bless our country that it may ever be a
stronghold of peace and its advocate in the council of nations.
May contentment reign within our borders, health and
happiness within our homes. Strengthen the bonds of friendship

and harmony among the inhabitants of all lands. Plant virtue in every soul, and may the love of Your name hallow every home and every heart.

Congregation

Inscribe us in the Book of Life, and grant unto us a year of health, prosperity, and contentment.

We praise You, O God, giver of peace.

Mi Shebayrach | Prayer for Healing

*Mi sheh-bay-rach ah-vo-tay-nu,
M'kor hah-b'rah-chah
l'i-mo-tay-nu,*

מִי שְׁבֵרַךְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ
מְקוֹר הַבְּרָכָה לְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ

May the Source of strength who blessed the ones before us
Help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing
And let us say: *Amen.*

*Mi sheh-bay-rach i-mo-tay-nu
M'kor hah-b'rah-chah
lah-vo-tay-nu*

מִי שְׁבֵרַךְ אִמּוֹתֵינוּ
מְקוֹר הַבְּרָכָה לְאִבּוֹתֵינוּ

Bless those in need of healing with *r'fu-ah sh'lay-mah*,
the renewal of body, the renewal of spirit,
And let us say: *Amen.*

Silent Meditation

God, we are not so arrogant as to pretend we are perfect. We have tried to do our best. In our highest and noblest moments, we have tried to change and to grow, and to summon the best within us. Today we remember, and ask You to be mindful of the times during the past year when we acted ethically, from a place of compassion and justice, faith and love.

On this day of atonement and introspection, we gratefully acknowledge:

The times we let new people into our lives.

The times we forgave.

The times we sought forgiveness.

The times we spoke honestly when compromising the truth would have made us look better.

The times we shared what we had with those who needed it.

The times we gave without having to be asked.

The times we did what was right instead of what was easy.

The times we refused to gossip.

The times we listened without judging.

The times we cared for God's creation.

The times we let others take credit.

The times we let go of our anger.

The times we did not give up.

The times we opened doors instead of closing them.

The times we did not separate ourselves from the community.

The times we did not hide from ourselves.

The times we spoke words of kindness.

The times we performed acts of justice.

The times we brought peace to our home.

The times we apologized – sincerely.
The times we lived for something larger than ourselves.
For all of these efforts at repentance and return,
Strengthen us, encourage us, and grant us renewed resolve.
Amen.

יְהִי לְרִצּוֹן אֱמֹרֵי פִי וְהִגִּיוֹן לִיבִי לְפָנֶיךָ, יְיָ, צוּרִי וְגֹאֲלִי.

*Yi'heh-yu l'rah-tzon im-ray fee v'heg-yon lee-bee l'fah-neh-chah,
Adonai tzu-ree v'go-ah-lee.*

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
be acceptable unto you, O God, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Avinu Malkaynu | Imaynu Shomrahtaynu

Congregation rises

Read responsively

אָבִינוּ מִלְפָּנֶיךָ, חָטְאנוּ לְפָנֶיךָ.

Avinu Malkaynu, we have sinned before you.

אֱמֵנוּ שׁוֹמְרֵינֵנוּ, כְּתִבֵנוּ בְּסֵפֶר חַיִּים טוֹבִים.

Imaynu Shomrahtaynu, inscribe us for blessing in the Book of Life.

אָבִינוּ מִלְפָּנֶיךָ, חַדֵּשׁ עָלֵינוּ שָׁנָה טוֹבָה.

Avinu Malkaynu, grant unto us a year of happiness.

אֱמֵנוּ שׁוֹמְרֵינֵנוּ, כְּתִבֵנוּ בְּסֵפֶר פְּרֻנְסָה וְכִלְפָּלָה.

*Imaynu Shomrahtaynu, bestow upon us an abundance of
Your blessings.*

אָבִינוּ מִלְכָּנוּ, הַמּוֹל עָלֵינוּ וְעַל עוֹלָלָנוּ וְטַפָּנוּ.

Avinu Malkaynu, have mercy upon us and upon our children.

אִמְנוּ שׁוֹמְרֵי תִינוּ, הָרֵם קֶרֶן יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמָּךְ.

Imaynu Shomrahtaynu, keep far from our world pestilence, war, and famine.

אָבִינוּ מִלְכָּנוּ, כִּלְיָה דְבָר וְחָרָב וְרָעָב מֵעָלֵינוּ.

Avinu Malkaynu, cause every oppressor and tyrant to vanish from our midst.

אִמְנוּ שׁוֹמְרֵי תִינוּ, הַחֲזִירֵנוּ בְּתַשׁוּבָה שְׁלֵמָה לְפָנֶיךָ.

Imaynu Shomrahtaynu, help us to return to You in perfect repentance.

אָבִינוּ מִלְכָּנוּ, סְלַח וּמַחֵל לְכָל עֲוֹנוֹתֵינוּ.

Avinu Malkaynu, forgive and pardon all of our iniquities.

אִמְנוּ שׁוֹמְרֵי תִינוּ, תְּהֵא הַשָּׁעָה הַזֹּאת שְׁעַת רַחֲמִים וְעֵת רְצוֹן מִלְפָּנֶיךָ.

Imaynu Shomrahtaynu, may this hour reveal to us Your mercy and Your favor.

אָבִינוּ מִלְכָּנוּ, חַנּוּן וְעֲנָנוּ, כִּי אֵין בָּנוּ מַעֲשִׂים,
עֲשֵׂה עִמָּנוּ צְדָקָה וְחֶסֶד וְהוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

Avinu Malkaynu, be gracious and answer us, for we have little merit. Treat us generously and with kindness, and be our help.

Avinu Malkaynu - Imaynu Shomrahtaynu

*Ah-vee-nu Mal-kay-nu, chah-nay-nu, vah-ah-nay-nu,
I-maynu Shom-rah-tay-nu, chah-nay-nu, vah-ah-nay-nu,
Kee ayn bah-nu mah-ah-seem.*

*Ah-say i-mah-nu, tz'dah-kah vah-cheh-sed,
Ah-say i-mah-nu, tz'dah-kah vah-cheh-sed,
V'ho-shee-ay-nu.*

*Ah-vee-nu Mal-kay-nu,
I-may-nu Shom-rah-tay-nu;
Embrace us and heal us, renew and redeem us,
For helpless and weak, here we stand.*

*Grant us Your loving care,
Bless us with strength and peace.
Help us to seek and offer forgiveness,
In mercy, O grant us Your love.*

*Ah-vee-nu Mal-kay-nu, chah-nay-nu, vah-ah-nay-nu,
I-may-nu Shom-rah-tay-nu, chah-nay-nu, vah-ah-nay-nu,
Kee ayn bah-nu mah-ah-seem.*

Congregation is seated

For the Reading of the Torah

Read responsively

The earth is God's and all its fullness, the world and all who dwell in it. For God has laid its foundations in the sea, and established it upon the currents. Who may ascend the mountain of the Eternal One? Who may stand in God's holy place?

Those with clean hands and pure hearts, who never speak with malice, who never swear deceitfully. They will receive blessings from the Eternal One, and justice from God, their helper.

שָׂאוּ שְׁעָרִים רְאֵשֵׁיכֶם, וּשְׂאוּ פִתְחֵי עוֹלָם וַיָּבֵא מֶלֶךְ הַכְּבוֹד!
מִי הוּא זֶה מֶלֶךְ הַכְּבוֹד? יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת הוּא מֶלֶךְ הַכְּבוֹד! סְלָה.

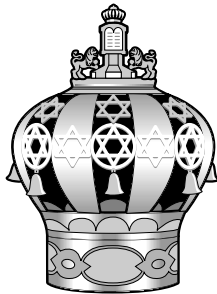
Lift up your heads, O you gates.
Lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors.
Let the God of glory enter.
Who is the Creator of life?
Who is the Source of peace?
It is the God of the universe
Who lives in Eternal glory.

Congregation rises

*Adonai, Adonai, El rah-chum
v'chah-nun; eh-rech ah-pah-yeem
v'rav cheh-sed veh-eh-met; no-
tzayr cheh-sed lah-ah-lah-feem;
no-say ah-von v'peh-shah
v'chah-tah-ah; v'nah-kay.*

יְהוָה, יְהוָה, אֵל רַחוּם וְחַנוּן,
אֲרַךְ אַפַּיִם, וְרַב חַסֵּד וְאֱמֶת.
נִצֵּר חַסֵּד לְאֵלִפִּים,
נִשְׂא עֵינַי וּפָשַׁע וְחַטָּאָה, וְנִקָּה.

Adonai, Adonai – God compassionate, gracious, endlessly patient, loving, and true; showing mercy to the thousandth generation; forgiving evil, defiance, and wrongdoing; granting pardon.



Torah taken from the Ark

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְיָ אֶחָד.

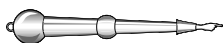
Shema Yis-ra-el Adonai Eh-lo-hay-nu Adonai eh-chad.

Hear, O Israel: the Eternal is our God, the Eternal God is One.

לְךָ יְיָ הַגְּדֹלָה וְהַגְּבוּרָה וְהַתְּפָאֶרֶת וְהַנִּצְחָה וְהַהוֹדָה, כִּי כָל
בְּשָׁמַיִם וּבָאָרֶץ: לְךָ יְיָ הַמְּמֹלָכָה וְהַמְּתִנְשָׂא לְכֹל לְרֵאשׁ:

Yours, O God, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory,
and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and earth is Yours.
You, O God, are the Source of all life.

Congregation is seated



Before the Reading of the Torah

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבוֹרָךְ.
בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבוֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בְּנוּ מִכָּל
הָעַמִּים וּנְתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

Bar-chu et Adonai hah-m'vo-rach.

Ba-ruch Adonai hah-m'vo-rach lo-lam vah-ed.

Ba-ruch ah-tah Adonai Eh-lo-hay-nu meh-lech hah-o-lam,

Ah-shayr bah-char bah-nu mi-kol hah-ah-meem.

V'nah-tan lah-nu et To-rah-to. Ba-ruch ah-tah Adonai

no-tayn hah-To-rah.

Praise the Eternal God, to whom all praise is due.

Let us praise the Eternal God, to whom all praise is due now and forever.

We praise You, Creator of the universe, who has called us to a sacred destiny – to proclaim the message of justice and peace to all people. We praise You, who have granted to us the truths of the Torah.

After the Reading of the Torah

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ תּוֹרַת
אֱמֶת, וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נָטַע בְּתוֹכֵנוּ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

Ba-ruch ah-tah Adonai Eh-lo-hay-nu meh-lech hah-o-lam ah-shayr nah-tan lah-nu to-rat eh-met, v'chah-yay o-lam nah-tah b'to-chay-nu. Ba-ruch ah-tah Adonai no-tayn hah-To-rah.

We praise You, Eternal God, Creator of the universe.
You have given us the Torah of truth,
Implanting life within us.
We praise You, who have granted to us the truths of the Torah.

Lifting the Torah

זֹאת הַתּוֹרָה אֲשֶׁר שָׂם מֹשֶׁה לִפְנֵי בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
עַל פִּי יְיָ בְּיַד מֹשֶׁה:

V'zot hah-To-rah ah-sheh sam Mo-sheh lif-nay b'nay Yis-rah-el al pee Adonai, b'yad Mo-sheh.

This is the Torah that Moses set before the people of Israel,
at the command of God, by the hand of Moses.

Prayer for Our Country

God of holiness, we hear Your message: "Justice, justice you shall pursue." God of freedom, we hear Your charge: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land." Inspire us through Your teachings and commandments to love and uphold our precious democracy. Let every citizen take responsibility for the rights and freedoms we cherish. Let each of us be an advocate for justice, an activist for liberty, a defender of dignity. And let us champion the values that make our nation a haven for the persecuted, a beacon of hope among the nations.

May our actions reflect compassion for all people, within our borders and abroad. May our leaders and officials embody the vision of our founders: "to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."

We pray for courage and conscience as we aim to support our country's highest values and aspirations: the hard-won rights that define us as a people, the responsibilities that they entail.

We pray for all who serve our country with selfless devotion – in peace and in war, from fields of battle to clinics and classrooms, from government to the grassroots: all those whose noble deeds and sacrifice benefit our nation and our world.

We are grateful for the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness which our founders ascribed to You, our Creator. We pray for their wisdom and moral strength, that we may be guardians of these rights for ourselves and for the sake of all people, now and forever.

Prayer for Israel

O God, bless this sanctuary, that the worship offered within its walls may be worthy of Your greatness and Your love. May all who enter it to seek Your presence, Your guidance, Your forgiveness, and Your consolation find an answer to their quest here.

Bless all our brothers and sisters of the House of Israel. Preserve us from oppression. Keep us from uncharitableness towards one another and towards all people. And grant that, dwelling in safety, and walking uprightly, we may enjoy the fruits of our labor in peace.

O God, our Rock and Redeemer, grant blessing on the State of Israel, created to fulfill the age-old dream and to be a haven for the oppressed. Inspire its leaders and citizens with faithfulness to the aims of its founders: to develop the land for the benefit of all its inhabitants, and to implement the Prophetic ideals of liberty and justice. May they live in harmony with one another and in peace with their neighbors, and once more, cause the ancient vision to come true, that *out of Zion shall go forth torah and the word of God from Jerusalem.*

Psalm 29

הָבוּ לַיהוָה בְּנֵי אֱלִים הָבוּ לַיהוָה כְּבוֹד וְעֹז:
 הָבוּ לַיהוָה כְּבוֹד שְׁמוֹ הִשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ לַיהוָה בְּהַדְרַת־קֹדֶשׁ:
 קוֹל יְהוָה עַל־הַמַּיִם אֶל־הַכְּפוֹר הַרְעִים יְהוָה עַל־מַיִם רַבִּים:
 קוֹל־יְהוָה בַּפֶּחַח קוֹל יְהוָה בְּהַדָּר:
 קוֹל יְהוָה שֹׁבֵר אַרְזִים וַיִּשְׁבֵּר יְהוָה אֶת־אַרְזֵי הַלְּבָנוֹן:
 וַיִּרְקִידֵם כְּמוֹ־עֵגֶל לְבָנוֹן וְשָׁרִיז כְּמוֹ בֶן־רֵאמִים:
 קוֹל־יְהוָה חֹצֵב לְהַבּוֹת אֵשׁ:
 קוֹל יְהוָה יַחֲלִי מְדַבֵּר יַחֲלִי יְהוָה מְדַבֵּר קֹדֶשׁ:
 קוֹל יְהוָה
 יְחַלְלֵל אֵילֹת וַיַּחֲשֵׁף יַעֲרוֹת וּבְהִיכֵלוּ כֹּלֹ אֲמֵר כְּבוֹד:
 יְהוָה לְמַבּוֹל יָשָׁב וַיִּשָּׁב יְהוָה מִלֶּךְ לְעוֹלָם:
 יְהוָה עֹז לְעַמּוֹ יִתֵּן יְהוָה:
 יְבָרֵךְ אֶת־עַמּוֹ בְּשָׁלוֹם:

Hah-vu l'Adonai b'nay ay-leem, hah-vu l'Adonai kah-vod vah-oz.

Hah-vu l'Adonai kah-vod sh'mo, hish-tah-chah-vu l'Adonai b'had-rat ko-desh.

Kol Adonai al hah-mah-yeem. Ayl hah-kah-vod hi-reem.

Adonai al mah-yeem rah-beem.

Kol Adonai bah-ko-ach, kol Adonai beh-hah-dar.

Kol Adonai sho-vayr ah-rah-zeem, va-y'shah-bayr Adonai et ar-zay hah-l'vah-non.

Vah-yar-kee-daym k'mo ay-gel l'vah-non v'sir-yon k'mo bayn r'ay-meem.

Kol Adonai cho-tzayv lah-ah-vot aysh;

Kol Adonai yah-cheel mid-bar, yah-cheel Adonai mid-bar kah-daysh.

Kol Adonai

*y'cho-layl ah-yah-lot, vah-yeh-cheh-sof y'ah-rot uv-hay-chah-lo
ku-lo o-mayr kah-vod.*

*Adonai lah-mah-bul yah-shav, Vah-yay-shev Adonai meh-lech
lo-lam.*

*Adonai oz lah-moy yi-tayn, Adonai
y'vah-raych et ah-mo vah-shah-lom.*

Praise, you hosts of heaven,
praise God's glory and strength.

Praise the glory due to God's name,
worship God in the beauty of holiness.

Hear God's voice above the waters. The God of glory thunders.
The Holy One hovers over the mighty waters.

The voice of God resounds in power,
the voice of God in majesty.

The voice of God breaks cedars.
It shatters the cedars of Lebanon,
making Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a wild ox.

The voice of God sparks flames of fire;
the voice of God makes deserts swirl, stirs up the desert of Kadesh.

It causes hinds to calve,
and strips the forests bare,
and in God's temple all cry: *Glory*.

The Holy One ruled over the flood,
and is enthroned as Sovereign forever.

O God, grant strength to Your people.
O God, bless Your people with peace.

To-rat y'ho-vah t'mee-mah
m'shee-vat neh-fesh

תּוֹרַת יְהוָה תִּמְיָמָה
מְשִׁיבַת נֶפֶשׁ.

Ay-dut Adonai neh-eh-mah-nah
mach-kee-mat pah-tee:

עֲדוֹת יְהוָה נֶאֱמָנָה,
מִחְכֵּמַת פְּתִי.

Pi-ku-day Adonai yi-shah-reem
m'sam-chay-layv

פְּקוּדֵי יְהוָה יִשְׂרִים
מִשְׁמַחֵי-לֵב.

Mitz-vat Adonoai bah-rah
m'ee-rat ay-nah-yim:

מִצְוֹת יְהוָה בְּרָה
מְאִירַת עֵינַיִם:

Yir-at Adonai
t'ho-rah o-meh-deht lah-ad

יִרְאַת יְהוָה
טְהוֹרָה עוֹמְדַת לְעַד.

Mish-p'tee-Adonai eh-met
tzad-ku yach-dav.

מִשְׁפָּטֵי-יְהוָה אֱמֶת
צְדָקוֹ יִחְדּוּ.

God's teaching is perfect, reviving the soul.

God's word is unfailing, making wise the simple.

God's precepts are right, delighting the mind.

God's commandments are clear, enlightening the eyes.

God's doctrine is pure, enduring forever.

God's guidance is true, and altogether just.

Returning the Torah to the Ark

Congregation rises

O praise our God with me, and let us exalt the Eternal One together.

הודו על ארץ וּשְׁמַיִם. וַיָּרִם קֶרֶן לְעֵמוֹ, תְּהִלָּה לְכֹל חַסִּידָיו,
לְבַנֵּי יִשְׂרָאֵל עִם קְרוּבוֹ, הִלְלוּיָהּ.

*Ho-do al eh-retz v'shah-mah-yeem. Vah-yah-rem keh-ren lah-mo.
T'hee-lah l'chol chah-see-dav, liv-nay Yis-ra-el, am k'ro-vo.
Hal-leh-lu-yah.*

God's glory is in the earth and in the heavens. The Eternal gives strength to all people. God is our hope forever. *Hallelujah.*

עַץ חַיִּים הִיא לְמַחְזִיקִים בָּהּ, וְתִמְכֶּיָהּ מֵאֲשֶׁר.
דְּרָכָהּ דְּרָכֵי נְעָם, וְכֹל נְתִיבוֹתֶיהָ שְׁלוֹם.

הִשִּׁיבֵנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, וְנִשׁוּבָהּ. חֲדָשׁ יְמֵינוּ בְּקֶדֶם.

*Aytz chah-yeem hee,
Lmah-chah-zee-keem bah,
V'tom-m'cheh-hah meh-u-shar.
D'rah-cheh-hah, dar-chay no-am,
V'chol neh-tee-vo-teh-hah, shalom.*

*Hah-shee-vay-nu Adonai.
Ay-leh-chah, v'nah-shu-vah
Chah-daysh, chah-daysh yah-may-nu;
Chah-daysh yah-may-nu, k'keh-dem.*

It is a tree of life to those who hold it fast.
And as we embrace it, joy fills our hearts.
Its paths are ways of hope. Its teachings all endure.
And all its words will lead us to justice and peace.

Turn us back to You, Eternal God.
Call us back and we shall all return.
Renew, renew our hope and spirits.
Fill us with our people's faith, as long ago.

The Ark is closed.

Congregation is seated.



Sermon

Anthem and Hymn

Morning service concludes