

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

### *SHEMA*

*This creative writing addresses the issue of a Greater Power in the Universe. We may not know very much about It. But everything that Judaism stands for, every value and every moral, is based on a basic belief in this Greater Power. We may not know what It is, but we call It God. The Shema affirms our insistence on believing, even in the face of doubt, so we can believe in a future.*

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### שמע

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְיָ אֶחָד.

*Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai E-lo-hey-nu, Adonai E-khad.*

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

*Ba-rukh shem k'vod mal-khu-to l'o-lahm va-ed.*

*Hear, O Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One! Blessed is God's glorious name forever and ever!*