

Meditation

WE ARE assembled at the midnight hour to meditate on the meaning of our lives. We have come to confess our failings and to pray for forgiveness from the throne of God's mercy.

We have come in a spirit of humility and expectant hope. The glory of human life is its unending capacity to grow, to improve, to become better. But we cannot grow better unless we are aware of our deficiencies.

We are the heirs of a noble heritage, which has set before us the demand to strive for perfection. This is the theme of the High Holy Day season, which speaks to us in the stirring music of its elaborate rites and ceremonies, calling us to look within, to take stock of our lives, to reevaluate our goals and purposes. It reaches its climax on the Day of Atonement when we are asked to acknowledge our sins and by a repentance of deeds no less than of words and feelings, to purge ourselves of our shortcomings, and to reach out for a nobler life in the new year.

Our Selihot service is the inauguration of the High Holy Day mood. Let us approach it with the solemnity and awe born of knowing the great challenge that confronts us.

What have we made of our lives? What have we done with the gifts that the bountiful hand of God has planted in our beings? Have we allowed them to flower, or have we permitted them to be dissipated and to wither away? What have we done with the love which we have received from those dear to us? Have we

cherished it duly, and have we returned love for love? Have we set an example to our children of virtues that will inspire them to emulate us? Have we made the world better because we have been in it, or has our life been concerned only with our own ambitions, with acquiring more possessions and spending them on our own petty pleasures?

We are the children of a people that has always idealized the life of the spirit, that has taught man to seek his happiness in the service of God, the pursuit of truth, and the performance of acts of loving-kindness toward his fellow creatures.

Have we been worthy sons and daughters of our people? Has a brother's need been our need too? In times of crisis were we counted with those who helped our community and our people meet its tasks with honor? Have we borne the name of the Jew with dignity? Have our actions brought honor or embarrassment to our people? Does the eternal light of our faith shine brightly in our hearts, in our homes?

O may the call to penitence stir us to a searching of our ways, that we may get us a new heart and a new spirit. As it is written:

“Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near.

“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.”

Invocation

IN the stillness of the night have we come to pour out our hearts to Thee, O God, in prayerful devotion. Our failures are many. Our strivings after righteousness are often thwarted by vain and false desires. O Lord, do Thou disturb our complacency with the knowledge of our errors in act, in word, and in thought. Purify our hearts with the cleansing power of Thy truth, and make firm in us the will to love Thee, our Creator, and to love all Thy children everywhere, whom Thou didst fashion in Thine image. Make us strong, O Lord, in the shunning of evil, and guide us to seek Thy forgiveness and Thy love. Amen.

סליחות ליום הראשון

אשרי יושבי ביתך
אשרי העם שככה לו

עוד יהלוק סלה:
אשרי העם שיי אלהיו:

תהלים קמ"ה

תהלה לדוד

ארוממה אלוהי המלך
בכל-יום אברכה
גדול יי ומהלל מאד
דור לדור ישבח מעשיך
הדר כבוד הודך
ועוז נוראתיך יאמרו
זכר רב-טובה יביעו
חנן ורחום יהוה
טוב-יהוה לכל
יודוך יהוה כל-מעשיך
כבוד מלכותך יאמרו
להודיע לבני האדם גבורתו
מלכותך מלכות כל-עלמים
סומך יהוה לכל-הנפלים

ואברכה שמך לעולם ועד:
ואהללה שמך לעולם ועד:
ולגדלתו אין חקר:
וגבורתיך יגידו:
ודברי נפלאתיך אשיחה:
וגדלתך אספרנה:
ואדקתך ירננו:
אך אפים וגדל-חסד:
ודחמיו על-כל-מעשיו:
וחסידיך יברכוכה:
וגבורתך ידברו:
וכבוד הדר מלכותו:
וממשלתך בכל-דור ודור:
ויוקף לכל-הכפופים:

עֵינַי כָּל אֶלְיָךְ יִשְׁבְּרוּ.	וְאַתָּה נוֹתֵן לָהֶם אֶת־אֲכָלָם בְּעֵתוֹ:
פֹּתַח אֶת־יְדֶךָ	וּמִשְׁבִּיעַ לְכָל־חַי רְצוֹן:
צַדִּיק יִהְיֶה בְּכָל־דְּרָכָיו	וְחֹסֵד בְּכָל־מַעֲשָׂיו:
קָרוֹב יִהְיֶה לְכָל־קִרְאָיו	לְכָל אֲשֶׁר יִקְרָאֵהוּ בְּאַמֶּת:
רְצוֹן־יִרְאֵו יַעֲשֶׂה	וְאֶת־שׁוֹעֲתָם יִשְׁמַע וַיּוֹשִׁיעֵם:
שׁוֹמֵר יִהְיֶה אֶת־כָּל־אֲהָבָיו	וְאֶת כָּל־הַרְשָׁעִים יִשְׁמִיד:
תְּהִלַּת יְהוָה יִדְבַר־פִּי	וַיְבָרֶךְ כָּל־בָּשָׂר שֶׁם קִדְשׁוֹ
	לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:
וַאֲנַחְנוּ נְבָרֶךְ יְהוָה	מִעַתָּה וְעַד־עוֹלָם הַלְלוּיָהּ:

קְדִישׁ

יִתְגַּדֵּל וַיִּתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא בְּעָלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ;
 וַיְמַלִּיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיִּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן, וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל,
 בְּעִנְיָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
 יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלַם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.
 יִתְבָּרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח, וַיִּתְפָּאֵר וַיִּתְרוֹמֵם, וַיִּתְנַשֵּׂא וַיִּתְהַדָּר,
 וַיִּתְעַלֶּה וַיִּתְהַלַּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקִדְשָׁא, בְּרִיךְ הוּא, לְעָלְמָא מִן כָּל
 בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא, תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנִחְמָתָא, דְאֲמִירָן בְּעָלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ
 אָמֵן.

Let Us Search Our Ways

O Lord, Thou art wholly righteous, but we are sinners, and ashamed of our wrong-doing. How can we complain of our portion? What can we say? What defense can we offer in our behalf? How can we justify ourselves? Let us search our ways and probe deeply into our deeds, that we may return unto Thee. For Thou art ever ready to receive the penitent.

We come before Thee without any pretense of virtuous deeds. We knock at Thy doors, begging for mercy. At Thy doors have we knocked, O merciful and gracious God. Do not send us away empty-handed from Thy presence. For Thou art ever responsive to man's prayer.

Come Let Us Worship

O Lord, Who hearest prayer, all creatures shall come to worship before Thee and to revere Thy name.

Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us prostrate ourselves before the Lord, our Creator.

Come into His gates with thanksgiving, into His courts with songs of praise. Acclaim Him. Yea, praise His name.

Come, praise the Lord all ye servants of the Lord who stand in the House of the Lord in the night. Lift up your hands toward the sanctuary and praise the Lord. Exalt the Lord, and bow down at the foot of His throne, for He is holy.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Let all the inhabitants of the earth tremble before Him.

In the abundance of His loving-kindness will we come into His House. Reverently will we worship in His holy Temple.

We will worship in His holy Temple and thank Him for His love and His truth, for His name and His word are supreme above all things.

Who Is Like Unto Thee, O Lord!

Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, in might and in faithfulness! Great is the Lord and exceedingly to be praised. His greatness is unsearchable.

The day is Thine, O Lord, and the night is Thine also. Thou hast fashioned the radiance of the sun. In Thy hand are the depths of the earth, and the heights of the mountains are Thine also.

Who can describe the might of the Lord? Who can recount all His praises?

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. All that is in the heaven and the earth is Thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou rulest over all.

Thou didst establish the world and the fulness thereof. Thou didst set the boundaries of the earth. Summer and winter are of Thy ordaining.

Thy sway is over the raging sea. When the waves rise, Thou stillest them.

The foundation of Thy throne is justice and uprightness. Mercy and truth are Thy faithful emissaries.

In His hand is the life of every creature, and the destiny of all mankind.

The Soul Is Thine, O Lord

The soul is Thine, O Lord our God,
The body is a gift from Thee;
Forgive our sins for Thine own sake,
In mercy heed our fervent plea.

Our soul, our flesh, Thy hand has wrought,
Our lives we ever owe to Thee;
Our sins forgive for Thine own sake,
In mercy heed our fervent plea.

Forgive Us, Lord, This Day

Thy mercy is our trust, O Lord
Thy righteousness our stay;
Thy pardon is our fervent hope
Forgive us Lord this day.

O King our God, Thou didst erase
Our sins in days of yore;
Again we come with sullied hands
Forgive us, we implore.

On Sinai's height, Thou didst reveal
The mercies of Thy law;
Our anxious hearts we raise to Thee
Forgive our every flaw.

In mercy's scales, Thou, gracious God,
The deeds of man dost weigh;
Thy pardon grant Thy erring sons
Forgive us Lord this day.

וְכֵן כָּתוּב: וַיֹּאמֶר, אֲנִי אֶעְבִּיר כָּל טוֹבֵי עַל פְּנֵיךָ,
וְקִרְאתִי בְשֵׁם יי לְפָנֶיךָ, וְחַנְתִּי אֶת אֲשֶׁר אֶחָן, וּרְחַמְתִּי אֶת
אֲשֶׁר אֲרַחֵם.

אֵל אֶרֶךְ אַפַּיִם אַתָּה, וּבְעַל הַרְחָמִים נִקְרְאתָ, וְדַרְךְ
תְּשׁוּבָה הוֹרִיתָ. גְּדֹלַת רַחֲמֶיךָ וְחַסְדֶיךָ תִּזְכּוֹר הַיּוֹם וּבְכָל יוֹם
לְזֵרַע יִדְיֶיךָ. תִּפְּן אֱלֵינוּ בְּרַחֲמִים, כִּי אַתָּה הוּא בְּעַל
הַרְחָמִים. בְּתַחֲנוּן וּבִתְפִלָּה פְּנֵיךָ נִקְדָּם, כְּהוֹדַעְתָּ לְעַנּוֹ
מִקֵּדָם. מִחֲרוֹן אַפֶּיךָ שׁוּב, כְּמוֹ בְּתוֹרַתְךָ כָּתוּב. וּבְצֵל כְּנַפְיֶיךָ
נִחְסֶה וְנִתְלוֹנֵן, כִּיּוֹם וַיֵּרֶד יי בְּעַנּוֹן. תִּעֲבוֹר עַל פֶּשַׁע וְתִמְחָה
אֲשֶׁם, כִּיּוֹם וַיִּתְיַצֵּב עִמּוֹ שָׁם. תִּאֲזִין שׁוֹעֲתָנוּ וְתִקְשִׁיב מְנוֹ
מֵאָמֶר, כִּיּוֹם וַיִּקְרָא בְשֵׁם יי. וְשֵׁם נֹאמֶר:

וַיַּעֲבֵר יי עַל פְּנֵיו וַיִּקְרָא:

יי יי, אֵל רַחוּם וְחַנּוּן, אֶרֶךְ אַפַּיִם, וְרַב חַסֵּד וְאַמֶּת. נִצֵּר
חַסֵּד לְאַלְפִים, נִשְׂא עֵוֹן וּפְשַׁע וְחַטָּאה, וְנִקָּה.

וְסִלַּחַת לְעוֹנָנוּ וּלְחַטָּאתָנוּ וְנַחֲלָתָנוּ.

סִלַּח לָנוּ אָבִינוּ כִּי חָטָאנוּ, מְחַל לָנוּ מִלְּכָנוּ כִּי פָשַׁעְנוּ.
כִּי אַתָּה, אֲדוֹנֵי, טוֹב וְסִלַּח וְרַב חַסֵּד לְכָל קוֹרְאֶיךָ.

Pardon Us, O Our King

Thou, O God, art slow to anger and abundant in kindness. Thou hast shown us the way of penitence. On this day, and every day, bestow Thy abundant mercies and Thy loving-kindness upon us. Remember unto us the merits of our ancestors who were faithful unto Thee. Turn unto us in mercy, for Thou art the source of all mercy.

With earnest prayer have we come to seek Thee. Under the wings of Thy protecting presence will we find shelter and rest. Forgive our transgressions and erase our trespasses.

Give heed to our cry and attend to our plea, in accordance with Thy promise, which Thou didst reveal to Thy humble servant, Moses. As it is written: "The Lord, the Lord God is merciful, gracious, slow to anger, abundant in kindness and truth, keeping mercy for a thousand generations, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin, and giving pardon to the penitent."

O pardon our iniquity and our sin, and make us again Thine own possession. Our Father, forgive us, for we have sinned. Pardon us, our King, for we have transgressed. In Thee, O Lord, is goodness and forgiveness and abundant mercy for those that seek Thee.

אל מִלֶּךְ יוֹשֵׁב עַל כִּסֵּא רַחֲמִים, מִתְנַהֵג בְּחַסִּדוֹת, מוֹחֵל
עֲוֹנוֹת עַמוֹ, מַעֲבִיר רֵאשׁוֹן רֵאשׁוֹן, מִרְבֵּה מַחִילָה לְחַטָּאִים,
וְסִלִּיחָה לְפוֹשְׁעִים, עוֹשֶׂה צְדָקוֹת עִם כָּל בָּשָׂר וְרוּחַ, לֹא
כָרַעְתֶּם תַּגְמוּל. אֵל, הוֹרִיתָ לָנוּ לֹמַר שְׁלֹשׁ עֶשְׂרֵה, זְכָר־לָנוּ
הַיּוֹם בְּרִית שְׁלֹשׁ עֶשְׂרֵה, כְּמוֹ שֶׁהוֹדַעְתָּ לָּעָנוּ מִקֶּדֶם, כְּמוֹ
שֶׁכָּתוּב: וַיֵּרֶד יי בְּעָנָן, וַיִּתְיַצֵּב עִמּוֹ שָׁם, וַיִּקְרָא בְּשֵׁם יי.

וַיַּעֲבֹר יי עַל פְּנֵיו וַיִּקְרָא:

יי יי, אֵל רַחוּם וְחַנוּן, אֶרֶךְ אַפַּיִם, וְרַב חַסֵּד וְאַמֶּת. נִצַּר
חַסֵּד לְאַלְפִים, נִשְׂא עוֹן וּפֹשַׁע וְחַטָּאה, וְנִקְהָה.
וְסִלַּחְתָּ לְעוֹנָנוּ וּלְחַטָּאתָנוּ וּנְחַלְתָּנוּ.
סִלַּח לָנוּ אָבִינוּ כִּי חָטָאנוּ, מִחַל לָנוּ מִלְּכָנוּ כִּי פָשַׁעְנוּ.
כִּי אַתָּה, אֲדֹנָי, טוֹב וְסִלַּח וְרַב חַסֵּד לְכָל קוֹרְאֶיךָ.

זְכֹר רַחֲמֶיךָ יי וְחַסְדֶּיךָ, כִּי מַעֲוֹלָם הֵמָּה. זְכָרְנוּ יי בְּרִצּוֹן
עֲמִיךָ, פְּקַדְנוּ בִישׁוּעָתְךָ. זְכֹר עֲדַתְךָ קְנִיית קֶדֶם, גְּאֻלַּת שַׁבָּת
נְחִלְתְךָ, הַר צִיּוֹן זֶה שְׁכֵנֶת בּוֹ. זְכֹר יי חֶבֶת יְרוּשָׁלַיִם, אֲהַבַת
צִיּוֹן אֵל תִּשְׁכַּח לְנִצָּחַ. זְכֹר יי לְבְנֵי אֲדוּם אֵת יוֹם יְרוּשָׁלַיִם,
הָאֹמְרִים עָרוּ עָרוּ עַד הַיְסוּד בָּהּ. אַתָּה תִּקּוּם תִּרְחַם צִיּוֹן,
כִּי עַתָּה לְחַנְּנָה, כִּי בָּא מוֹעֵד. זְכֹר לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק וּלְיִשְׂרָאֵל
עֲבָדֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתָּ לָהֶם בָּךְ, וַתְּדַבֵּר אֲלֵהֶם: אַרְבֵּה אֶת
זַרְעֲכֶם כְּכּוֹכְבֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְכָל הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת אֲשֶׁר אָמַרְתִּי
אֲתָן לְזַרְעֲכֶם, וּנְחַלּוּ לְעוֹלָם. זְכֹר לְעֲבָדֶיךָ לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק
וּלְיַעֲקֹב, אֵל תִּפְּנֵן אֵל קָשִׁי הָעַם הַזֶּה וְאֵל רִשְׁעוֹ וְאֵל חַטָּאתוֹ.

The Lord is Merciful

In mercy does our divine King judge the world, dealing with His creatures gently. He pardons His people's transgressions, causing their sins to pass away one by one. To sinners and transgressors He extends forgiveness and atonement. He acts toward mortals with compassion, and not in accordance with their shortcomings.

O Lord, Thou didst reveal to us the thirteen attributes of Thy divine providence. As it is written: "The Lord revealed Himself in the cloud, and He was present with him (Moses) there, and he invoked the name of the Lord. And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed: 'The Lord, the Lord God is merciful, gracious, slow to anger, abundant in kindness and truth, keeping mercy for a thousand generations, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin, and pardoning the penitent.'"

Do Thou, O Lord, fulfill unto us now this covenant of Thy providence. O pardon our iniquity and our sin, and make us again Thine own possession. Our Father, forgive us, for we have sinned. Pardon us, O our King, for we have transgressed. In Thee is goodness and forgiveness and abundant mercy for those who seek Thee.

O Lord Remember Us

O Lord, remember us in accordance with Thy mercy and Thy kindness, for they are everlasting.

Remember Thy people's welfare, and appoint deliverance unto us.

Remember the people Thou didst redeem from bondage, and Mount Zion, the site of Thy glory.

Remember, O Lord, Thy devotion to Jerusalem, and forget not Thy love for Zion.

Remember, O Lord, our humiliation when Jerusalem fell and the Edomites shouted: "Destroy it, destroy it, to its very foundations."

Do Thou arise and be compassionate unto Zion, for it is time to be gracious unto her. The hour of her deliverance has come.

Remember the promise made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: "I shall multiply your children and make them like the stars in the heavens. And this land I have spoken of, I shall give to your descendants and they will possess it forever."

Remember the virtuous lives of our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Do not consider the stubbornness of this people, nor their transgression, nor their sin.

Remember unto us the covenant made with our ancestors, as Thou didst promise: "I will remember My covenant with Jacob. I will be mindful also of My covenant with Isaac and with Abraham. And I will remember the land."

Remember unto us the covenant made with our ancestors, as Thou didst promise: "And I will remember in their favor the covenant with their ancestors whom I liberated from Egypt in the sight of all the nations that I might be acknowledged as their God. I am the Lord."

Fulfill unto us Thy promise: "Even when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not spurn them, nor cast them away to make an end of them. Nor will I annul My covenant with them, for I am the Lord their God."

מַחֶה פְּשָׁעֵינוּ לְמַעַנְךָ, כַּאֲשֶׁר אָמַרְתָּ: אָנֹכִי אָנֹכִי הוּא מַחֶה
פְּשָׁעֶיךָ לְמַעַנִּי, וְחַטָּאתֶיךָ לֹא אֶזְכֹּר.

מַחֶה פְּשָׁעֵינוּ כָּעָב וְכַעֲנֹן, כַּאֲשֶׁר אָמַרְתָּ: מַחִיתִי כָּעָב
פְּשָׁעֶיךָ, וְכַעֲנֹן חַטָּאתֶיךָ, שׁוּבָה אֵלַי כִּי גֹאֲלֶתִיךָ.

הֲלִבֵּן חַטָּאֵינוּ כַּשֵּׁלֵג וְכַצֶּמֶר, כִּמָּה שְׁכָתוּב: לָכוּ נָא וְנִוְכַחְתָּה,
יֹאמֶר יי; אִם יִהְיוּ חַטָּאֵיכֶם כַּשָּׁנִים, כַּשֵּׁלֵג יִלְבִּינוּ; אִם יֹאדִימוּ
כַּתּוֹלָע, כַּצֶּמֶר יִהְיוּ.

זְרוּק עָלֵינוּ מַיִם טְהוֹרִים וְטַהֲרֵנוּ, כִּמָּה שְׁכָתוּב: וְזַרְקֵתִי
עָלֵיכֶם מַיִם טְהוֹרִים, וְטַהַרְתֶּם מִכָּל טְמֵאוֹתֵיכֶם, וּמִכָּל
גִּלוּלֵיכֶם אֲטַהֵר אֶתְכֶם.

הִבְיָאנוּ אֶל הַר קֹדֶשְׁךָ, וְשִׁמְחֵנוּ בְּבֵית תְּפִלָּתְךָ, כִּמָּה
שְׁכָתוּב: וְהִבְיָאוֹתִים אֶל הַר קֹדֶשִׁי, וְשִׁמְחֵתִים בְּבֵית תְּפִלָּתִי
עוֹלוֹתֵיהֶם וְזִבְחֵיהֶם לְרָצוֹן עַל מִזְבְּחִי, כִּי בֵיתִי בֵּית תְּפִלָּה
יִקְרָא לְכָל הָעַמִּים.

שִׁמְעַ קוֹלֵנוּ, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חוּס וְרַחֵם עָלֵינוּ, וְקַבֵּל בְּרַחֲמִים
וּבְרָצוֹן אֶת תְּפִלָּתֵנוּ.

הַשִּׁיבֵנוּ יי אֱלֹהֵי וְנִשְׁוֹבָה, חַדֵּשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקֶדֶם.
אֲמַרְנוּ הַאֲזִינָה יי, בִּינָה הִגִּינּוּ. יִהְיוּ לְרָצוֹן אֲמַרֵי פִינוּ
וְהִגִּיוֹן לִבֵּנוּ לְפָנֶיךָ, יי צוּרֵנוּ וְגוֹאֲלֵנוּ.

אֵל תִּשְׁלִיכֵנוּ מִלְּפָנֶיךָ, וְרוּחַ קִדְשְׁךָ אֵל תִּקַּח מִמֶּנּוּ.
אֵל תִּשְׁלִיכֵנוּ לְעֵת זְקָנָה, כְּכֹלֹת כַּחֲנוּ אֵל תַּעֲזֹבֵנוּ.

אֵל תַּעֲזֹבֵנוּ, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, אֵל תִּרְחַק מִמֶּנּוּ. עֲשֵׂה עִמָּנוּ אוֹת
לְטוֹבָה, וַיִּרְאוּ שׁוֹנְאֵינוּ וַיִּבְשׂוּ, כִּי אַתָּה יי עֲזַרְתָּנוּ וְנִחַמְתָּנוּ.
כִּי לָךְ יי הוֹחֵלְנוּ, אַתָּה תַעֲנֶה, אֲדוֹנֵי אֱלֹהֵינוּ.

Hear Our Cry, O Lord

Hear our cry, O Lord our God,
Thy erring children spare;
Our penance heed in mercy,
Listen to our prayer.

Draw us to Thee, O our God,
Our days renew once more;
Again to Thee we will turn
And love Thee as of yore.

Receive our plea, Lord God,
Heed our meditation;
Let words and thoughts bring to Thee
Our heart's supplication.

Spurn us not nor take from us
Thy spirit's holy light;
When youth wanes and we are old
O keep us in Thy sight.

Forsake us not, O our God,
And be not far away;
Show us a sign of Thy love,
Deliver us this day.

אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, תָּבֵא לְפָנֶיךָ תְּפִלָּתֵנוּ, וְאֵל
תַּתְעַלֵּם מִתְחַנְתָּנוּ; שְׂאֵן אֲנַחְנוּ עַיִן פָּנִים וְקָשִׁי עֶרְף לֹמֵר
לְפָנֶיךָ, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, צְדִיקִים אֲנַחְנוּ וְלֹא חָטְאנוּ;
אֲבָל אֲנַחְנוּ חָטְאנוּ.

אֲשַׁמְנוּ, בְּגִדְנוּ, גָּזְלָנוּ, דִּבְרָנוּ דָּפִי; הִעַוְינוּ, וְהִרְשַׁעְנוּ, זָדְנוּ,
חֲמָסְנוּ, טָפְלָנוּ שֶׁקֶר; יַעֲצֵנוּ רָע, כִּזְבָּנוּ, לָצָנוּ, מִרְדְּנוּ, נֶאֱצָנוּ,
סָרְרָנוּ, עָוִינוּ, פִּשְׁעֵנוּ, צָרְרָנוּ, קָשִׁינוּ עֶרְף; רָשַׁעְנוּ, שִׁחַתְנוּ,
תַּעֲבָנוּ, תַּעֲיָנוּ, תַּעֲתָעְנוּ.

סָרְנוּ מִמִּצְוֹתֶיךָ וּמִמִּשְׁפָּטֶיךָ הַטּוֹבִים, וְלֹא שָׁוָה לָנוּ. וְאַתָּה
צְדִיק עַל כָּל הַבָּא עֲלֵינוּ, כִּי אָמַת עָשִׂיתָ וְאֲנַחְנוּ הִרְשַׁעְנוּ.

הִרְשַׁעְנוּ וּפִשְׁעֵנוּ, לָכֵן לֹא נוֹשַׁעְנוּ. וְתֵן בְּלִבְנוּ לַעֲזוֹב דְּרָךְ
רָשָׁע וְחַיֵּשׁ לָנוּ יֵשַׁע, כִּכְתוּב עַל יַד נְבִיאָךָ: יַעֲזֹב רָשָׁע דְּרָכּוֹ,
וְאִישׁ אֶזְן מִחֲשַׁבְתּוֹ, וְיָשֵׁב אֶל יי וִירַחֲמֵהוּ, וְאֵל אֱלֹהֵינוּ כִּי
יִרְבֶּה לְסִלּוּחַ.

The Confession of Sins

Our God and God of our Fathers, may our prayers come before Thee, and do not ignore our supplication. We are not so arrogant or presumptuous as to claim that we are righteous and without sin. Indeed we have sinned.

We have been at fault, we have been treacherous, we have been aggressive, we have slandered.

We have acted perversely, viciously, violently, falsely.

We have counselled evil, we have spoken lies, we have scoffed, we have rebelled, we have provoked, we have been insolent, impulsive, contemptuous, oppressive, obstinate.

We have been pernicious, destructive, dishonorable, unstable, misleading.

We have abandoned excellent commandments and judgments, and it has not turned out well with us. Thou art righteous in all that has come upon us. Thou hast acted truthfully, while we have been at fault.

A Final Call For Penitence

We have done wrong and have defied Thy will, and, therefore, do we stand in need of Thy help. O do Thou inspire us to desert the way of evil and confer upon us a speedy deliverance. As it is written in the testimony of Thy prophets: "Let the wicked man foresake his way, and the unrighteous man his designs; and let him return to the Lord and He will be compassionate toward him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."

שׁוֹמֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל, שְׁמוֹר שְׂאֲרֵיִת יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאֵל יֵאֱבֹד יִשְׂרָאֵל,
הָאוֹמְרִים שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל.

שׁוֹמֵר גּוֹי אֶחָד, שְׁמוֹר שְׂאֲרֵיִת עִם אֶחָד, וְאֵל יֵאֱבֹד גּוֹי
אֶחָד, הַמֵּיַחֲדִים שְׁמֶךָ, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד.

שׁוֹמֵר גּוֹי קְדוֹשׁ, שְׁמוֹר שְׂאֲרֵיִת עִם קְדוֹשׁ, וְאֵל יֵאֱבֹד גּוֹי
קְדוֹשׁ, הַמְשַׁלְּשִׁים בְּשֵׁלֶשׁ קְדָשׁוֹת לְקְדוֹשׁ.

מְתַרְצָה בְּרַחֲמִים וּמְתַפְּיֵס בְּתַחֲנוּנִים, הַתְּרַצָּה וְהַתְּפִיֵּס
לְדוֹר עָנִי, כִּי אֵין עוֹזֵר.

אֲבִינוּ מִלְכֵנוּ, חָנּוּנוּ וְעֲנּוּנוּ, כִּי אֵין בָּנוּ מַעֲשִׂים; עֲשֵׂה עִמָּנוּ
צְדָקָה וְחֶסֶד וְהוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

Guardian of Israel

O Guardian of Israel,
Guard the remnant of Israel;
And let not destruction befall Israel
Who proclaim daily: "Hear O Israel."

O Guardian of a unique people,
Guard the remnant of a unique people;
And let not destruction befall a unique people
Who proclaim Thy unity: "The Lord our God, the Lord is One."

O Guardian of a holy people,
Guard the remnant of a holy people;
And let not destruction befall a holy people
Who proclaim the threefold affirmation of Thy holiness.

Prayer for Reconciliation

O Thou Who takest sinners back to Thy favor because of Thy mercy, and heedest man's plea for forgiveness to restore to him Thy love, renew Thy favor upon our troubled generation. For there is no other help.

Our Father, our King, be gracious unto us and answer us. We can claim nothing by virtue of our deeds. Do Thou deal charitably and mercifully with us, and deliver us.

יִתְגַּדֵּל וַיִּתְקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ;
וַיְמַלִּיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיִּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן, וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל,
בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלַם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.
יְתְבָרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח, וַיְתַפְּאֵר וַיְתַרְוֵם, וַיְתַנְשֵׂא וַיְתַהַדֵּר,
וַיְתַעֲלֶה וַיְתַהַלֵּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא, בְּרִיךְ הוּא, לְעֵלָא מִן כָּל
בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא, תְּשַׁבַּחְתָּא וְנַחֲמְתָּא, דְאֲמִירָן בְּעֵלְמָא,
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

תְּתַקַּבֵּל צְלוֹתְהוֹן וּבְעוֹתְהוֹן דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל קְדָם אַבוּהוֹן
דִּי בְשַׁמַּיָּא, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

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

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

I Have Returned

For every word I speak to Thee
I hear Thy word in turn;
I feel Thy love within my heart
When for Thy love I yearn.

If I should seek to walk with Thee,
Thou wilt be at my side;
My hand alone can shut Thy door
Or swing it open wide.

יגדל אלהים חי וישתבח	נמצא ואין עת אל מציאותו.
אחד ואין יחיד כיחודו	נעלם וגם אין סוף לאחדותו.
אין לו דמות הגוף ואינו גוף	לא נערוף אליו קדשתו.
קדמון לכל דבר אשר נברא	ראשון ואין ראשית לראשיתו.
הנו אדון עולם וכל נוצר	יורה גדלתו ומלכותו.
שפע נבואתו נתנו	אל אנשי סגלתו ותפארתו.
לא קם בישראל כמשה עוד	נביא ומביט את תמונתו.
תורת אמת נתן לעמו אל	על יד נביאו נאמן ביתו.
לא יחליף האל ולא ימיר	דתו לעולמים לזולתו.
צופה ויודע סתרינו	מביט לסוף דבר בקדמתו.
גומל לאיש חסד כמפעלו	נותן לרשע רע כרשעתו.
ישלח לקץ ימין משיחנו	לפדות מחכי קץ ישועתו.
מתים יחיה אל ברב חסדו	ברוך עדי עד שם תהלתו.