

Prayers and Readings for a Cemetery Visit
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A Time for Everything (Kohelet)

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

Personal Memorial Prayers

In Memory of a Mother

May God remember the soul of my respected mother (name) who has passed to her eternal rest. I pledge charity on her behalf and pray that her soul be kept among the immortal souls of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Leah, and all the righteous men and women in paradise. Amen.

In Memory of a Father

May God remember the soul of my respected father (name) who has passed to his eternal rest: I pledge charity on his behalf and pray that his soul be kept among the immortal souls of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Leah, and all the righteous men and women in paradise. Amen.

In Memory of a Husband/Wife

May God remember the soul of my beloved wife/husband (name) who has passed to her/his eternal rest. I pledge charity on her/his behalf and pray that her soul be kept among the immortal souls of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Leah, and all the righteous men and women in paradise. Amen.

In Memory of a Son/Daughter

May God remember the soul of my beloved daughter/son (name) who has passed to her/his eternal rest. I pledge charity on her/his behalf and pray that her/his soul be kept among the immortal souls of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Leah, and all the righteous men and women in paradise. Amen.

In Memory of our Dear Departed Ones

May God remember the soul of (name) who has passed to his (her) eternal rest. I pledge charity on his (her) behalf and pray that his (her) soul be kept among the immortal souls of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Leah, and all the righteous men and women in paradise. Amen.

Meditations

Our God and God of our fathers and mothers, may the memories of those whom we lovingly recall influence our lives for good and direct our thoughts away from the vain and fleeting toward that which is eternal. Teach us to emulate the virtues of our dear ones so that we too may be inspired to devote ourselves to the Torah, to Israel and to You, the source of all our aspirations. The historic chain of Judaism will remain unbroken, and our loved ones will be united with us. They live in us, in our hopes

With You are the souls of the living and the dead. Teach us to live wisely and unselfishly in truth and understanding, in love and peace, so that those who come after us may likewise remember us for good, as we this day affectionately remember them who were unto us a blessing. Amen.

Eil Maleh Rachamim (Prayer for our Departed)

Merciful God, who dwells on high and in our hearts, grant perfect peace to the souls of our dearly beloved who have gone to their eternal rest. Shelter them in Your Divine Presence among the holy and pure whose radiance is like the brightness of the heavens. May their memories inspire us to live justly and kindly. May their souls be at peace; and may they be bound up in the bond of eternal life. Let us say: Amen.

As We Remember Them (Sylvan Kamens and Jack Riemer)

At the rising of the sun and at its going down, we remember them.
At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.
At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.
At the shining of the sun and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.
At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.
At the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.
When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.
When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.
When we have joy we crave to share, we remember them.
When we have decisions that are difficult to make, we remember them.
When we have achievements that are based on theirs, we remember them.
As long as we live, they too will live;
for they now are a part of us, as we remember them.

Psalm 23

Adonai is my shepherd, I shall not want.
God makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside the still waters.
God revives my spirit
and guides me in paths of righteousness,
for the sake of God's name.
Though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil;
for You are with me.
Your rod and Your staff comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
And I shall dwell in God's House forever.



Mourner's Kaddish

יתגדל ויתקדש שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעֻלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתֵיהּ, וְיַמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ
וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעָגְלָא וּבְזָמַן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמָיָא.

יְתַבְרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ
דְּקֻדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ הוּא, לְעָלְמָא מִן כָּל בִּרְכָתָא וְשִׁירָתָא וְתַשְׁבְּחָתָא וְנִחְמָתָא, דְּאָמְרוּ
בְּעֻלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמָיָא, וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

*Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba. B'alma di v'ra chirutei, v'yamlich malchutei, b'chayeichon
uv'yomeichon uv'chayei d'chol beit Yisrael, baagala uviz'man kariv. V'im'ru: **Amen.***

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'varach l'alam ul'almei almaya.

*Yitbarach v'yishtabach v'yitpaar v'yitromam v'yitnasei, v'yit'hadar v'yitaleh v'yit'halal sh'mei d'Kud'sha
B'rich Hu, l'eila min kol birchata v'shirata, tushb'chata v'nechemata, daamiran b'alma. V'imru: **Amen.***

*Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya, v'chayim aleinu v'al kol Yisrael. V'imru: **Amen.***

*Oseh shalom bimromav, Hu yaaseh shalom aleinu, v'al kol Yisrael. V'imru: **Amen.***

Exalted and hallowed be God's great name in the world which God created, according to plan.
May God's majesty be revealed in the days of our lifetime and the life of all Israel—speedily,
imminently. To which we say: **Amen.**

Blessed be God's great name to all eternity.

Blessed, praised, honored, exalted, extolled, glorified, adored, and lauded be the name of the
Holy Blessed One, beyond all earthly words and songs of blessing, praise, and comfort.

To which we say: **Amen.**

May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and all Israel. To which we say: **Amen.**

May the One who creates harmony on high, bring peace us and to all Israel. To which we say: **Amen.**