

Prayers for Writing Iyyunim
Confirmation Service (Shavuot Afternoon)
Woodlands Community Temple

GEVUROT

The Gevurot (which means "Strengths") gives God credit for all sorts of important, powerful stuff. Like sustaining life, renewing life, supporting the fallen, healing the sick, and freeing the captive. Are these gratitude-worthy ideas? Why not take credit ourselves? Why turn outward for such important achievements?

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גבורות

אַתָּה גְּבוֹר לְעוֹלָם אֲדֹנָי,
מַחֲיָה הַכֹּל אַתָּה, רַב לְהוֹשִׁיעַ.
מְשִׁיב הָרוּחַ וּמוֹרִיד הַגֶּשֶׁם.

A-tah gee-bor l'o-lam, Adonai, m'kha-yey ha-kol a-tah, rav l'ho-shee-ah.

מוֹרִיד הַטֶּל.

Mo-reed ha-tahl.

מְכַלְכֵּל חַיִּים בְּחֶסֶד, מַחֲיָה הַכֹּל בְּרַחֲמִים רַבִּים,
סוֹמֵךְ נוֹפְלִים, וְרוֹפֵא חוֹלִים, וּמַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים,
וּמְקִים אֲמוֹנָתוֹ לִישְׁנֵי עָפָר. מִי כְמוֹךָ בַּעַל
גְּבוּרוֹת וּמִי דוֹמֶה לָךְ, מְלֶךְ יַמִּית וּמַחְיָה וּמַצְמִיחַ
יְשׁוּעָה. וְנֶאֱמַן אַתָּה לְהַחְיֹת הַכֹּל. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי,
מַחֲיָה הַכֹּל.

*M'khal-keyl kha-yeem b'khe-sed, m'kha-yey ha-kol b'ra-kha-meem ra-beem. So-meykh nof-leem,
v'ro-feh kho-leem, u-ma-teer a-soo-reem, oom-ka-yeym eh-moo-na-to lee-shey-ney a-far. Mee
kha-mo-kha ba-al g'voo-rot, u-mee do-meh lakh, me-lekh mey-meet oom-kha-yey
u-matz-mee-akh y'shoo-ah? V'ne-eh-mahn a-tah l'ha-kha-yot ha-kol. Ba-rukh a-tah Adonai,
m'kha-yay ha-kol.*

Eternal is Your might, O God, and great is Your saving power. [Simhat Torah to Pesakh —You cause the wind to shift and rain to fall. Pesakh to Simhat Torah —You rain dew upon us.] In love You sustain the living; in Your great mercy, You sustain us all. You uphold the falling and heal the sick; free the captive and keep faith with Your children in death as in life. We praise You, Eternal One, the Source of life.