

Prayers for the
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Basic Prayers

Modeh Ani

In the Modeh Ani prayer, we thank Hashem every morning for His generous gift of life. This shows Hashem's tremendous confidence in us that we will do the right thing today though we may not always have the best track record. This is especially meaningful to me on the day of my Bar Mitzvah, as I celebrate G-d's trust in me that I will do the right things as a Jewish adult.

מוֹדָה אֲנִי לְפָנֶיךָ, מֶלֶךְ חַי וְקַיִם,
שֶׁהֵחֵרְתָּ בִּי נְשִׁמָּתִי בְּחַמְלָה, וְרַבָּה
אֱמוּנָתְךָ.

I thank You O living and eternal King
that you returned my life to me;
abundant is Your faithfulness

Rayshis Chochmah

Raishis chuchmah is a brief prayer whose message is an important one to be said at the start of every day:

רֵאשִׁית חִכְמָה יִרְאַת יי, שְׂכָל טוֹב לְכָל
עֲשִׂיהֶם, תְּהִלָּתוֹ עוֹמֶדֶת לְעַד. בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם
כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעַד.

The beginning of wisdom is fear of G-d; bringing good understanding to all who practice them, His praise lasts forever.

Al Neteelas Yodayim

Upon rising in the morning there is a custom to wash the hands with a washing cup in preparation for a new day.

After the washing we say this Bracha.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר
קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נְטִילַת יְדַיִם.

Blessed are You Hashem, our G-d, King of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His mitzvahs and commanded us with the handwashing.

Birchas Hatorah

To paraphrase a famous saying, "More than the Jews have kept the Torah, the Torah has kept the Jews." The following blessing is an expression of appreciation to G-d for giving us our most treasured possession: the Torah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר
בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים, וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת
תּוֹרָתוֹ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

Blessed are You Hashem, our G-d, King of the universe, who has chosen us from among the nations and given us His Torah. Blessed are you Hashem, Giver of the Torah.

Shema

The Shema has been the Jewish declaration of faith throughout history.

It has been said by Jews for three thousand years.

*With the Shema we declare to the world that there is only one G-d;
G-d is all-Powerful; G-d is good.*

We say the Shema when we go to sleep at night and when we arise in the morning.

We say it when a baby is born and when someone returns his soul to his Maker. According to one view, it is a call to our father Israel, also known as Jacob:

Hear, O Israel, Hashem is our G-d, Hashem is one.

Through thousands of years, we are telling our ancestor that his children are alive and well, and we still adhere to his beliefs. By saying this prayer twice a day, we continue our glorious chain of tradition.

My dear ancestor Jacob, today I form the next link in your chain.

Today I say Shema Yisrael.

שְׁמַע | יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ | אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ | אֶחָד.

Hear O Israel: Hashem is our G-d,
Hashem is the One and Only

IN AN UNDERTONE:

בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Blessed be the name of the glory of His
kingship forever and ever

וְאָהַבְתָּ אֶת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ, בְּכָל לְבָבְךָ, וּבְכָל
נַפְשְׁךָ, וּבְכָל מְאֹדְךָ. וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה,
אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מְצַוְּךָ הַיּוֹם, עַל לְבָבְךָ.
וּשְׁנַנְתָּם לְבָנֶיךָ, וְדַבַּרְתָּ בָם, בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ
בְּבֵיתְךָ, וּבְלִקְחֶתְךָ בַדֶּרֶךְ, וּבְשֹׁכְבְךָ, וּבְקוּמְךָ.
וּקְשַׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת | עַל יָדְךָ, וְהָיוּ לְטָטְפֹת
בֵּין | עֵינֶיךָ. וּכְתַבְתָּם | עַל מְזוֹזוֹת בֵּיתְךָ
וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ.

And you shall love Hashem your G-d with all your heart, with all your life and with all your resources. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them to your children and speak about them, when you sit in your house, when you go on the way, and when you lay down and get up. And you shall bind them as a sign between your eyes and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Adon Olam

Adon Olam is a song about G-d. In it, we sing about His timelessness, His relationship with his creations, and His deep love and caring for each and every one of us. Please join me in singing the Hebrew, and I will follow with a translation so you can appreciate its meaning.

Adon olam Asher Molach Beterem Kol Yitzir Nivra
אָדוֹן עוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר מְלֹךְ, בְּטֵרֵם כָּל יִצִּיר נִבְרָא.

Liate Nasa Becheftzo Kol Azai Melech Shemo Nikra
לֵיעַת נִעֲשָׂה בְּחֶפְצוֹ כָּל, אֲזַי מֶלֶךְ שְׁמוֹ נִקְרָא.

viacharei Kichlot Hakol Levado Yimloch Nora
וְאַחֲרַי כְּכֹלוֹת הַכֹּל, לְבַדּוֹ יִמְלֹךְ נוֹרָא.

Vehu Haya Vehu Hove Vehu Yyiheeyeh Beteefarah
וְהוּא הָיָה, וְהוּא הוֹוֶה, וְהוּא יִיְהִי, בְּתֵפְאָרָה.

Vehu Echad Veayn Shayni Lehamshilo Lehachbira
וְהוּא אֶחָד וְאֵין שַׁנִּי, לְהַמְשִׁיל לּוֹ לְהַחֲבִירָה.

Beli Rayshit Belí Tachlit Velo Ha'oz Vehamisra
בְּלִי רֵאשִׁית בְּלִי תַכְלִית, וְלוֹ הָעֵז וְהַמִּשְׁרָה.

Vehu Ali Vechai Go'ali Vetzur Chevli Be'ais Tzara
וְהוּא אֱלִי וְחַי גְּאֱלִי, וְצוּר חֶבְלֵי בְּעֵת צָרָה.

Vehu Neesi umanos Li Menas Kosí Beyom Ekra
וְהוּא נְסִי וּמְנוּס לִי, מְנַת כּוֹסֵי בְּיוֹם אֶקְרָא.

Beyado Afkid Ruchi Beais Eeshan Veoeera
בְּיָדוֹ אֶפְקִיד רוּחִי, בְּעֵת אִישָׁן וְאֶעִירָה.

Ve'eem Ruchi Geviyati Adon-nay Li Velo Eera
וְעֵם רוּחִי גְּוִיַּתִּי, יְיָ לִי וְלֹא אִירָא.

The L-rd of the universe who reigned
before anything was created.
When all was made by his will
He was acknowledged as King.

And when all shall end
He, the Awesome one, shall reign.
He was, He is,
and He shall be in glory.

And He is one, and there's no other,
to compare or declare His equal.
Without beginning, without end
and to Him belongs dominion and power.

And He is my G-d, my living G-d of redemption.
Rock of my pain in time of distress,
and He is my banner and my refuge,
The portion in my cup on the day I call.

To Him I will commit my spirit,
When I go to sleep – and I shall awaken
With my spirit shall my body remain
G-d is with me, I shall not fear.

Advanced Prayers

Yigdal

Yigdal is a song that poetically tells of the Thirteen Principles of Jewish Faith that were taught by one of our greatest Torah scholars over 1000 years ago, the Rambam - Maimonides.

יְגַדֵּל אֱלֹהִים חַי וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח, נִמְצָא, וְאִין עֵת אֵל מְצִיאֹתוֹ.
אֶחָד וְאִין יְחִיד כְּיַחֲוֵדוֹ, נְעַלָם, וְגַם אִין סוּף לְאַחַדוֹתוֹ.
אִין לוֹ דְמוּת הַגּוֹף וְאִינוּ גוֹף, לֹא נַעֲרוֹף אֱלִיו קִדְשָׁתוֹ.
קִדְמוֹן לְכָל דְבָר אֲשֶׁר נִבְרָא, רֵאשׁוֹן וְאִין רֵאשִׁית
לְרֵאשִׁיתוֹ.

הֵנוּ אֲדוֹן עוֹלָם לְכָל נוֹצָר, יוֹרֵה גְדֻלָּתוֹ וּמְלֻכוֹתוֹ. שְׁפַע
נְבוֹאָתוֹ נִתְּנוּ, אֵל אֲנָשֵׁי סִגְלָתוֹ וְתַפְאֲרָתוֹ. לֹא קָם
בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל כְּמֹשֶׁה עוֹד, נִבְיָא וּמְבִיט אֶת תְּמוּנָתוֹ.
תּוֹרַת אֲמַת נָתַן לְעַמּוֹ אֵל, עַל יַד נְבִיאָו נֶאֱמַן בֵּיתוֹ. לֹא
יַחְלִיף הָאֵל וְלֹא יִמִּיר דָּתוֹ, לְעוֹלָמִים, לְזוּלָּתוֹ.
צוּפָה וְיוֹדֵעַ סִתְרֵינוּ, מְבִיט לְסוּף דְבָר בְּקִדְמָתוֹ. גּוֹמֵל
לְאִישׁ חֶסֶד כְּמַפְעָלוֹ, נוֹתֵן לְרָשָׁע רַע כְּרִשְׁעָתוֹ.

יְשֻׁלַח לְקִץ הַיָּמִין מְשִׁיחֵנוּ, לְפָדוֹת מִחַכֵּי קִץ יְשׁוּעָתוֹ.
מִתִּים יִתְּיָה אֵל בָּרַב חֲסִדוֹ, בְּרוּךְ עַדֵּי עַד שֵׁם הַתְּהִלָּתוֹ.

Exalted be the Living G-d and praised, He exists -
unbounded by time in His existence.
He is One - and there is no unity like His Oneness.
Inscrutable and infinite is His Oneness.
He has no semblance of a body nor is He corporeal;
nor has His holiness any comparison.
He preceded every being that was created - the
First, and nothing preceded His precedence.
Behold! He is Master of the universe to every
creature, He demonstrates His greatness and His
sovereignty.
He granted His flow of prophecy to His treasured
splendorous people.
There never arose among the Jewish Nation anyone
like Moshe, a prophet who perceived His vision
clearly.
G-d gave His G-dly nation a Torah of truth, by
means of His prophet, the most trusted of His
household.
G-d will never amend nor exchange His law for any
other one, for all eternity.

He scrutinizes and knows our hidden most secrets;
He perceives a matter's outcome at its inception. He
recompenses man with kindness according to his
deed; He places evil on the wicked according to his
wickedness.

By the End of Days, He will send our Mashiach, to
redeem those longing for His final salvation. G-d will
revive the dead in His abundant kindness - Blessed
forever is His praised Name.

Olainu

Olainu talks of the privilege and responsibility of recognizing the truth of a one G-d; and expresses the hope for a time when everyone will unite in this recognition.

עֲלֵינוּ לְשִׁבְחָהּ לְאֲדוֹן הַכֹּל לְתַת גְּדֻלָּהּ לְיוֹצֵר בְּרָאשִׁית.

שְׁלֹא עֲשָׂנוּ כְּגוֹיֵי הָאָרְצוֹת וְלֹא שָׁמְנוּ כְּמִשְׁפָּחוֹת
הָאֲדָמָה. שְׁלֹא שָׂם חֲלָקֵנוּ כָּהֵם וְגַרְלָנוּ כְּכֹל הַמוֹנָם.

וְאִנְחָנוּ כּוֹרְעִים וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים לְפָנֵי מֶלֶךְ מַלְכֵי
הַמְּלָכִים, הַקְּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא.

שֶׁהוּא נוֹטֵה שָׁמַיִם וְיִסַּד אֶרֶץ, וּמוֹשֵׁב יְקָרוֹ בַּשָּׁמַיִם
מִמַּעַל, וְשָׁכִינַת עֵזוֹ בְּגִבְהֵי מְרוֹמִים.

הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֵין עוֹד. אֱמֶת מְלַכְנוּ אֶפְסֵ זוּלָּתוֹ, כְּפָתוּב
בְּתוֹרָתוֹ: וַיִּדְעָה הַיּוֹם וְהַשַּׁבָּת אֵל לְבַבָּהּ, כִּי יֵי הוּא
הָאֱלֹהִים בַּשָּׁמַיִם מִמַּעַל, וְעַל הָאֶרֶץ מִתַּחַת, אֵין עוֹד.

It is our duty to praise the Master of all, to acclaim the greatness of the One who forms all creation. For God did not make us like the nations of other lands and did not make us the same as other families of the Earth. He did not place us in the same situation as others, and our destiny is not the same as anyone else's.

And we bend our knees, and bow down, and give thanks, before the King, the King of kings, the Holy One, Blessed is He.

The One who spread out the heavens, and made the foundations of the Earth, and whose precious dwelling is in the heavens above, and whose powerful Presence is in the highest heights.

He is our God, there is none other. Our King is true, there is none but Him. As it is written in His Torah: "And you shall know today, and take to heart, that Hashem is the only God, in the heavens above and on Earth below. There is no other."

Ein Kelokainu

Ein Kelokainu is a hymn that is said at the end of the mornings Services on Shabbos and Holidays. It sings of our love and praise for Hashem, in a catchy poetic song, that has the word 'Amen' formed by the first letters of the beginning verses.

אין כַּאֲלֵהִינוּ. אין כַּאֲדוֹנֵינוּ. אין כַּמְלִכְנוּ. אין כְּמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

מִי כַּאֲלֵהִינוּ. מִי כַּאֲדוֹנֵינוּ. מִי כַּמְלִכְנוּ. מִי כְּמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

נוֹדָה לְאֱלֹהֵינוּ. נוֹדָה לְאֲדוֹנֵינוּ. נוֹדָה לְמִלְכֵנוּ. נוֹדָה
לְמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

בְּרוּךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ. בְּרוּךְ אֲדוֹנֵינוּ. בְּרוּךְ מִלְכֵנוּ. בְּרוּךְ מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

אָתָּה הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ. אָתָּה הוּא אֲדוֹנֵינוּ. אָתָּה הוּא מִלְכֵנוּ. אָתָּה
הוּא מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

There is none like our God.
There is none like our Lord.
There is none like our King.
There is none like our Savior.

Who is like our God?! Who is like our Lord?!
Who is like our King?! Who is like our Savior?!

Let us thank our God. Let us thank our Lord.
Let us thank our King. Let us thank our Savior.

Blessed be our God. Blessed be our Lord.
Blessed be our King. Blessed be our Savior.

You are our God. You are our Lord.
You are our King. You are our Savior.

Oseh Shalom

These words, asking for peace, are found at the end of every Shemoneh Esrei-silent Amidah prayer as well as at the end of Kaddish. This makes it the most recurrent standard prayer.

עוֹשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמַרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ
וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן

May the One who creates peace on high, bring
peace upon us and upon all of Israel.
And let us say: Amen.

Am Yisroel Chai

Mark Twain said; "All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains."

In this song we celebrate our unique destiny:

The Jewish People lives on;

our Father in Heaven lives eternally!

עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל חַי. עוֹד אָבִינוּ חַי.

The Jewish People lives on; our Father in Heaven
lives eternally!

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