

1. **Alternative Vidui** (Members of NSCI, Elul 2020)

*Al Chet she'chatanu lifanecha...*

For the sin we have committed against you  
For keeping our ideals on the couch during Covid.  
For judging our neighbor and not ourselves.  
For letting our masks and our ideals slide, thinking only of ourselves.  
For focusing solely within, and not without.  
For streaming in and not reaching out.  
For neglecting our elders and homebound dear ones across miles.  
For yelling at the television but not acting in the world.  
For criticizing power but not acting to make a difference.  
For taking risks that endanger our lives and our loved ones.  
For relinquishing hope & placing anger in its stead  
For thinking of others but not caring for ourselves.  
For looking down and not at the eyes of another.  
For doing many things when one called our attention.  
For not focusing when we could have been mindful.  
For not stopping to listen to our elders and our youngest.  
For lack of patience in more ways than we can count.  
For silencing our voice, presuming it doesn't matter/can't help.

For all these ways we have missed the mark, we seek forgiveness.  
*Slach lanu, m'chal lanu, kaper lanu*

2. **Kehilah Kedoshah** (Dan Nichols and Rabbi Michael Moskowitz)

If you are "atem" then we're "nitzavim."  
We stand here today and remember the dream. 2x  
*Kehilah kedoshah, kehilah kedoshah. 2x*  
Lai dai dai, dai dai. Lai dai dai, dai dai. Lai dai dai, dai dai. Dai. 2x

Each one of us must play a part. Each one of us must heed the call.  
Each one of us must seek the truth. Each one of us is a part of it all.  
Each one of us must remember the pain. Each one of us must find the joy.  
Each one of us, each one of us.

*Kehilah kedoshah, kehilah kedoshah. 2x*

Each one of us must start to hear. Each one of us must sing the song.  
Each one of us must do the work. Each one of us must right the wrong.  
Each one of us must build the home. Each one of us must hold the hope.  
Each one of us, each one of us.

*Kehilah kedoshah, kehilah kedoshah 2x*

It's how we help. It's how we give. It's how we pray.

It's how we heal. It's how we live.

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*Kehilah kedoshah, kehilah kedoshah. 2x*

## MAY IT BE SO (Marcia Falk)

May the year bring abundant blessings—  
beauty, creativity, delight!

May we be confident, courageous,  
and devoted to our callings.

May our lives be enriched with  
education.

May we find enjoyment in our work  
and fulfillment in our friendships.

May we grow, may we have good health.  
In darker times, may we be sustained  
by gratitude and hope.

May we be infused with joy.  
May we know intimacy and kindness,  
may we love without limit.

May the hours be enhanced with music  
and nurtured by art.  
May our endeavors be marked by  
originality.

May we take pleasure in daily living.  
May we find peace within ourselves  
and help peace emerge in the world.

May we receive the gifts of quiet.

May reason guide our choices,  
may romance grace our lives.

May our spirits be serene,  
may we find solace in solitude.

May we embrace tolerance and truth  
and the understanding that underlies  
both.

May we be inspired with vision and  
wonder,  
may we be open to exploration.

May our deepest yearnings be fulfilled,  
may we be suffused with zeal for life.

May we merit these blessings  
and may they come to be.  
May it be so.