

## Torah Service

"There is none like You, O Lord,  
among those acclaimed as divine;  
There are no deeds like Yours."  
"Your sovereignty is everlasting,  
Your dominion endures through all generations."

The Lord reigns, the Lord has reigned,  
"The Lord shall reign forever."  
"May the Lord give strength to our people;  
May the Lord bless our people with peace."  
Merciful God, "favor Zion with Your goodness;  
Rebuild the walls of Jerusalem."  
For in You alone do we trust,  
Exalted God, our Sovereign, Lord of the universe.

*The Ark is opened.*

"When the ancient Ark was carried forth,  
Moses would proclaim:  
'Arise, O Lord; and may Your enemies be scattered.  
May Your adversaries flee before You.' "

"From Zion shall go forth Torah  
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."  
Praised be God who, in Divine holiness,  
Gave the Torah to the people Israel.

*As the Ark is opened:*

Va-y'hi bin-soa ha-aron va-yomer moshe,  
Kuma Adonai v'ya-futzu oy-veha,  
V'yanusu m'san-eḥa mi-paneḥa.

Ki mi-tzion tey-tzey torah,  
U-d'var Adonai mi-ru-shala-yim.  
Baruh sheh-natan torah l'amo yisrael bi-k'du-shato.

## Torah Service

אֵיךְ־כְּמוֹךְ בָּאֱלֹהִים אֲדֹנָי וְאֵין כְּמַעֲשֶׂיךָ:  
מַלְכוּתְךָ מְלָכוּת כָּל־עֲלָמִים וּמַמְשַׁלְתְּךָ בְּכָל־דּוֹר וָדוֹר:

יְיָ מֶלֶךְ יְיָ מֶלֶךְ יְיָ יִמְלֹךְ לְעֹלָם וָעֶד:  
יְיָ עֲזֵר לְעַמּוֹ יִתֵּן יְיָ יְבָרֵךְ אֶת־עַמּוֹ בְּשָׁלוֹם:

אֲב הַרְחָמִים הִיטִיבָה בְּרָצוֹנְךָ אֶת־צִיּוֹן  
תִּבְנֶה חוֹמוֹת יְרוּשָׁלָּיִם:  
כִּי בָךְ לִבְד בְּטַחְנוּ מֶלֶךְ אֵל רַם וְנִשָּׂא אֲדוֹן עוֹלָמִים:

*The Ark is opened.*

וַיְהִי בִּנְסֹעַ הָאָרֶן וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה.

קוּמָה יְיָ וַיִּפָּצוּ אֵיבֶיךָ וַיִּנָּסוּ מִשְׁנֵאֶיךָ מִפְּנֶיךָ:  
כִּי מִצִּיּוֹן תֵּצֵא תוֹרָה וּדְבַר־יְיָ מִירוּשָׁלָּיִם:  
בָּרוּךְ שֶׁנָּתַן תוֹרָה לְעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּקֹדֶשְׁתּוֹ:

Eyn ka-moḥa va-Elohim Adonai v'eyn k'ma-aseḥa.  
Malḥutha malḥut kol olamim, umem-shal-t'ḥa b'ḥol dor va-dor.  
Adonai meleḥ, Adonai malah, Adonai yimloḥ l'olam va-ed.  
Adonai oz l'amo yiteyn, Adonai y'vareyḥ et amo va-shalom.  
Av ha-raḥamim, hey-tiva vi-r'tzonḥa et tzion,  
Tivneh ḥomot y'ru-shala-yim.  
Ki v'ḥa l'vad ba-taḥnu, meleḥ Eyl ram v'nisa adon olamim.

Optional selections before the open Ark:

תּוֹרַת יְיָ תְּמִימָה      מְשִׁיבַת נֶפֶשׁ  
עֲדוּת יְיָ נֶאֱמָנָה      מַחְכִּימַת פֶּתִי:  
פְּקוּדֵי יְיָ יִשְׂרָאֵל      מְשַׁמְּחֵי לֵב  
מִצְוֹת יְיָ בָּרָה      מְאִירַת עֵינַיִם:  
יְרֵאת יְיָ טְהוֹרָה      עוֹמְדַת לַעַד  
מִשְׁפָּטֵי יְיָ אֱמֶת      צֹדְקוֹ יַחֲדוֹ:

The teaching of the Lord is perfect, reviving the spirit;  
The testimony of the Lord is trustworthy,  
Teaching wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are just, rejoicing the heart;  
The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

Reverence for the Lord is pure, enduring forever.  
The judgments of the Lord are true; they are altogether just.

From Psalm 19

The Reader or a Celebrant may recite the following:

וְהִעֲרַבְנָא יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֶת־דְּבָרֵי תוֹרַתְךָ בְּפִינוּ וּבְפִי  
עַמְּךָ בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְנִהְיָ אֲנַחְנוּ וְצִאֲצֵאֵינוּ וְצִאֲצֵאֵי עַמְּךָ  
בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל כְּלָנוּ יוֹדְעֵי שְׁמֶךָ וְלֹמְדֵי תוֹרַתְךָ לְשִׁמְחָה.  
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הַמְּלַמֵּד תּוֹרָה לְעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל:

V'ha-arev na Adonai Eloheynu et divrey torat-ḥa,  
B'finu u-v'fi amḥa beyt yisrael,  
V'ni-h'yeh anahnu v'tze-etza-eynu,  
V'tze-etza-ey amḥa beyt yisrael,  
Kulanu yo-dey sh'meḥa v'lom-dey tora-teḥa li-sh'mah.

May the words of Your Torah, Lord our God, be pleasant to us  
and to Your people, the House of Israel. May we, our children,  
and all future generations of the House of Israel know You  
and study Your Torah with devotion. Praised are You, O Lord,  
who teaches Torah to Your people Israel.

Talmud, Berakhot 11b

When a Festival falls on a weekday,  
recite the following "Thirteen Attributes":

יְיָ אֵל רַחוּם וְחַנוּן. אֶרֶךְ אַפַּיִם וְרַב־חֶסֶד וְאֱמֶת:  
נֹצֵר חֶסֶד לְאֱלָפִים. נֹשֵׂא עוֹן וְפֹשֵׁעַ וְחַטָּאָה וְנִקְיָה:

Adonai Adonai Eyl raḥum v'ḥanun,  
Ereḥ apa-yim v'rav ḥesed ve-emet.  
No-tzeyr ḥesed la-alafim,  
No-sey avon va-fe-sha v'hata-a v'na-key.

"The Lord is ever-present, all-merciful, gracious, compas-  
sionate, patient, abounding in kindness and faithfulness,  
treasuring up love for a thousand generations, forgiving  
iniquity, transgression, and sin, and pardoning the penitent."

Exodus 34:6-7

יְהִיו לְרָצוֹן אִמְרֵי־פִי וְהִגִּיוֹן לִבִּי לְפָנֶיךָ  
יְיָ צוּרִי וְגֹאֲלִי:  
וְאֲנִי תַפְלִיתִי לָךְ יְיָ עַת רָצוֹן  
אֱלֹהִים בְּרַב־חֶסֶדְךָ עֲנֵנִי בְּאֵמֶת יִשְׁעֶךָ:

Yi-h'yu l'ratzon imrey fi,  
V'heg-yon libi l'fa-neḥa,  
Adonai tzuri v'go-ali.

Va-ani t'filati l'ḥa Adonai eyt ratzon,  
Elohim b'rov ḥas-deḥa, aneyni be-emet yish-eḥa.

"May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart  
Find favor before You, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer."

"In kindness, Lord, answer my prayer;  
Mercifully, grant me Your abiding help."

Psalms 19:15; 69:14

Lord of the universe, praised be Your name and praised be Your sovereignty. May Your love abide with Your people forever. In Your sanctuary reveal Your redeeming power.

Grant us the precious gift of Your light; and mercifully accept our prayers.

May it be Your will to grant us a long and good life, and may we be numbered among the righteous. Have compassion upon us; guard us and our dear ones, and watch over Your people Israel. You nourish and sustain all. You are sovereign over all, even kings, for all dominion is Yours.

We are the servants of the Holy One, who is to be praised, before whom and before whose glorious Torah we reverently bow at all times. We do not put our trust in any mortal; nor on any angelic being do we rely. Our trust is in God, Lord of the heavens, who is the God of truth, whose Torah is truth, whose prophets are prophets of truth, and who abounds in deeds of goodness and truth. In God alone we put our trust; and to God we utter praises.

May it be Your will to open our hearts to Your Torah and to fulfill the worthy desires of our hearts and of the hearts of all Your people Israel, for good, for life, and for peace. Amen.

Zohar, Va-yakhey!

#### WE AFFIRM . . .

In the fullness of our freedom  
We fervently affirm  
That we choose to be servants  
Of the Holy and Blessed One,  
Before whom we bow in reverence  
And to whose Torah we pledge our loyalty.

We worship no mortals;  
We trust in no heavenly beings.  
Our faith and trust are in the Lord alone,  
Whose Seal is Truth,  
Whose Torah and Prophets are Truth,  
And who calls us to lives of goodness and truth.

Open our hearts to Your Torah, O Lord;  
And help us to fulfill our noblest desires.  
Bless us, and Your people Israel everywhere,  
With all that is good, with life, and with peace.

(Ben Saul)

ברוך שמה דמרא עלמא. בריך בתרך ואתרך: יהא רעוּתך  
עם עמך ישראל לעלם. ופרקו ימינך אחוּי לעמך בבית  
מקדשך. ולאמטוּי לנא משוב נהורך. ולקבל צלותנא ברחמין:  
יהא רעוא קדמך. דתוריד לן חיון בטיבותא. ולהוּי אנא פקידא  
בגו צדיקנא. למרחם עלי ולמנטר יתי וית כל-די לי ודי  
לעמך ישראל: אנת הוא זן לכלא ומפרנס לכלא. אנת הוא  
שליט על כלא. אנת הוא דשליט על מלכיא. ומלכותא די-לך  
היא:

אנא עבדא דקדשא בריך הוא. דסגדנא קמה ומקמא  
דיקר אורייתא. בכל עדן ועדן: לא על אנש דחצנא. ולא על  
בר אלהין סמכנא. אלא באלהא דשמיא. דהוא אלהא קשוט  
ואורייתא קשוט ונביאותה קשוט. ומסגא למעבד טבון וקשוט:  
בה אנא רחין. ולשמה קדישא יקירא אנא אמר תשבחוּ: יהא  
רעוא קדמך דתפתח לבי באורייתא. ותשלים משאלין דלבי.  
ולבא דכל-עמך ישראל. לטב ולחיון ולשלם: אמן:

Bey ana raḥeytz, v'lish-mey kadi-sha yakira  
Ana eymar tush-b'h'an.  
Y'hey ra-ava koda-mah d'tif-tah libi b'oraita,  
V'tash-lim mish-alin d'libi,  
V'liba d'h'ol amah yisrael,  
L'tav u-l'ha-yin v'lish-lam. Amen.

#### THE GIFT OF TORAH

Just as a lover may give his or her beloved a token of affection, so, we Jews have always believed, God gave us the Torah as a symbol of Divine love. We, in turn, respond by cherishing this precious gift. . . .

But the Torah is not only a symbol, pointing to a value beyond itself. It possesses supreme intrinsic value; it is sacred. As an inspiration for noble living, Torah is to be studied diligently—and applied to our lives.

By studying and living Torah, we come to feel God's love—as we strive to make ourselves worthy of it.

# TAKING THE TORAH SCROLL(S) FROM THE ARK

Reader proclaims and Congregation repeats:

**Hear, O Israel: the Lord is our God, the Lord is One.**

Reader, then Congregation:

One is our God; exalted is our Lord;  
Holy is God's name.

Reader:

"Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt God together."

Congregation and Reader:

"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
and the splendor;  
Yours is the victory and the majesty;  
For all in heaven and on earth is Yours.  
Dominion, O Lord, is Yours; and You rule over all."

"Exalt the Lord our God and worship the One who is holy."

"Exalt and worship at God's holy mountain;  
For holy is the Lord our God."

## Meditation

Compassionate God, have mercy upon us,  
Even as You have upheld us through the ages;  
Remember the Covenant with our ancestors.

Deliver us from evil times;  
And help us to restrain our own evil inclination.

Grant us enduring deliverance, O God;  
And in Your goodness, fulfill our hopes  
For Divine mercy and redemption.

(Suggested by Av Haraḥamim—A.N.S.)

אב הרחמים הוא ירחם עם עמוסים ויזכור ברית איתנים ויזיל  
נפשותינו מן השעות הרעות ויגער בגיזר הרע מן הנשואים ויחן אותנו  
לפליטת עולמים וימלא משאלותינו במדה טובה ישועה ורחמים:

# TAKING THE TORAH SCROLL(S) FROM THE ARK

Reader proclaims and Congregation repeats:

שמע ישראל יי אלהינו יי אחד:

Reader, then Congregation:

אחד אלהינו גדול אדונינו קדוש שמו:

Reader:

גדלו ליי אתי וגדומה שמו יחדו:

Congregation and Reader:

לך יי הגדלה והגבורה והתפארת והנצח וההוד.

כי כל בשמים ובארץ

לך יי הממלכה והמתנשא לכל לראש:

רוממו יי אלהינו והשתחוה להם רגליו. קדוש הוא:

רוממו יי אלהינו והשתחוה להר קדשו.

כיקדוש יי אלהינו:

Reader proclaims and Congregation repeats:

**Shema Yisrael, Adonai Eloheynu, Adonai Ehad.**

Reader, then Congregation:

Ehad Eloheynu, gadol adoneynu, kadosh sh'mo.

L'ha Adonai ha-g'dula v'ha-g'vura v'ha-tiferet

V'ha-neytzah v'ha-hod.

Ki hol ba-shama-yim u-va-aretz,

L'ha Adonai ha-mam-laḥa v'ha-mit-nasey l'hol l'rosh.

Rom'mu Adonai Eloheynu

V'hish-taḥavu la-hadom rag-lav, kadosh hu.

Rom'mu Adonai Eloheynu v'hish-taḥavu l'har kod-sho,

Ki kadosh Adonai Eloheynu.

Before summoning honoree for the first Aliyah, Reader may recite:

May God help, protect, and save all who trust in the Lord.

Let us exalt our God, and render homage to the Torah.

Praised be the Holy One who gave the Torah to the people Israel.

"And you, by clinging to the Lord, have been kept alive to this day."

## Torah Blessings

Each person honored with an Aliyah, recites:

Praise the Lord, Source of all blessing.

Praised be the Lord, Source of all blessing, forever.

Praised are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has chosen us of all peoples for Divine service by giving us the Torah. Praised are You, O Lord, Giver of the Torah.

After a passage from the Torah has been read, recite:

Praised are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has given us the Torah of truth, thereby planting within us life eternal. Praised are You, O Lord, Giver of the Torah.

Before or after congregational Torah study, the following may be recited:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו  
לעסוק בדברי תורה:

Baruh ata Adonai, Eloheynu meleḥ ha-olam,  
asher kid-shanu b'mitz-votav, v'tzivanu la-asok b'divrey Torah.

Praised are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has sanctified our lives through the Mitzvot, and enjoined upon us the study of Torah.

**BIRKAT HAGOMEL:** Upon recovery from serious illness, or escape from danger. Praised are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who bestows good beyond our deserving, and who has dealt graciously with me.

Congregation may respond: May God, who has bestowed kindness upon you in the past, bestow kindness upon you in the future.

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Before summoning honoree for the first Aliyah, Reader may recite:

ויצור וגן ויושיע לכל החוסים בו. ונאמר אמן:

הכל הבו גדל לאלהינו ותנו כבוד לתורה ... (First honoree is called)

ברוך שנתן תורה לעמו ישראל בקדשתו:

ואתם הדבקים ביי אלהיכם חיים כלכם היום:

## Torah Blessings

Each person honored with an Aliyah, recites:

ברכו אתי המברך:

ברוך יי המברך לעולם ועד:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר בחר בנו מכל  
העמים ונתת לנו את תורתך. ברוך אתה יי נותן התורה:

After a passage from the Torah has been read, recite:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר נתת לנו תורת  
אמת וחי עולם נטע בתוכנו. ברוך אתה יי נותן התורה:

Each person honored with an Aliyah, recites:

Barhu et Adonai ha-m'voraḥ.

Baruh Adonai ha-m'voraḥ l'olam va-ed.

Baruh ata Adonai, Eloheynu meleḥ ha-olam,  
asher baḥar banu mi-kol ha-amim, v'natan lanu et torato,  
baruh ata Adonai noteyn ha-torah.

After a passage from the Torah has been read, recite:

Baruh ata Adonai, Eloheynu meleḥ ha-olam,  
asher natan lanu torat emet, v'ha-yey olam nata b'toheynu,  
baruh ata Adonai noteyn ha-torah.

## BIRKAT HAGOMEL

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם.

הגומל לחיבים טובות. שגמלני כל-טוב:

Baruh ata Adonai, Eloheynu meleḥ ha-olam,  
ha-gomeyl l'ha-yavim tovot, sheh-g'malani kol tov.

Congregation:

מי שגמלך (שגמלך) כל-טוב. תמיד יגמלך (יגמלך) כל-טוב סלה:

# READER'S SHORT KADDISH

Magnified and sanctified be the great name of God, in the world created according to the Divine will. May God's sovereignty soon be established, in our lifetime and that of the entire House of Israel. And let us say: Amen.

*Congregation and Reader:*

May God's great name be praised to all eternity.

*Reader:*

Hallowed and honored, extolled and exalted, adored and acclaimed be the name of the blessed Holy One, whose glory is above all the praises, hymns, and songs of adoration which human beings can utter. And let us say: Amen.

## AS THE TORAH IS RAISED:

This is the Torah which Moses proclaimed  
To the Children of Israel  
At the behest of the Lord.

Karanu ba-torah, sha-ninu t'a-meha. קראנו בתורה. שנינו טעמיה.  
Pa-tahnu gam si-yam-nu b'vir-hoteha. פתחנו גם סימנו בברכותיה.  
Ka-asher za-hinu li-l'mod d'va-reha. כאשר זכינו ללמד דבריה.  
Keyn nizkeh li-sh'mor mitz-vo-teha. כן נזכה לשמר מצותיה.

*Hanoh Jacobson*

# READER'S HATZI KADDISH

יְתַגְדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעֶלְמָא דִּי־בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ.  
וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל־בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל  
בְּעִגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

*Congregation and Reader:*

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעֵלְמָא וּלְעֵלְמִי עֲלַמְיָא:

*Reader:*

יְתַבְרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרַמֵּם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלָּה  
וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקֻדְשָׁא. בְּרִיד הוּא. לְעֵלְא\* מִן כָּל־בְּרַכְתָּא  
וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבַּחְתָּא וְנַחֲמָתָא דְאִמִּירָן בְּעֶלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

## AS THE TORAH IS RAISED:

זֹאת הַתּוֹרָה אֲשֶׁר־שָׁם מֹשֶׁה לִפְנֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל  
עַל־פִּי יְיָ בִּיד־מֹשֶׁה:

Yit-gadal v'yit-kadash sh'mey raba,  
B'alma di v'ra hiru-tey, v'yam-lih mal-hutey  
B'ha-yey-hon u-v'yomey-hon u-v'ha-yey d'hol beyt yisrael  
Ba-agala u-viz-man kariv, v'imru amen.

Y'hey sh'mey raba m'varah l'alam ul-almey alma-ya.

Yit-barah v'yish-tabah v'yit-pa-ar v'yit-romam v'yit-na-sey  
V'yit-hadar v'yit-aleh v'yit-halal sh'mey d'kud-sha—  
B'rih hu, l'eyla\* min kol bir-hata v'shi-rata  
Tush-b'hata v'ne-hemata da-amiran b'alma, v'imru amen.

\*Shabbat Shuvah: repeat לעלא.

*As the Torah is raised:*

V'zot ha-torah asher sam mo-sheh, lifney b'ney yisrael,  
Al pi Adonai b'yad mo-sheh.



## BLESSINGS BEFORE THE HAFTARAH

Praised are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who chose good prophets and found delight in their words which were spoken in truth.

Praised are You, O Lord, for giving the Torah through Your servant Moses to Your people Israel and for sending us Your prophets of truth and righteousness.

## BLESSINGS AFTER THE HAFTARAH

Praised are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, source of strength in all ages, source of righteousness in all generations, faithful God who promises and performs, who speaks and fulfills, whose every word is true and just.

Faithful are You, Lord our God, and faithful are Your words. Not one of Your promises shall remain unfulfilled, for You are a faithful and merciful God and Sovereign. Praised are You, Lord God, faithful in all Your promises.

Show compassion to Zion, for it is the fountain of our life. May the city, which so long was humbled in spirit, know complete deliverance in our day. Praised are You, O Lord, who brings joy to Zion through her returning children.

*The throne of David is a traditional symbol of righteous government and the restoration of Israel's homeland.*

Gladden us, Lord our God, with the redemption which was to be heralded by the prophet Elijah and embodied in a descendant of the House of David, Your anointed. May this come soon and bring joy to our hearts. May every tyrant be dethroned and stripped of all honor. For You have promised by Your holy name that the light of justice shall never be extinguished. Praised are You, O Lord, Shield of David.

## BLESSINGS BEFORE THE HAFTARAH

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר בחר בנביאים  
טובים ורצה בדבריהם הנאמרים באמת. ברוך אתה  
יי הבורח בתורה ובמשה עבדו וב ישראל עמו ובנביאי  
האמת וצדק:

## BLESSINGS AFTER THE HAFTARAH

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם צור כל העולמות  
צדיק בכל הדורות האל הנאמן האומר ועושה המדבר  
ומקים שכל דבריו אמת וצדק:

נאמן אתה הוא יי אלהינו ונאמנים דבריך ודבר אחר  
מדבריך אחר לא ישוב ריקם כי אל מלך נאמן ורחמן  
אתה. ברוך אתה יי האל הנאמן בכל דבריו:

רחם על ציון כי היא בית חיינו ולעלובת נפש תושיע  
במהרה בימינו. ברוך אתה יי משמח ציון בבניה:

שמחנו יי אלהינו באלהיו הנביא עבדך ובמלכות בית  
דוד משיחך במהרה יבא ויגל לבנו. על כסאו לא יישב  
זר ולא ינחלו עוד אחרים את כבודו. כי בשם קדשך  
נשבעת לו שלא יכבה נרו לעולם ועד. ברוך אתה יי  
מגן דוד:

**On Sabbath** (including the Sabbath of *Hol Hamoed Pesah*)  
recite the following concluding blessing:

We thank You and praise You, Lord our God, for the Torah, for worship, for the prophets, and for this Sabbath day, which You have given to us, adding to our lives sanctity and rest, dignity and beauty.

For all Your gifts we give thanks and offer praise to You, O Lord. May every living creature glorify You, at all times and evermore. Praised are You, O Lord, who hallows the Sabbath.

**On Festivals** (including the Sabbath of *Hol Hamoed Sukkot*)  
conclude with the following blessing. (On Sabbath add words in brackets.)

We thank You and praise You, Lord our God, for the Torah, for worship, for the prophets, [for this Sabbath day,] and for this

Festival of Matzot,

Festival of Shavuot,

Festival of Sukkot,

Festival of Shemini Atzeret,

which You have given to us, adding to our lives [sanctity and rest,] gladness and joy, dignity and beauty.

For all Your gifts we give thanks and offer praise to You, O Lord. May every living creature glorify You, at all times and evermore. Praised are You, O Lord, who hallows [the Sabbath,] Israel, and the Festivals.

**On Sabbath** (including the Sabbath of *Hol Hamoed Pesah*)  
recite the following concluding blessing:

עַל־הַתּוֹרָה וְעַל־הַעֲבוּדָה וְעַל־הַנְּבִיאִים וְעַל־יְיָ  
הַשֶּׁבֶת הַזֶּה שְׁנַתָּה לָנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְקֹדֶשׁהּ וּלְמִנוּחָהּ  
לְכָבוֹד וּלְתַפְאֶרֶת: עַל־הַכֹּל יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֲנַחְנוּ מוֹדִים  
לָךְ וּמְבָרְכִים אוֹתְךָ. יִתְבָּרֵךְ שְׁמֶךָ בְּפִי כָל־חַי תָּמִיד  
לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ מְקַדֵּשׁ הַשַּׁבָּת:

**On Festivals** (including the Sabbath of *Hol Hamoed Sukkot*)  
conclude with the following blessing. (On Sabbath add words in brackets.)

עַל־הַתּוֹרָה וְעַל־הַעֲבוּדָה וְעַל־הַנְּבִיאִים וְעַל־יְיָ  
וְהַשֶּׁבֶת הַזֶּה וְעַל־יְיָ

חַג הַמַּצּוֹת הַזֶּה. On Pesah

חַג הַשָּׁבָעוֹת הַזֶּה. On Shavuot

חַג הַסֻּכּוֹת הַזֶּה. On Sukkot

הַשְּׁמִינִי חַג הָעֲצֵרֶת הַזֶּה. On Shemini Atzeret  
and Simhat Torah

שְׁנַתָּה לָנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וּלְקֹדֶשׁהּ וּלְמִנוּחָהּ לְשִׁשְׁוֹן וּלְשִׁמְחָה  
לְכָבוֹד וּלְתַפְאֶרֶת: עַל־הַכֹּל יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֲנַחְנוּ מוֹדִים לָךְ  
וּמְבָרְכִים אוֹתְךָ. יִתְבָּרֵךְ שְׁמֶךָ בְּפִי כָל־חַי תָּמִיד לְעוֹלָם  
וָעֶד. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ מְקַדֵּשׁ וְהַשֶּׁבֶת וְיִשְׂרָאֵל וְהַמְּנִים:



### Y'KUM PURKAN: Prayer on behalf of scholars and congregation

May Divine blessing be granted to our teachers and rabbis in the Land of Israel and in communities throughout the world, to their disciples and pupils, and to all who engage in the study of Torah.

May God's blessings be granted to the members of this congregation and of other congregations, and to all their loved ones.

May our kind and compassionate God grant them long life, ample sustenance, Divine support, health of body and health of spirit, and children who are devoted to Torah.

May the Lord of the universe bless and protect them, guard them from all distress, and sustain them at all times. And let us say: Amen.

*(Adapted from the two Aramaic "Y'kum Purkan" prayers)*

**MI-SHEH-BEYRAH** For the community and those who support and serve it

May God who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah, bless the members of this congregation and of all other congregations: them, their families, and all their dear ones.

May God bless those who establish and maintain synagogues, those who gather in them for worship, those who provide for the wayfarer and help the poor, and those who faithfully devote themselves to the needs of the community and of the Holy Land.

May the Holy One remove from them all illness, heal all their hurts, forgive all their sins, and bless them and the Household of Israel by prospering all their worthy endeavors. And let us say: Amen.

### MEDITATION

O God, who blessed our ancestors,  
Source of strength in every generation,

Bless those who today are in our prayers,  
And all who are in need of Your blessings.

To the sick and the suffering, send healing and hope;  
To the forgotten and the lonely, send the gift of Your love.

To the weary and the wronged, send renewed strength;  
To the confused and the distressed, send Your light.

To the pursuers of justice, send wisdom and courage;  
To the seekers of peace, send vision and resolve.

To all whose deeds reflect devotion to Your will,  
Send confidence and the sense of Your Holy Presence. Amen.

*Ben Saul (adapted)*

יְקוּם פִּרְקָן מִן שְׁמַיָּא חֲנָא וְחֲסָדָא וְרַחֲמֵי וְחַיֵּי אֲרִיכֵי וּמְוֹנֵי  
רוּחֵי וְסִיעֵתָא דְשְׁמַיָּא וּבְרִיּוֹת גּוּפָא וְנִהוּרָא מַעֲלִיא. וְרַעָא  
חֲנָא וְקִימָא. וְרַעָא דִּי לֹא־יִפְסֵק וְדִי לֹא־יִבְטֹל מִפְתּוּגְמֵי  
אוֹרֵיתָא. לְמַרְנָן וּרְבָנָן חֲבוּרָתָא קְדִישָׁתָא. דִּי בִּארְעָא דִּישְׂרָאֵל  
וְדִי בְּכָל־אַרְעָת גִּלְוִתָּנָא. לְכָל־תַּלְמִידֵיהוֹן וּלְכָל־תַּלְמִידֵי  
תַּלְמִידֵיהוֹן וּלְכָל־מֵן דְּעַסְקִין בְּאוֹרֵיתָא. לְקַהֲלָא קְדִישָׁא  
הָדָן וּלְכָל־קַהֲלֵי קְדִישֵׁי. רַבְרַבֵּיָּא עִם וְעָרִיא וְכָל־דִּי לְהוֹן.  
מִלְכָּא דְעָלְמָא יְבָרַךְ יִתְהוֹן יִפִּישׁ חַיֵּיהוֹן וְיִסְגֹּא יוֹמֵיהוֹן וְיִתֵּן  
אַרְכָּה לְשִׁנְיָהוֹן. וְיִתְפָּרְקוּן וְיִשְׁתַּבְּחוּ מִן כָּל־עָקָא וּמִן כָּל־מַרְעִין  
בִּישִׁין. מָרָן דִּי בְשְׁמַיָּא יְהֵא בְּסַעֲדָהוֹן כָּל־זְמַן וְעַדָּן. וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן:

מִי שְׁבָרַךְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אֲבָרְהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב שְׂרָה  
רַבֶּקָּה רָחֵל וְלֵאָה. הוּא יְבָרַךְ אֶת־כָּל־הַקְּהָל הַקְּדוֹשׁ  
הַזֶּה עִם כָּל־קַהֲלוֹת הַקְּדוֹשׁ. הֵם וּבְנֵיהֶם וּבְנוֹתֵיהֶם וְכָל  
אֲשֶׁר לָהֶם. וּמִי שְׁמִיחִדִּים בְּתֵי כְּנֻסִּיּוֹת לְתַפְלָה. וּמִי  
שְׁבָאִים בְּתוֹכָם לְהַתְּפַלֵּל. וּמִי שְׁנוּתִנִּים נֵר לְמֵאוֹר  
וְיִין לְקְדוּשׁ וּלְהַבְדִּילָהּ וּפֶת לְאוֹרְחִים וְצִדְקָה לְעֻנִּיִּים.  
וְכָל־מִי שְׁעוֹסְקִים בְּצָרְכֵי צָבוֹר וּבִבְנִין אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל  
בְּאַמוּנָה. הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא יִשְׁלַם שְׂכָרָם וְיִסִּיר מֵהֶם  
כָּל־מַחֲלָה וְיִרְפָּא לְכָל־גּוּפָם וְיִסְלַח לְכָל־עוֹנָם. וְיִשְׁלַח  
בְּרָכָה וְהַצְלָחָה בְּכָל־מַעֲשֵׂה יְדֵיהֶם עִם כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל  
אַחֲרֵיהֶם. וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן:

V'hol mi sheh-os-kim b'tzor-hey tzibur  
U-v'vin-yan eretz yisrael be-emunah,  
Ha-kadosh baruḥ hu y'sha-ley m s'haram,  
V'yasir mey-hem kol ma-ḥalah, v'yirpa l'hol gufam,  
V'yis-lah l'hol avo-nam,  
V'yish-lah b'raḥah v'hatz-lahah  
B'hol ma-asey y'dey-hem,  
Im kol yisrael aḥey-hem, v'nomar amen.

## The blessings we seek

Source of blessing, our Guardian and Hope,  
Bless, we pray, all who are dear to us.  
Watch over them with Your protecting love.

Bless the people of this congregation.  
Grant them health of body and serenity of spirit;  
Guide them on the path of Torah and good deeds.

Bless our country, our leaders, and our fellow citizens.  
Keep us faithful to our heritage of freedom and justice.  
Help us to banish all suffering and strife.

Bless our brothers and sisters in the Land of Israel.  
Prosper the work of their hands and minds.  
Strengthen them, and grant them peace.

Bless our fellow Jews, wherever they may dwell.  
Comfort those who are in distress;  
Deliver them, speedily, from darkness to light.

Bless all Your children, in every land and community.  
Unite them in understanding and mutual helpfulness.  
Hasten the day when all can rejoice in a world of peace.

## A MEDITATION ON PEACE

May it be Your will, O God, that all war and bloodshed cease, and that a great and wondrous peace come to the world.

May nation not lift up sword against nation; may they learn war no more.

May all the inhabitants of the world recognize that we were not created for conflict, rivalry, hatred, jealousy, or killing; but rather, that we were created in order to acknowledge You and to praise You for all time.

Have compassion upon us, and fulfill for us the promises of Scripture:

"I will bring peace to the land and you will lie down, and none shall make you afraid. And I will remove every evil beast from the land, and the sword shall not pass over your land."

"Justice shall flow like water and righteousness like a mighty stream."

"For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

*Nahman of Bratzlav (adapted)*

## Prayer for our country

Our God and God of our ancestors, we ask Your blessings upon our country, and upon the leaders of our nation and of our communities. Inspire all who lead and serve to conduct their affairs honorably. May peace and security, happiness and prosperity, right and freedom abide among us.

Unite the inhabitants of our country, of all backgrounds and creeds, so that we may banish hatred and bigotry, safeguard our noblest ideals, and preserve those institutions which nurture liberty.

May this land under Your Providence be an influence for good throughout the world, helping to unite all peoples in peace and freedom, and bringing closer to fulfillment the visions of Your prophets:

"Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." "For the work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness calm and confidence forever." Amen.

*Louis Ginzberg (adapted)*

## For Medinat Yisrael

אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ. צֹר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְנוֹאֲלוּ. בְּרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל וְהִגֵּן עָלֶיהָ.

We ask Your blessings, O God, for the State of Israel,  
For the Land of Israel, and for the People of Israel.

Bless those who defend the Land and protect its people.  
Bless its leaders with wisdom, courage, and dedication.

May they be resolute in the face of challenge,  
And unwavering in the pursuit of justice and peace.

May Israel be a beacon of hope for the oppressed,  
A source of inspiration to all who are free.

Fulfill in our day the ancient promise:

צִיּוֹן בְּמִשְׁפַּט תִּפְדָּה. וְשָׁבִיָּה בְצִדְקָה.

"Zion shall be redeemed through justice,  
And its inhabitants through righteousness." Amen.

## For Jewish communities of the world

May God grant the blessings of peace and tranquillity, honor and abundance, joy and achievement to our brothers and sisters in Jewish communities throughout the world.

May they know the inspiration of our Faith,  
gain strength from the solidarity of our People,  
and find meaning and hope in our Heritage.

May they draw confidence from knowing that they are in our prayers,  
and soon see the fulfillment of their worthy desires. Amen.

## Prayer for the forthcoming new month

*Recited on the Sabbath preceding Rosh Hodesh:*

May it be Your will, Lord our God and God of our ancestors, that the approaching month bring us well-being and blessing. Grant us, we pray, long life, a life of peace, goodness, blessing, sustenance, and health; a life marked by true piety and the dread of sin; a life free from shame and reproach; a life of abundance with honor, a life filled with love of Torah and reverence for You; a life in which the worthy desires of our hearts will be fulfilled for our good. Amen.

May God who wrought wondrous deeds for our ancestors and redeemed them from slavery to freedom, soon deliver us from the evils which threaten us. May God gather our oppressed and homeless brothers and sisters from every corner of the earth into the fellowship of Israel. Let us say: Amen.

The month of \_\_\_\_\_ will begin on \_\_\_\_\_.

May it be a month of goodness for us and for all Israel.

In the new month, may the Holy One, praised be God, bless us and the Household of Israel with life and peace, joy and gladness, deliverance and comfort. And let us say: Amen.

*Eternal God, source of life, as a new month approaches, we are reminded of the passing of the seasons, of the preciousness of time, and of the limits of our earthly journey.*

*Teach us to number our days so that we may live each moment wisely. Help us to use the gifts with which we have been blessed with ever-greater awareness of the world around us, and ever-greater concern for those whose lives touch our own.*

*Strengthen our faith in moments of adversity, and sustain our hopes in the days ahead. Keep us mindful of our capacity to love and to grow.*

*May we be worthy of a new month filled with joy; and may all of Your children be blessed with peace and contentment. Amen. (M.S.—a.)*

## Prayer for the new month

*Recited on the Sabbath preceding Rosh Hodesh:*

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ שֶׁתְּחַדֵּשׁ  
עָלֵינוּ אֶת־הַחֹדֶשׁ הַזֶּה לְטוֹבָה וְלִבְרָכָה. וְתַתְּנֵנוּ חַיִּים  
אֲרָפִים חַיִּים שֶׁל־שְׁלוֹם חַיִּים שֶׁל־טוֹבָה חַיִּים שֶׁל־בְּרָכָה  
חַיִּים שֶׁל־פְּרֻנְסָה. חַיִּים שֶׁל־חֲלוּץ עֲצָמוֹת. חַיִּים שֶׁיֵּשׁ בָּהֶם  
יְרֵאת שָׁמַיִם וְיִרְאת חֹטֵא חַיִּים שֶׁאֵין בָּהֶם בּוֹשָׁה וְכִלְמָה.  
חַיִּים שֶׁל עֶשֶׂר וְכָבוֹד. חַיִּים שֶׁתְּהִי בָנוּ אֶהְבֵּת תּוֹרָה וְיִרְאת  
שָׁמַיִם. חַיִּים שֶׁיִּמָּלְאוּ מִשְׁאָלוֹת לִבֵּנוּ לְטוֹבָה. אָמֵן סָלָה:

מִי שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְגַאֵל אוֹתָם מֵעֲבָדוֹת לְחֵרוֹת.  
הוּא יִגְאֵל אוֹתָנוּ בְּקָרוֹב וְיִקְבֹּץ נִדְחֵינוּ מֵאַרְבַּע כְּנָפוֹת הָאָרֶץ.  
חֲבֵרִים כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן:

רֹאשׁ חֹדֶשׁ... יְהִי בַיּוֹם... הִבָּא עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה:  
יַחֲדָשְׁהוּ הַקֹּדֶשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל־עַמּוֹ בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל  
לְחַיִּים וְלְשְׁלוֹם. לְשִׁשּׁוֹן וְלִשְׁמֻחָה. לִישׁוּעָה וְלִנְחֻמָּה. וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן:

Mi sheh-asah nisim la-avoteynu,  
V'ga-al otam mey-avdut l'heyrit,  
Hu yigal otanu b'karov  
Viy'kabeytz ni-daheyinu mey-arba kanfot ha-arets,  
Havey-rim kol yisrael, v'nomar amen.

How shall we greet the new month now approaching?

Let us pray for life, for sustenance, for health;

Let us ask God's blessings on those whom we hold dear.

Yet let us remember that we too can bless this month:

With words and deeds, with dreams and achievements,

With greater wisdom and strengthened resolve.

How shall we greet the new month now approaching?

With deepened faith and true humility,

With a prayer that we be worthy of God's blessings.

(Ben Saul)

**ASHREY: All Your creatures shall praise You**

Happy are they who dwell in Your house;  
Forever shall they praise You.

Happy is the people so favored;  
Happy is the people whose God is the Lord.

*A Psalm of David.*

I will extol You, my God and Sovereign,  
I will praise You for ever and ever.

Every day will I praise You,  
I will glorify You for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and much acclaimed;  
God's greatness cannot be fathomed.

One generation shall laud Your works to another,  
And shall declare Your mighty acts.

On the majestic glory of Your splendor  
And on Your wondrous deeds will I meditate.

The might of Your tremendous acts shall be proclaimed,  
And I will recount Your greatness.

Your great goodness shall be made known;  
Your righteousness shall be celebrated.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,  
Exceedingly patient, abounding in love.

The Lord is good to all;  
The Lord's tender mercies embrace all Creation.

All Your works shall thank You, O Lord,  
And Your faithful ones shall praise You.

They shall declare the glory of Your dominion,  
And shall talk of Your might,

To make known to the world Your mighty acts,  
And the glorious majesty of Your sovereignty.

Hadar k'vod ho-deha, v'div-rey nif-l'oteha a-siha.

Ve-ezuz no-ro-teha yo-meyru, u-g'dulat-ha asap-rena.

Zey-her rav tuvha ya-biu, v'tzid-katha y'ra-neynu.

Hanun v'rahum Adonai, ereh apa-yim u-g'dol hased.

Tov Adonai la-kol, v'ra-hamav al kol ma-asav.

Yo-duha Adonai kol ma-aseha, va-ha-sideha y'var-huha.

K'vod mal-hutha yo-meyru, u-g'vu-rat-ha y'da-beyru.

L'hodia li-v'ney ha-adam g'vu-rotav, u-h'vod hadar mal-huto.

**Ashrey**

עוד יהללך סלה:

אשרי יושבי ביתך

אשרי העם שני אלהיו:

אשרי העם שככה לו

תהלה לדוד

ואברכה שמך לעולם ועד:

ארוממך אלוהי המלך

ואהללה שמך לעולם ועד:

בכל-יום אברכך

ולגדלתו אין חקר:

גדול יי ומהלל מאד

וגבורתיך יגידו:

דור לדור ישבח מעשיך

ודברי נפלאתיך אשיחה:

הדר כבוד הודך

וגדלתך אספרנה:

ועזוז נוראתיך יאמרו

וצדקתך ירגנו:

זכר רב-טובך יביעו

אך אפים וגדל-חסד:

חנון ורחום יי

ורחמיו על-כל-מעשיו:

טוב-יי לכל

וחסדיך יברכוך:

יודוך יי כל-מעשיך

וגבורתך ידברו:

כבוד מלכותך יאמרו

להודיע לבני האדם גבורתיו וכבוד הדר מלכותו:

Ashrey yosh-vey vey-teha, od y'ha-l'luha selah.

Ashrey ha-am sheh-kaha lo, ashrey ha-am sheh-Adonai Elohav.

T'hila l'David.

Aro-mimha Elohai ha-meleh, va-avarha shimha l'olam va-ed.

B'hol yom avar-heka, va-ahal'la shimha l'olam va-ed.

Gadol Adonai u-m'hulal m'od, v'li-g'dulato eyn hey-ker.

Dor l'dor y'shabah ma-aseha, u-g'vuro-teha ya-gidu.

(continued)

Your sovereignty is everlasting;  
Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

*The Lord upholds all who stumble,  
And raises up all who are bowed down.*

The eyes of all look hopefully to You;  
You give them their food when it is due.

*You open Your hand,  
And satisfy the needs of all the living.*

O Lord, how beneficent are all Your ways,  
And how gracious are all Your deeds.

*The Lord is near to all who call—  
To all who call upon the Lord in truth.*

The Lord will fulfill the desire of those who are reverent,  
And hearing their cry, will save them.

*The Lord preserves all those who are faithful,  
But all the wicked the Lord will bring low.*

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;  
Let all beings praise God's holy name forever.

*We will praise the Lord,  
At this time and for evermore; Hallelujah.*

*Psalms 84:5, 144:15, 145, 115:18*

The popular name of this selection, Ashrey, is derived from the word which begins each of the two introductory verses which were prefixed to Psalm 145 (liturgically) in Talmudic times.

Psalm 145, in which *all* are called upon to acclaim God's majesty, reflects the universalist dimension of the Hebrew Scriptures. God's providence, beneficence, and concern extend to all. (A.N.S.)

מַלְכוּתְךָ מְלָכוֹת כָּל-עֲלָמִים וּמִמְשַׁלְתְּךָ בְּכָל-דּוֹר וָדוֹר:

סוֹמֵךְ יי לְכָל-הַנָּפְלִים וּזוֹקֵף לְכָל-הַכְּפוּפִים:

עֵינֵי-כָל אֱלֹהִי יִשְׁבְּרוּ. וְאַתָּה נוֹתֵן לָהֶם אֶת-אֲכָלָם בְּעֵתוֹ:

פּוֹתֵחַ אֶת-יָדְךָ וּמַשְׁבִּיעַ לְכָל-חַי רִצּוֹן:

צַדִּיק יי בְּכָל-דֶּרֶכָיו וְחָסִיד בְּכָל-מַעֲשָׂיו:

קָרוֹב יי לְכָל-קִרְאָיו לְכָל אֲשֶׁר יִקְרָאֵהוּ בְּאֵמֶת:

רִצּוֹן יִרְאֵיו יַעֲשֶׂה וְאַת־שׁוֹעֲתָם יִשְׁמַע וְיוֹשִׁיעֵם:

שׁוֹמֵר יי אֶת-כָּל-אֲהָבָיו וְאֵת כָּל-הַרְשָׁעִים יִשְׁמִיד:

תַּהֲלֵת יי יְדַבֵּר-פִּי וַיִּבְרַךְ כָּל-בָּשָׂר שֵׁם קְדֹשׁוֹ

לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

וְאֶנְחֵנוּ נִבְרַךְ יְהִי מִעַתָּה וְעַד-עוֹלָם. הִלְלוּיָהּ:

Transliteration of Ashrey (continued)

Mal-hutha mal-hut kol olamim, u-mem-shal-t'ha b'hol dor va-dor.  
Someyh Adonai l'hol ha-nof-lim, v'zo-keyf l'hol ha-k'fufim.

Eyney hol eyleha y'sa-beyru, v'ata noteyn lahem et oh-lam b'ito.  
Po-tey-ah et ya-deha, u-mas-bia l'hol hai ratzon.

Tzadik Adonai b'hol d'ra-hav, v'hasid b'hol ma-asav.

Karov Adonai l'hol ko-rav, l'hol asher yik-ra-uhu ve-emet.

R'tzon y'rey-av ya-aseh, v'et shav-atam yish-ma v'yo-shi-eym.

Shomeyr Adonai et kol oha-vav, v'eyt kol ha-r'sha-im yash-mid.

T'hilat Adonai y'daber pi,

Vi-vareyh kol basar sheym kod-sho l'olam va-ed.

Va-anah-nu n'va-reyh Yah, mey-ata v'ad olam, Halleluyah.



## HAPPY ARE THEY WHO REVERE THE LORD

(An Alternate Ashrey)

Happy are they who dwell in Your house;  
Forever shall they praise You.

*Happy is the people so favored;  
Happy is the people whose God is the Lord.*

Happy are they whose ways are blameless,  
Who follow the teaching of the Lord.

*Happy are they whom the Lord finds blameless,  
In whose hearts there is no deceit.*

Happy are they who revere the Lord,  
Who are greatly devoted to God's commandments.

*Happy are they who act justly,  
Who do right at all times.*

Happy are they who are thoughtful of the needy;  
In time of trouble may the Lord keep them from harm.

*Happy are they whose help is the Lord,  
Whose hope is in the God of Jacob.*

Let us, therefore, praise the Lord,  
At this time and for evermore; Hallelujah.

## Returning the Torah Scroll to the Ark

Reader:

"Let us praise the Lord, who alone is to be exalted!"

Congregation:

"God's glory is revealed on earth and in the heavens.  
The Lord has raised the honor of our people,  
The glory of the faithful,  
Thus exalting the Children of Israel,  
A people drawn near to the Lord; Hallelujah."

## HAPPY ARE THEY WHO REVERE THE LORD

אֲשֶׁר יוֹשְׁבֵי בֵיתְךָ.	עוֹד יְהַלְלוּךָ סֵלָה:
אֲשֶׁר הָעַם שָׂכָכָה לוֹ.	אֲשֶׁר הָעַם שִׁי אֱלֹהָיו:
אֲשֶׁר תִּמְיָמִי דָרְדָּר.	הַהֲלָכִים בְּתוֹרַת יְיָ:
אֲשֶׁר אָדָם לֹא יִחְשַׁב יְיָ לוֹ עוֹן.	וְאִין בְּרוּחוֹ רְמִיָּה:
אֲשֶׁר אִישׁ יֵרָא אֶת יְיָ.	בְּמַצּוֹתָיו חָפֵץ מְאֹד:
אֲשֶׁר שְׁמִרֵי מִשְׁפָּט.	עֲשֵׂה צְדָקָה בְּכָל עֵת:
אֲשֶׁר מִשְׁכִּיל אֵל דָּל.	בְּיוֹם רָעָה יִמְלֹטְהוּ יְיָ:
אֲשֶׁר שָׁאֵל יַעֲקֹב בְּעֶזְרוֹ.	שִׁבְרוּ עַל־יְיָ אֱלֹהָיו:
וְאִנְחָנוּ נִבְרַךְ יְהוָה.	מִעַתָּה וְעַד־עוֹלָם.
הַלְלוּיָהּ:	

(Psalms 84:5, 144:15, 119:1, 32:2, 112:1, 106:3, 41:2, 146:5, 115:18)

## Returning the Torah Scroll to the Ark

Reader:

יְהַלְלוּ אֶת־שֵׁם יְיָ. כִּי־נִשְׁגַּב שְׁמוֹ לְבָדּוֹ—

Congregation:

הוֹדוּ עַל־אֶרֶץ וּשְׁמַיִם:  
וַיֵּרָם קֶרֶן לְעַמּוֹ. תְּהִלָּה לְכָל־חַסִּידָיו.  
לִבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל עִם קָרְבוֹ. הַלְלוּיָהּ:

*Hodo al eretz v'shama-yim.  
Va-yarem keren l'amo, t'hila l'hol hasidav,  
Li-v'ney yisrael am k'rovo, Halleluyah.*



# HAVU LADONAI

Give glory to the Lord on high,  
Whose power we proclaim.  
Heavenly beings, sanctify  
The glory of God's name!

The God of glory thunders out  
Upon the waters wide;  
The voice of God resounds aloud  
Across the flowing tide.

Cedars of Lebanon God's voice breaks;  
God's power they, too, know,  
The voice of God and desert shakes  
And lays the forest low.

Before the flood the Lord did rule  
And will rule evermore;  
While in the Holy Temple all  
God's glory will adore.

The Lord unto our people will  
Give strength and good increase,  
The Lord will bless our people still  
With everlasting peace.

*Based on Psalm 29 (adapted from ULPS)*

Va-yar-kideym k'mo ey-gel,  
L'vanon v'sir-yon k'mo ven r'ey-mim.

Kol Adonai ho-tzeyv la-havot eysh.  
Kol Adonai yahil midbar,  
Yahil Adonai midbar kadeysh.

Kol Adonai y'holeyl aya-lot, va-yehe-sof y'arot,  
Uv-hey-halo kulo omeyr kavod.

Adonai la-mabul ya-shav,  
Va-yey-shev Adonai meleḥ l'olam.

Adonai oz l'amo yiteyn,  
Adonai y'vareyh et amo va-shalom.

*On Shabbat recite Psalm 29 below:*

מזמור לדוד

הבו לי בני אלים הבו לי כבוד ועז:

הבו לי כבוד שמו השתחו לי בהדרת קדש:

קול יי על-המים אל-הכבוד הרעים יי על-מים רבים:

קול-יי בבהר קול יי בהדר:

קול יי שבר ארזים וישבר יי את-ארזי הלבנון:

וירקידם כמו-עגל לבנון ושריון כמו בדראמים:

קול-יי חצב להבות אש:

קול יי יחיל מדבר יחיל יי מדבר קדש:

קול יי יחולל אילות ויחשף יערות ובהיכלו כלו אמר כבוד:

יי למבול ישב וישב יי מלך לעולם:

יי עז לעמו יתן יי יברך את-עמו בשלום:

*Mizmor l'David.*

Havu la-donai b'ney eylim,  
Havu la-donai kavod va-oz.  
Havu la-donai k'vod sh'mo,  
Hish-tahavu la-donai b'had-rat kodesh.

Kol Adonai al ha-ma-yim,  
Eyl ha-kavod hir-im,  
Adonai al ma-yim rabim.

Kol Adonai ba-ko-ah,  
Kol Adonai be-hadar,  
Kol Adonai sho-veyr arazim,  
Va-y'sha-beyr Adonai et ar-zey ha-l'vanon.

# WHO MAY STAND IN GOD'S PRESENCE?

A Psalm of David.

The earth is the Lord's, and its fullness,  
The world and those who dwell in it.

For it is God who founded it upon the seas,  
And established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?  
Who may stand in God's holy place?

One who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
Who does not strive after vanity,  
And does not swear deceitfully;

Thus meriting a blessing from the Lord,  
And vindication from the God of deliverance.

Such are the people who seek the Lord,  
Who seek the presence of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
Lift up high, O ancient doors,  
So that the Sovereign of glory may enter!

Who is the Sovereign of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty,  
The Lord, valiant in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
Lift them up, O ancient doors,  
So that the Sovereign of glory may enter!

Who is the Sovereign of glory?  
The Lord of hosts is the Sovereign of glory.

Psalm 24

Se-u sh'arim ro-shey-hem, v'hinasu pit-hey olam,  
V'yavo meleḥ ha-kavod.

Mi zeh meleḥ ha-kavod, Adonai izuz v'gibor,  
Adonai gibor mil-hama.

Se-u sh'arim ro-shey-hem, us-u pit-hey olam,  
V'yavo meleḥ ha-kavod.

Mi hu zeh meleḥ ha-kavod,  
Adonai tz'va-ot hu meleḥ ha-kavod, Selah.

On Festivals falling on a weekday, recite Psalm 24 below:

לְדֹר מִזְמוֹר

לִי הָאֶרֶץ וּמְלוֹאָהּ תָּבֵל וַיִּשְׁבִּי בָּהּ:

כִּי־הוּא עַל־יָמִים יִסְדָּהּ וְעַל־נְהָרוֹת יְכַוְנֶנָּה:

מִי־יַעֲלֶה בָּהָר יִי וּמִי־יָקוּם בְּמָקוֹם קָדְשׁוֹ:

נָקִי כַפַּיִם וּבֶרֶךְ לֵבָב אֲשֶׁר לֹא־נִשְׁאָא לִשְׂוֹא נִפְשִׁי

וְלֹא נִשְׁבַּע לְמַרְמָה:

יֵשָׁא בִּרְכָה מֵאֵת יִי וְצִדְקָה מֵאֱלֹהֵי יִשְׁעוֹ:

זֶה דֹר דֹר שִׁוִּי מִבְּקָשִׁי פָּנֶיךָ יַעֲקֹב סֵלָה:

שָׂאוּ שְׁעָרִים רְאִשֵׁיכֶם וְהִנֵּשְׂאוּ פִתְחֵי עוֹלָם

וַיָּבֹא מֶלֶךְ הַכְּבוֹד:

מִי זֶה מֶלֶךְ הַכְּבוֹד יִי עֲזֹז וְגִבּוֹר

יִי גִבּוֹר מִלְחָמָה:

שָׂאוּ שְׁעָרִים רְאִשֵׁיכֶם וּשָׂאוּ פִתְחֵי עוֹלָם

וַיָּבֹא מֶלֶךְ הַכְּבוֹד:

מִי הוּא זֶה מֶלֶךְ הַכְּבוֹד יִי צָבָאוֹת

הוּא מֶלֶךְ הַכְּבוֹד סֵלָה:

L'David Mizmor.

La-donai ha-aretz u-m'lo-ah, tey-veyl v'yosh-vey vah.  
Ki hu al yamim y'sadah, v'al n'harot y'ho-n'neha.

Mi ya-aleh v'har Adonai, u-mi yakum bi-m'kom kod-sho.  
N'ki ha-pa-yim u-var ley-vav, asher lo nasa la-shav naf-shi,  
v'lo nish-ba l'mir-mah.

Yisa v'raḥah mey-eyt Adonai, u-tz'dakah mey-Elohey yi-sho.  
Zeh dor dor-shav, m'vak-shey fa-neḥa ya-akov, Selah.

## TORAH: OUR TREE OF LIFE

As the Torah is placed in the Ark, recite:

When the Ark was set down, Moses prayed:  
"O Lord, dwell among the myriad families of Israel."

Come up, O Lord, to Your sanctuary,  
Together with the Ark of Your glory.

May Your priests be clothed in righteousness,  
And may Your faithful ones rejoice.

I have given you precious teaching,  
Forsake not My Torah.

It is a tree of life to those who cling to it,  
Blessed are they who uphold it.

Its ways are ways of pleasantness,  
All its paths are peace.

Turn us to You, O Lord, and we shall return;  
Renew us as in days of old.

*Biblical verses*

## MEDITATIONS AFTER THE TORAH IS RETURNED TO THE ARK

Our God and God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the heritage of Torah, a legacy renewed in every generation. May the words of Scripture which we have read today influence our lives, and inspire us to seek further knowledge of Your word. Thus our minds will be enriched and our lives endowed with meaning. May we know the peace and serenity granted to those who love Your Torah. May we take to heart Your teachings, and strive to do Your will. Happy are all who love You and delight in Your commandments. Amen.

May the words of the Torah guide our deeds, elevate our thoughts, and sanctify our lives. May the words of the Torah inspire us anew to seek justice, righteousness, and truth. May our actions in the days ahead bear witness to our study of Torah today. May we be among those who proclaim with joy: "Its ways are ways of pleasantness and all its paths are peace." Amen.

As the Torah is placed in the Ark, recite:

וּבְנִיחָה יֹאמֶר שׁוּבָה יְיָ רַבְבוֹת אֱלֹפֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

קוּמָה יְיָ לְמִנוּחָתְךָ אִתָּהּ וְאֶרֶוֹן עֲזֹךְ:

כְּהִנִּיךָ יִלְבָּשׁ צִדֵּק וְחִסְדֶּיךָ יִרְנָנוּ:

בְּעִבּוֹר דָּוִד עֲבַדְךָ אֶל־תֵּשֵׁב פָּנֶי מְשִׁיחֶךָ:

כִּי לָקַח טוֹב נָתַתִּי לָכֶם תּוֹרַתִּי אֶל־תַּעֲזֹבוּ:

עֵץ־חַיִּים הִיא לְמַחְזִיקִים בָּהּ וְתִמְכֶּיָּה מְאֹשֶׁר:

דְּרָכֶיָּה דְרָכֵי־נֶעֱם וְכָל־נִתְיָבוֹתֶיהָ שָׁלוֹם:

הַשִּׁיבֵנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְנִשׁוּבָה חֲדָשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקֶדֶם:

Eytz ha-yim hi la-maḥa-zikim bah,  
V'tom-heha m'u-shar.

D'raḥeha darḥey no-am,

V'hol n'tivo-teha shalom.

Ha-shiveynu Adonai eyleḥa v'na-shuva,

Ḥadeysh yameynu k'kedem.

## MEDITATION

Teach us, O Lord, the ways of Your Torah, as we seek to know and to do Your will. Help us in our quest for meaning in our lives. Bless us with wisdom and love. May Your Torah be our tree of life, our shield, and our guide. Sustain us, and all who revere Your word, with the reassuring sense of Your presence. Amen.

(A.N.S.)