



THE WAY CONGREGATION

Yom Kippur
Kol Nidre Service



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Walking The Way Yeshua Taught



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Our pleas come to You from early morning
And our thanksgiving be seen tomorrow night

May our voice rise in the evening
Our goodness to You from the early morning
And our help come in the evening

May our woe rise in the evening
And our pardon from the early morning
And our plea sound in the evening

May our hope rise in the evening
And may it come for Thy sake with the early morning
And our atonement be made in the evening

May our deliverance rise in the evening
And may our purity be as the early morning
And our prayers be heard until evening

May our remembrance rise in the evening
May our assembly plead to You in the early morning
In glory visible until evening

Thus at Your door we knock from evening
May our joy come forth in the early morning
And may our request appear until evening

May our call rise unto You in the evening,
And may it reach You at dawn
And bring us shalom in the evening.

Opening Prayer

Our God and God of our fathers, as evening casts its shadow over the earth, ushering in the most solemn day of the year, we join with those of the commonwealth throughout the world in prayer and meditation. We put aside all petty thoughts and vain desires. What is our life, and of what avail our strength? What is our wealth, and to what purpose our power? We lift up our eyes unto Thee, O LORD, and yearn for Thy light and inspiration. On this Kol Nidre night, sanctified by sacred memories, united with the generations of the past, recalling the piety and devotion of our ancestors, we stand in Thy presence stripped of all pretense and revealed in all our weakness. O Thou who sees all, You know how frail and fragile we are.

We aim toward lofty heights, but temptation overcomes us. Greed and vanity blind our eyes, envy and arrogance eat into the marrow of our bones, false ambitions bring us bitter remorse, and selfishness dwarfs our souls. We are creatures of haphazard living. We stumble and fall; we grope and wander. O LORD, strengthen us in our weak moments and guide our faltering footsteps. Speak to our hearts with the still small voice of Thy spirit so that we may search our ways and return unto Thee. Cause us to be forgiving even as we ask to be forgiven. Cause us to discover the faults of our ways and the errors into which we have fallen, so that we may not repeat the trespasses for which we repent this day.

Amidst the uncertainties and tragedies of life, we need Thee, O God. Only when we are aware of Thee do we have fortitude, vision and hope. Out of the depths of our hearts do we call upon Thee. O hearken unto our voice and attend our prayer. Turn us unto Thee, O LORD, so that we may be at peace with ourselves and with our fellowmen. On this sacred night, may we heed the admonition of Thy prophet, to cast away our sins and transgressions and make us a new heart and a new spirit. Amen.

Blessing for allowing us to be here today

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שְׁהַיְיָנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה

*Baruch atah Adonai Elohaynu Melech ha olam,
shehekeyanu, v'kheeyemanu, v'heegeeyanu
lazman hazeh.*

Blessed are you O LORD our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and privileged us to reach this season.

Call to Worship

בִּרְכוּ יְהוָה הַמְּבֹרָךְ
Barchoo et Adonai Hamvorach

ברוך יהוה המבורך לעולם ועד
Baruch Adonai Hamvorach l'olam va'ed

is our atonement. Our God and God of our fathers, forgive us, pardon us, and grant us atonement;

All:

For we are Your people, and You are our God;
We are Your children, and You are our Father.
We are Your servants, and You are our Master;
We are Your congregation, and You are our Portion.
We are Your inheritance, and You are our Lot;
We are Your flock, and You are our Shepherd.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to You, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. You who keeps harmony in the heavenly places, may You make peace for us, and for Israel, and for all Your children everywhere, Amen.

Leader:

And all the congregation of the people of Israel shall be forgiven, and the stranger who sojourns among them, since the people have transgressed unwittingly. "O pardon the iniquities of this people according to Thy great mercy, as Thou hast forgiven this people from the days of Egypt until now." (Num 14:19)

Forgive, we beseech You, the sins of this people.

All:

And God said: "I have pardoned them as you asked."
(Num 14:20)

May our prayers rise in the evening

Forgive us for the sake of Your splendor, Your mystery,
Your strength, Your excellence, Your righteousness,
Your holiness, Your abundant mercy, Your divine
presence and Your praise.

Forgive us for the sake of the blood of Your servants
which has been poured forth; for the sake of those who
have been slain for Your holy name, and who have
been slaughtered for Your unity; who went through fire
and through water for the sanctification of Your name.

Leader:

We are insolent, but You are merciful and
compassionate. We are obstinate, but You are long-
suffering. We are burdened by our sins, but You are
abounding in mercy. As for us, our days are like a
passing shadow; but You are immutable, and Your
years never-ending.

All:

Our God and God of our fathers, may our prayers
come before Thee. Hide not Thyself from our
supplication for we are neither so arrogant nor so
hardened as to say before Thee, O LORD our God
and God of our fathers, “we are righteous and have
not sinned”; verily we have sinned.

Leader:

Our God and God of our fathers, forsake us not, nor
leave us. Cast us not off, nor annul Thy covenant
with us. Bring us nearer to Your Torah, and teach
us Your commandments. Show us Your ways,
incline our hearts to revere Your name. Reveal to us
Your salvation in Messiah Yeshua for through Him

Bless the LORD who is to be praised!
Praised be the LORD who is blessed for all
eternity!

Shema

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְהוָה אֶחָד:

Shema Yisrael, Adonai Eloheynnu, Adonai Echad

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

Baruch Shem kavod, malchuto l'olam va'ed

Hear O Israel, The LORD God, the LORD is One.
Blessed be His glorious Name, whose Kingdom
is forever and ever. Amen

And you shall love the LORD your God with all your
heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. And
these words which I command you this day shall be
upon your hearts. You shall teach them diligently to
your children and shall speak of them when you sit in
your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie
down and when you rise up. You shall bind them for a
sign upon your hand and they shall be for frontlets
between your eyes. You shall write them upon the
doorpost of your house and upon your gates.

A Piyyut for Yom Kippur Isaiah 58:1-11

Is it a fast that I have chosen?
A day for a man to afflict his soul?
Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush,
And to spread out sackcloth and ashes?
Would you call this a fast,
And an acceptable day to the Lord?
Is this not the fast that I have chosen:
To loose the bonds of wickedness,
To let the oppressed go free,
And that you break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
And that you bring to your house the poor
 who are cast out;
When you see the naked, that you cover him
And not hide yourself from your own flesh?
Then your light shall break forth like the morning,
Your healing shall spring forth speedily,
And your righteousness shall go before you;
The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
You shall cry, and he will say, "Here I am."
If you take away the yoke from your midst,
the pointing of the finger and speaking wickedness,
if you extend your soul to the hungry
and satisfy the afflicted soul,
then your light shall dawn in the darkness,
and your darkness shall be as the noon,
the Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your soul in drought,
and strengthen your bones;
you shall be like a watered garden,

Leader:

Forgive us all sins, O God of forgiveness, and cleanse us.

All:

For the sins requiring a burnt-offering,
And for the sins requiring a sin-offering.
For the sins requiring varying offerings,
And for the sins requiring guilt offerings.
For the sins requiring corporal punishment,
And for the sins requiring forty lashes.
For the sins requiring premature death,
And for the sins requiring excommunications.

Leader:

May our prayer come before You. Hide not Yourself from our supplication, for we are neither so arrogant nor so hardened, as to say before You, O LORD our God and God of our fathers, "we are righteous and have not sinned"; verily we have sinned.

Forgive us for all of these sins, for we read of Yeshua HaMashiach, that "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our sins was on Him, and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way, and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."
(Is 53:5-6)

Leader:

Forgive us all sins, O God of forgiveness, and cleanse us.

All:

For the sin we committed in your sight by shirking responsibility,
And for the sin we committed against you in passing judgement.
For the sin we committed in your sight by plotting against others,
And for the sin we committed against you by gross selfishness.
For the sin we committed in your sight by foolishness,
And for the sin we committed against you by being stubborn.
For the sin we committed against you by running to do evil,
And for the sin we committed against you by tale-bearing,
For the sin we committed in your sight by swearing falsely,
And for the sin committed by groundless hatred.
For the sin we committed in your sight by breach of trust,
And for the sin we committed against you by a confused heart.

and like a spring of water,
whose waters do not fail.

God's Command to Observe this Day

Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. And you shall do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the LORD your God. For any person who is not afflicted in soul on that same day shall be cut off from his people. And any person who does any work on that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. (Lev 23:27-30)

But as for me, when they were sick, My clothing was sackcloth; I humbled myself with fasting; And my prayer would return to my own heart. (Ps 35:13)

Note on Kol Nidre Prayer

Though the author and the date of the Kol Nidre are unknown, in ancient times, as in our day, vows unto the LORD were often rashly made. In the precarious eras in which our forefathers lived, circumstances beyond their control frequently denied them the opportunity of fulfilling their vows. The following legal formula, known as the Kol Nidre, was the result. In those lands where Jews, under duress, made vows to accept another faith, the recital of the Kol Nidre often brought relief to their tormented consciences.

Judaism always recognized and taught that the Kol Nidre cannot release anyone from a juridical oath or from any promise, contract or obligation between man and man. It applies only to those vows which an individual makes to his God and in which no other persons are involved. Sins between man and man are not forgiven until amends have been made for the wrong.

Kol Nidre

Leader:

All vows, bonds, promises, obligations, oaths, vows of dedication, of abstinence and of promises to pay fines; to which we have vowed, sworn, and bound ourselves: from this Yom Kippur unto the next Yom Kippur that is to come upon us and upon all Israel, may it come unto us for good: all these vows, we regret them all.

Let us heed the words of Yeshua as he teaches us not to swear falsely, rather let our yes be yes and our no be no, that we may be found blameless before our God and King.

And for the sin we committed by contempt for parents or teachers.

For the sin we committed in your sight by lewd association,

And for the sin we committed against you by insincere confession.

For the sin we committed against you by violence,

And for the sin we committed against you by defaming your name.

Leader:

Forgive us all sins, O God of forgiveness, and cleanse us.

All:

For the sin we committed in your sight by fraud and deception,

And for the sin we committed against you by bribery.

For the sin we committed in your sight by mocking,

And for the sin we committed against you by slander.

For the sin we committed in your sight by usury and interest,

And for the sin we committed against you by pride.

For the sin we committed in your sight by our manner of speech,

And for the sin we committed against you by wanton glances.

For the sin we committed in your sight by arrogance,

And for the sin we committed against you by scornful defiance.

You know the mysteries of the universe and the hidden secrets of all living. You search out the heart of man, and probe all our thoughts and aspirations. Nothing escapes You, neither is anything concealed from Your sight.

May it therefore be Your will, O LORD, our God and God of our fathers, to forgive us all our sins, to pardon all our iniquities and to grant atonement for all our transgressions.

Leader:

May it be Your will, LORD our God and God of our fathers, to forgive all our sins, to pardon all our iniquities, and to cleanse us from all our sins.

All:

For the sin we committed in your sight forcibly or willingly,
And for the sin we committed against you with hard-heartedness.
For the sin we committed in your sight without intention,
And for the sin we committed against you by idle talk.
For the sin we committed in your sight by lustful actions,
And for the sin we committed against you by offensive speech.
For the sin we committed in your sight by oppressing others,

Avinu Malkenu - אֲבוּנוּ מַלְכֵנוּ

Our Father, our King,
bring to judgement those who have shed the blood of Your people.
Our Father, our King,
grant our supplication for Your sake, if not for ours.
Our Father, our King,
accept our prayer for Your sake and save us.
Our Father, our King,
do this for the sake of Your abundant mercies.
Our Father, our King,
do it for the sake of Your great, mighty and revered name.
Our Father, our King,
be gracious unto us and answer us; for lo, we are unworthy; deal with us in charity and loving-kindness and save us.
Our Father, our King,
inscribe us in the book of freedom and salvation.
Our Father, our King,
inscribe us in the book of sustenance.
Our Father, our King,
inscribe us for a meritorious life.
Our Father, our King,
inscribe us in the book of forgiveness and reconciliation.
Our Father, our King,
cause salvation speedily to spring forth for us.
Our Father, our King,
bring glory to Israel, Your people.
Our Father, our King,
exalt the majesty of Your anointed Redeemer.

Our Father, our King,
provide us with Your abundant blessings.
Our Father, our King,
fill our storehouses with plenty.
Our Father, our King,
hear our voice, have pity and compassion upon us.
Our Father, our King,
receive our prayer with merciful favor.
Our Father, our King,
open the gates of heaven unto our prayer.
Our Father, our King,
O turn us not away from Thee unanswered.
Our Father, our King,
remember our frailty for we are but dust.
Our Father, our King,
let this hour be an hour of mercy and a time of favor
before Thee.
Our Father, our King,
have mercy upon us, and upon our children.
Our Father, our King,
do this for the sake of those who were slain for Your
Holy Name.
Our Father, our King,
do this for the sake of those who were slaughtered
for Thy unity.
Our Father, our King,
do this for the sake of those who went through fire
and water for the sanctification of Your name.
Our Father, our King,
we have sinned before You.
Our Father, our King,
we have no king except You.
Our Father, our King,

𐤔 Shichatnu: We have corrupted.

𐤎 Tiavnu: We have committed abominations.

𐤎 Tainu: We have gone astray.

𐤎 Tiatanu: We have misled others.

AL CHET - The Confessions

We have trespassed, we have dealt
treacherously, we have robbed, we have spoken
slander, we have acted perversely, and we have
wrought wickedness; we have been presumptuous, we
have done violence, we have framed lies, we have
counseled evil, and we have spoken falsely; we have
scoffed, we have revolted, we have provoked, we have
rebelled, we have committed iniquity, and we have
transgressed; we have oppressed, we have been stiff-
necked, we have done wickedly, we have corrupted, we
have committed abominations, we have gone astray,
and we have led others astray.

We have turned away from Your
commandments and Your judgements that are good,
and it has profited us nothing. But You are righteous in
all that has come upon us for You have acted truthfully,
but we have wrought unrighteousness.

What shall we say before You, O Thou who
dwells on high, and what shall we declare before You,
Thou who abides in the heavens? Do You not know all
things, both the hidden and the revealed?

Leader:

O merciful God, have compassion, redeem, save
and have pity upon us, now and forever.

Ashamnu: We Are Guilty

✠ Ashamnu: We have been guilty.

⌒ Bagadnu: We have betrayed others.

⌒ Gazalnu: We have stolen.

⌒ Dibarnu Dofi: We have spoken falsely.

⌒ Heyvinu: We have caused perversion.

⌒ Vihirshanu: We have caused others to do evil.

⌒ Zadnu: We have had evil hearts.

⌒ Chamasnu: We have been violent.

⌒ Tafalnu Sheker: We have been dishonest.

⌒ Yatznu ra: We have advised evil.

⌒ Kizavnu: We have lied and broken promises.

⌒ Latznu: We have been contemptuous.

⌒ Maradnu: We have rebelliously done what we should not do.

⌒ Niatznu: We have provoked others.

⌒ Sararnu: We have failed to do what is right.

⌒ Avinu: We have succumbed to temptation.

⌒ Peshanu: We have acted without regard to moral standards.

⌒ Tzararnu: We have persecuted and oppressed others.

⌒ Kishinu Oref: We have been stubborn.

⌒ Rishanu: We have been wicked.

deal with us kindly for the sake of Your Name.

Our Father, our King,

renew unto us a year of good.

Our Father, our King,

annul every evil decree against us.

Our Father, our King,

annul the designs of those who hate us.

Our Father, our King,

frustrate the counsel of our enemies.

Our Father, our King,

destroy the power of every oppressor and
adversary.

Our Father, our King,

silence the mouths of our adversaries and those who
accuse us falsely.

Our Father, our King,

remove pestilence, sword, famine, captivity,
destruction and plague from the children who obey
Your covenant.

Our Father, our King,

withhold the plague from Your people.

Our Father, our King,

forgive and pardon our iniquities.

Our Father, our King,

blot out our transgressions and cause our sins to
pass away from before Thee.

Our Father, our King,

efface in Your abundant mercy all record of our
guilt.

Our Father, our King,

may we return unto Thee in perfect repentance.

Our Father, our King,

gather the exiles from the four corners of earth.

Our Father, our King,
 restore the Commonwealth of Your people.
Our Father, our King,
 send a perfect healing to the sick among Your
 people.
Our Father, our King,
 repeal the evil sentence that may be decreed against
 us.
Our Father, our King,
 remember us for our well-being.
Our Father, our King,
 inscribe us in the Book of Life.

Leader:

True and certain it is that there is one God,
And there is none like Him.
It is He who redeemed us from the might of tyrants,
And preserved us from the hand of all oppressors.
Great are the things that God has done;
His wonders are without number.
He brought forth the children of Israel from Egypt,
And delivered them from slavery unto freedom.
In all ages the LORD hath been our hope;
He has rescued us from enemies who sought to
destroy us.
May He continue His protecting care over Israel,
And guard all His children from disaster.
When the children of Israel beheld the might of
the LORD
As He redeemed them from the land of Egypt,
They gave thanks unto Him
And willingly accepted His sovereignty.
Moses and the children of Israel sang a song unto Him.

Leader:

He who answered Mordecai and Esther in Shushan
the capital, and Ezra in the captivity,

All:

He shall answer us.

Leader:

He who sent Yeshua the Messiah and His emissaries
throughout the earth,

All:

He shall answer us.

Leader:

He who answered all the righteous and pious, the
faithful and the upright in all generations,

All:

He shall answer us.

Leader:

O merciful God, who answers the poor, the lowly in
spirit, and the broken of heart, answer us.

All:

Answer us, O LORD, answer us.

Leader:

You who are revered and exalted, who forgives and
pardons, who answers in a favorable time, our
Redeemer and Deliverer,

All:

Answer us, O LORD, answer us.

Leader:

You who are just and upright, near to all who call
upon You, merciful and gracious, the support of the
faithful,

All:

Answer us, O LORD, answer us.

Leader:

He who answered our father Abraham on Mount
Moriah, and Isaac, his son, when he was bound on
the altar, and Jacob in Bethel,

All:

He shall answer us.

Leader:

He who answered Joseph in the dungeon, and our
fathers at the Red Sea and Moses in Horeb,

All:

He shall answer us.

Leader:

He who answered Aaron with the censer, and
Phineas when he rose from among the congregation,
and Joshua in Gilgal,

All:

He shall answer us.

Leader:

He who answered Samuel in Mizpah, and David
and Solomon, his son, in Jerusalem,

All:

He shall answer us.

Leader:

He who answered Elijah on Mount Carmel and
Elisha in Jericho, and Jonah in the bowels of the fish,

All:

He shall answer us.

Leader:

He who answered Hezekiah in his sickness and
Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah in the midst of the
fiery furnace, and Daniel in the lion's den,

All:

He shall answer us.

They proclaimed in great exultation:

*Mi chamocha ba-eylim Adonai,
Mi kamaocha nedar ba-kodesh,
Nora t'hilot osey fe-leh, osey fe-leh*

All:

"Who is like unto Thee, O LORD, among the mighty?
Who is like unto Thee, glorious in holiness,
Revered in praises, doing wonders?" (Ex 15:11)

When You did rescue Israel at the Red Sea,
Your children beheld Your supreme power;
"This is my God!" they exclaimed.

Adonai yimloch l'olam va-ed.

"The LORD shall reign for ever and ever!"

Leader:

As You have delivered Israel from a power mightier
than he, so may You redeem all Your children from
oppression.

Blessed are You, O LORD, Redeemer of Israel.

AMIDAH - Time of Silent Prayer

O LORD, open my lips that my mouth may declare your praise.

Blessed are you, O LORD our God and God of our fathers, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob, the great, mighty, revered and exalted God who bestows faithful love and is master of all. Mindful of the patriarchs' love for you, you will in your love bring a redeemer to their children's children for the sake of your Name. Remember us unto life, O King who delights in life, and inscribe us in the Book of Life so that we may live worthily for your sake, O God of life. O King, Helper, Redeemer and Shield, blessed are you O LORD, Shield of Abraham.

You are mighty forever, O LORD; you bring to life the dead; you are powerfully able to save. You sustain the living with faithful love; you bring the dead to life with great mercy; you support all who fall, and heal the sick; you free the enslaved and are faithful to those who sleep in the dust. Who is like you, LORD of might? Who can be compared to you, O King? You order death and restore life, and make your salvation flourish. Yes, you are faithful to raise the dead. Blessed are you, O LORD, who raises the dead.

You are holy and your Name is holy and holy beings praise you daily.

Our God and God of our fathers, remember us and accept us as you remember our fathers, Jerusalem your holy city, all that you have called to be your chosen people, through whom you bring redemption from sin, deliverance, well-being, grace, faithful love, mercy, life and peace on this Day of Atonement. Remember us, O LORD our God, for good and a life of blessing.

According to your promise of salvation and mercy, spare us and be gracious to us; have compassion on us and deliver us.

Our God and God of our fathers, in times of old you pardoned our iniquities on this Day of Atonement. Now in the present day, you remove our transgression as written in Scripture: I, even I Am He, that blots out your transgressions for My own sake. I have blotted out as a cloud your transgressions, and as a mist, your sins; return to Me for I have redeemed you. For on this day shall atonement be made for you, to cleanse you; from all your sins shall you be clean before the LORD.

Our God and God of our fathers, sanctify us by the sacrifice of Messiah, and grant our portion in your Torah; satisfy us with your goodness, and gladden us with your salvation.

Blessed are you, O LORD our God, King of the Universe who pardons and forgives our iniquities, who casts our transgressions into the depths of the sea and separates them from us as far as the east is from the west. Blessed are You, O LORD our God, who forgives our wickedness and remembers our sin no more.