

**AFTERNOON ~ OPTIONAL ENGLISH READINGS:
FOR FAMILY MEMBER(S), GUEST, BM STUDENT OR RABBI**

1)

p. 345 PRAYER INVITES

Prayer invites

God's Presence to suffuse our spirits,

God's will to prevail in our lives.

Prayer may not bring water to parched fields,

nor mend a broken bridge,

nor rebuild a ruined city.

But prayer can water an arid soul,

mend a broken heart,

rebuild a weakened will.

2.)

P. 353 FOR THE GOOD

**For the good in us
which calls us to a better life,
we give thanks.**

**For the strength to improve the world
with our hearts and hands,
we give praise.**

**For the peace in us
which leads us to work for peace,
we are grateful.**

**For the gift of Shabbat
which renews us for life,
we offer blessing.**

3.)

P. 355 ON THIS HOLY SHABBAT

**On this holy Shabbat,
may we draw nearer to life, to peace, and to joy.**

**May we find true rest,
holiness in our deeds,
worth in our study of Torah.**

**Let us feed on the love of goodness,
let us drink from the love of goodness,
restrain our thirst for excess,
and cleanse our hearts to serve life well.**

**On this holy Shabbat,
may we draw nearer
in life, in peace, and in joy.**

P. 357 FOR THE GIFT:

**For the gift of our souls, for the promise of our lives,
for all we are and all we might yet become,
for the creative seeds sown within our minds,
whose nurturing can yield a grand harvest;
for all these gifts, we thank You, O God,
and pray that we might prove ourselves worthy.**

**May our lives be ripe with the fruit of compassion,
sweetly sustaining those in need.**

**May we use our gifts wisely and with love,
true messengers of blessing to the world.**