

SELICHOT PRAYER BOOK Transcribed by Debra Daniel

OPENING PRAYER

Our God Yahweh and God of our fathers, on this Selihot night of self-Scrutiny, free of guile and pretense, in humility and contrition; we turn to You to implore Your forgiveness.

You do teach us through Your Torah to distinguish between good and evil. But how often do we forget our destiny and stray from the path of righteousness! How often are we indifferent to our neighbor's plight; how often does our thoughtlessness bring needless pain and grief! Alas, we frequently succumb to greed, arrogance and selfishness. We allow temptation to blind our eyes, and baseness to prevail over our nobler impulses.

Since no one is so righteous that he sins not, You have given us Yahshua and *Yomim Noroim* for soul-searching and repentance. O Yahweh, you don't desire the death of a sinner, but that he depart from his evil ways and live righteously. Cause us therefore to realize the measure of our wrongdoing that we may make full amends and resolve before You to turn from the errors of our ways. May we at this season of repentance and forgiveness, forgive those who have sinned against us even as we ask You to forgive us our misdeeds.

As we approach the High Holy Days, help us to purge from our lives all that is debasing and corrupt, petty, deceitful and malicious. Inspire us to acquire a new heart and a new spirit that we may do justly, love mercy, and thus be at peace with ourselves and with You. Amein.

At nightfall and at dawn, search well into the nature of your dealings. Let your dealings bring no blush upon the cheek; commit no sin in the expectation of repentance. At first sin is an indifferent stranger; later a welcome guest; finally the master.

Oh Yahweh, You know my folly;
And my trespasses are not hid from You; For I do declare my iniquity;
I am full of concern because of my sin.

If You should mark iniquities, O Yahweh, who would be without sin in Your sight?

Create in me a clean heart, Yahweh, and renew a steadfast Spirit within me.

Turn me towards You, O Yah, that I may forsake my sins;
Make me mindful of Your presence that I may mend my ways.

Teach me to forgive my neighbor the injury he did to me, so that when I pray, my sins will be forgiven too. If man cherishes anger against another, How can he seek healing from You?

If he has no mercy on his fellow man, how can he expect mercy from You, O Yahweh?

I shall not say, 'If I sin, no eye beholds it, Or if I deal untruly in all secrecy, who will know it?'

If a man fast for his sins, and again does the same, who will listen to his prayer? And what has he gained by his self-affliction?

Evil and abomination You do hate Yahweh, and you do not let it come near to them that truly worship You.

Let the wicked forsake his way, And the man of iniquity his thoughts;

**That You may have compassion upon us,
And in Your lovingkindness You will graciously pardon.**

**Happy are they who dwell in Your House; forever shall they praise You Yahweh!
Happy the people whose G-d Is Yahweh; the Eternal God.**

**I will extol You my God, O King, Every day will I bless You, and praise
Your name (Yahweh) forever and ever.**

**Great is our God Yahweh and greatly to be praised, and His greatness
is without end. One generation shall tell of Your works to another, And
declare Your mighty acts!**

**I will speak of the splendor of Your glorious majesty, And tell of Your
wonders.**

**Men and women shall proclaim the might of Your acts, and I will
declare Your greatness.**

**They shall make known the fame of Your great goodness, and shall
joyously proclaim Your**

love is over all His works. All whom you have made shall give thanks to You O Yah, and your faithful ones shall bless You.

They shall declare the glory of Your Kingdom, and tell of Your mighty power, to make known to the sons of men your mighty acts and of Your Salvation in Yahshua your Son. Your Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Yahweh upholds all who fall and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all hopefully look to You, and You give them food in due season.

You open Your hand, And satisfy every living thing with favor. Yah is righteous in all His ways! And gracious in all His works.

He is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth!

He shall fulfill the desire of them that revere Him. He shall also hear their cry, and save them.

Yahweh protects all them that love Him; but all the wicked shall He bring low.

My mouth shall speak the praise of Yahweh; let all men and women praise His Holy Name and forevermore.

We will praise Yah from this time forth, and forevermore. Hallelu-Yah!

Reader

May the great Name of Yahweh be honored throughout the world

which He has created according to His will. May he soon, even in our own lifetime and in the lifetime of our people, establish His Kingdom on earth so that Yahweh shall rule over us all; and let us say, Amein.

May his great Name be praised forever and ever!

Exalted and honored be the Name of The Holy One, praised be He, whose glory is far above all hymns of praise which man can offer Him; and let us say, Amein!

O Yahweh, you are Righteous, but we are prone to error. How can we plead before You? Only through Yahshua's great Holy Name and repentance. How can we justify ourselves? Let us search and examine our ways and return to You, for Your right hand is extended to receive all those who truly repent. We come before not with deeds of lovingkindness, but like poor and needy creatures do we knock at Your doors. O merciful and gracious Yahweh, we call upon You! Turn us not away from Your presence without Your blessing. O send us not away without blessing us, for You alone hear our prayer.

And You who hears prayers, to You all flesh will come.
They shall come and worship before You, O Yahweh, and do honor to Your Name.

O come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us bow the knee before Elohim, our Maker.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving.
And into His courts with praise!
Behold, bless Yahweh, all you servants, who stand through the night in the house of Elohim.

**Lift up your hands in the in the sanctuary and bless Elohim Echad,
We will enter His tabernacle and worship at His footstool.**

**Exalt Yahweh our God, and worship at His Holy mountain. O worship
Elohim in the beauty of his Holiness; revere Him all that inhabit the
earth.**

**We will come into Your house in the abundance of Your mercy;
In reverence for You we will worship toward Your Holy temple.
We will praise Your Name for your lovingkindness and for Your truth;
You have made Your Word supreme above all!**

**God of hosts, who is like You? Your faithfulness is round about You.
Who in Heaven can be compared to You O Yahweh? Who among the
mighty can stand beside You?
For You are great and do wondrous things; You are the only true God,
Yahweh.
For Your mercy is great above the heavens, and Your truth reaches
throughout the clouds.**

**Great is Yahweh and greatly to be praised! And, His greatness is
unsearchable.**

**Who would not be in awe of You Yahweh, O King of nations?
In in all the kingdoms there is none like You! Mighty are You, and great
is Your Name; with You are strength and majesty.
For all that is in heaven and on earth is Yours;
You are sovereignty, O Yahweh; You rule supreme.**

The heavens are Yours and the earth also; the world and the fullness thereof, You have founded them.

You have set the all the borders of the earth also; You have made summer and winter. The sea, it is Yours and You, have made it; and Your hands formed the dry land. You rule the raging sea; when the waves thereof arise, You still them.

The day is Yours and the night also, You have prepared the light and the sun. For in Your hand are the depths of the earth; the strength of the hills are also Yours.

Great are You Yahweh, and greatly to be praised in the city on the Holy mountain. The heavens shall praise Your wonders, Oh Elohim; and Your faithfulness among the Holy ones.

Oh come, let us sing to to Yahweh! Let us rejoice before the Rock who is our unfailing help. Let us come before Your presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to You. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; mercy and truth go before You because You gave Your only Son, Yahshua haMashiyach, our Redeemer.

Let us assemble together, and reverently come to Your house, O Yahweh. In your hand is the soul of every living being, and in Your keeping is the spirit of all mankind.

The soul of a man is Yours, and his body is Your creation; have compassion upon Your handiwork. Yes, both soul and body are Yours. O Yahweh, for the sake of Your honor, deal kindly with us. We have come here trusting in Your name, For You are a just and merciful God. You also gave your One and only Son to die upon the stake, and to rise upon the third day and He ascended into Heaven. For that, we, if we believe on Him, we may be delivered. For His Name's sake, pardon our iniquity, for it is great.

Forgive us, O our Father, Abba, Father, for for in our folly we have gone astray. Pardon us, Oh King, for our iniquities are many; in Yahshua haMashiyach's Name; Amein.

Our God and God of our fathers!

How shall we pray to You who dwells on high? How shall we express to You our innermost thoughts? We have abhorred Your true and righteous ways; we have preferred abominations and evil deeds. We have been stubborn and insolent.

Because of our iniquities was your indignation aroused; the temple was destroyed and sacrifices have ceased. Anointed priests, skilled in temple ritual and sacrifice, have been babished and exiled afar.

How often have You rebuked us through Prophets and seers! Yet, We did not hearken to Your teachers and exhorters.

Ever since have we been wanderers, crushed, tortured, and slaughtered. We have survived as a handful among worthless thorns. But we find deliverance in Y'shua the Mashiyach. Why do the oppressors of Your people, who bow to idols, continue to prosper?

Rising up against You, they speak blasphemies and taunt Your people: "O shattered and broken ones! In whom do you trust?"

O Holy One, You who lives forever, behold the plight of Your wretched people who cling to You and rely upon You. May we by Your wondrous power be saved now and forevermore, for upon Your great mercy we depend.

We trust in Your abundant mercy; we rely upon Your righteousness; we hope for Your forgiveness through the Mashiyach, Y'shua, and yearn for Your unfailing help. You, our King, have always loved righteousness. You absolve Your people of their iniquities, and remove the sins of those who repent and ask through Y'shua's Name. You made a covenant with our forefathers, and You fulfill Your promise to their descendants. In Your cloud of glory, You descended on Mount Sinai, and showed Your ways of goodness To Your servant Moshe. You revealed to him Your paths of lovingkindness, continually dispensing goodness, and guiding the whole world with Your mercy. As it is written: And Yahweh said: 'I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the Name of Yahweh before you. I will be gracious to whom I shall show mercy.'" Exodus 33:19

You are slow to anger. You are known as the God of mercy; you have shown man the way to repentance.

Be ever mindful of Your abundant mercy and lovingkindness toward the descendants of Your beloved people. Turn to us in compassion, for You are The God of compassion!

With supplication and prayer we come before You who revealed Your mercy to Moshe. Repent once more of Your wrath, as it is written In the Torah. (Exodus 32:12) May we find shelter in Your protection as on the day when You appeared to Moshe on Sinai.

Heed our supplication! Hear our prayer as the day when Moshe called upon You. Thus, it is recorded in the Torah. (Exodus 34:6,7) “And Yahweh, the Eternal, is a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness and truth; keeping mercy for thousands of generations, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin, and acquitting all those who truly repent.”

O pardon our iniquity and our sin, and accept us for Your inheritance; in Y’shua haMashiyach’s Name, Amein. Forgive us, O our Father, for we have sinned; pardon us, O our King, for we have transgressed.

For You, O Yahweh, are good, and ever ready to forgive. You are abounding in mercy to all who call upon You.

O Yahweh, in the morning, hearken to our supplication. In the morning, we shall prepare our prayer to You and await Your blessing. Hear our voice as we call upon You and lift our hands in reverence

Toward Your Holy Sanctuary. Hear, Oh Yahweh, our plea; be gracious to us and answer us. Restore us, O God of our Salvation; Yahweh, and cause Your indignation toward us to cease. Hear our prayer and be not unmindful of our tears.

As a father pities his children, so pity us, O Yahweh. Salvation comes from Your Son Y'shua; may Your blessing be upon Your people. Yahweh is with us; the God of Jacob is as a high tower to us. O Yahweh, happy is the man that trusts in you! Save us. O YHWH, O Father; may You, O King, answer us on the day we call.

O pardon the iniquity of your people according to the greatness of Your mercy, and according as You have given us Your only Son Y'shua, who gave Himself for our sins.

O my God, YHWH; hear our prayer and behold the desolation of Zion, the city which is called by Your Name; for we do not present our supplications before You for our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. O Father, hearken and deal with us kindly. Delay not, please; for Your city and Your people are called by Your Name.

OUR GOD AND GOD OF OUR FATHERS

There is no man righteous, no not one; the best among us is as worthless as a brier. Only through Your only begotten Son are we

Can forgiveness of our sins be found. For it is through the shedding of His blood, His sacrifice, being raised again on the third day and ascending into Heaven that we may find forgiveness of sins. For it is written. In fear and trembling, I plead before You Father; You who examines all deeds. Lacking good deeds and laden with sin, how can my prayer find favor with You? Only through your Son Y'shua; for it is written, "No one comes to the Father except by me."

You are good to those who sincerely call upon You, help them bear their burden and sustain them. May Your lovingkindness encompass me. In love, hearken to my prayer and answer me.

Consider me not as one who is of no consequence, but as one who is worthy; only through Y'shua, devout and sincere in prayer. Remember Your mercies and refuse me not Your help.

Our needs are many and cannot be expressed because of our ignorance and suffering. All is revealed in You and Your Son; the Mashiyach, O Creator, Guide, Shepherd, Refuge and Guardian.

We are left forlorn like a lonely pole on a mountain. Our honor is departed from us, and we are of no account. Answer us and sustain us in our bondage. O seek out our lost ones and count them among Your own.

Protect from strife and judgment those whom You have chastised, who are scattered and dispersed among the nations. Your people wait to behold Your glory.

A searing flame is Your thunderous voice, rendering decisions of weal or woe. Your faithful ones plaintively knock at Your gate. Accept O please their devotion and return to us, those who love You. They fast and humble themselves. Shield them from Your indignation. Their lips move in silent prayer and do praise You! Deny them not their earnest plea.

Let Your Name, O YHWH; The only Living true God, be glorified, and bless us with Your bounteous goodness. O Yahweh is the source of life, turn to us, answer us, and revive our spirits.

**You sit on Your judgment seat
Enthroned on High,
And one by one man's trespasses
In penance pass You by.**

**Almighty King, Your governing
With tender love replete.
Absolve we pray, our fears allay,
With mercy judgment mete.**

**You dwell High, our Rock and Shield,
Enthroned in might,
And pardons each one his sins through Your Son,
From scarlet You make them white.**

O Ruler wise, before Your Eyes,

**Our frailties stand revealed
Your judgment be with clarity,
Your might with mercy wield.**

**O living Yah, on Sinai's mount,
You planted your nation's roots.
The truth, the seal, you did reveal,
And none Your Word refutes.**

**You stood in a heavenly glow,
With Moshe there;
Your Name, o Yah, did he proclaim,
And then You did declare:**

**"A gracious Father, Compassionate God,
To wrath and anger slow,
Forgiving sin, men's hearts to win,
Does thousands mercy show."**

**Forgive us, O Yah our Father, for we have sinned; pardon us, our King,
for we have transgressed. For You, Oh Yahweh, are good, and ready to
forgive, and are abounding in mercy to all that call upon You in the
Name of the Mashiyach.**

**Judge us not according to Your judgment, for in Your sight is no man
sinless. May our prayers come before You; turn not away from our
supplication. Hear the sighs of the oppressed and, through Y'shua the
Mashiyach we pray; release those condemned to die. O one and only**

God, hear our voice and heed our supplications. And, May You ever hearken to Your people Israel.

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TRUE WORSHIP

Wherewith shall come before You, and worship You O Father on high?

Shall You be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

You have been told, O man, what is good, and what Yahweh requires of you; Only to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. The sacrifice of a wicked man is an abomination to YHWH, but the prayer of the upright is His delight.

Thus Says YHWH: Will you steal, murder and commit adultery, swear falsely, and walk after other gods, and then come and stand before Me in MY House where My Name is called, and think that merely by uttering words you will be saved, saved to continue all these abominations?

When you offer such prayers, I will not hear. I cannot endure iniquity along with solemn worship. Hear the Word Of Yahweh, all who enter these gates to worship.

If you thoroughly mend your ways (repent) from your doings; if you see that justice is done between man and man,

If you oppress not the stranger, the orphan and the widow, and shed not innocent blood, neither walk after other gods,

Then shall your light break forth as the morning, and your healing

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Shall spring forth speedily;

Your righteousness shall go before you, and the Glory of YHWH shall be your protection.

Kadosh, Kadosh, Kadosh, Echad! May our cry for mercy come before You. O Righteous One, who desires uprightness and shuns slander, hearken to our supplication and hear our prayers. Because we have defamed Your good Name, we are ashamed to raise our heads and are overcome with disgrace.

Trouble and anguish surround on all sides. We are like wandering sheep without shelter. Only through Y'shua can we be redeemed. Only through repentance can we come before You, O You, YHWH, who sees all behold our distress and affliction. Turn our lamentation into exaltation, our rebuke into atonement, and return us to Your righteous paths.

Because of our transgressions, we have been subjected to exile and plunder. Our people, kings and priests have been humiliated. Your Temple, which in loving concern You esteemed and exalted, You have reduced to a heap of ruins.

We did not beseech You with supplication and prayers, nor did we attempt to understand Your Truth in order to be cleansed of pollution. Verily, were it not for Your mercy in Y'shua, we would be forever dead in our sins.

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We have acted perversely and dealt corruptly; therefore we have born the yoke of slavery many times. The slavery to sin. Remember that You have promised not to reject us, but to gather your scattered ones and unite them in You.

Despite all the woes that have befallen us, we proclaim that You are righteous and that it is that WE who have sinned. As of this day, we stand before You in contrition.

Mercifully grant Your forgiveness and healing to Your people, oppressed, scorned and reviled; a people persecuted, down-trodden and plundered; a people tested and now purified by the Ruach HaKodesh and the Blood of Y'shua The Mashiyach.

In Your mercy, fulfill now, even before the appointed time, your prophesy of redemption, that we may be saved through You: "They shall return from far and near."

They are your own people and your faithful servants. Show them Your love as in days of old. Draw us closer to You oh Yahweh; and stamp us with Your seal for we yearn to revere Your Name.

O increase the smallest number into a thousand, and make the few as strong as a mighty multitude. According to Your righteousness, have mercy upon us. Turn away your righteous indignation, and console us.

SEARCH YOUR WAYS

(Selected from Job 31)

**Help me O Yah, to search my heart, and see the folly of my way.
Do I live falsely? Do I hasten to deceit? Am I indifferent to the rightful
be
cause**

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**of any servant, man or woman? Did You not make me, also my
fellowman? Did not One fashion us both? Do I withhold that the poor
require, or make a widow suffer want?
Do I eat my bread alone, sharing it not with the fatherless?
Do I see any in need of clothing, and not provide for them?
Do I open my door to the stranger,
So that he does not lodge in the street?**

**Do I make gold my hope and say:
“You are my confidence?”
Do I boast because of Your blessings, and my hand has gotten much?
Do I rejoice at the destruction of my enemies,
Or exalt when evil befalls him?
Do I fear what the multitude will say,
Being silent when I should speak forth?**

**O Yah, do You not see?
Don't you know my every step?
What can I say to You when You remember?
What can I answer when You take me to task?
Do ,And may I not be found lacking in integrity.**

**At the close of Shabbat, we come before You,
Hear us from on high;
Hear our plea and prayer!**

Lish-mo-a El hor-ri-no v'el hat-fi-lo.

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**By means of Your power, perform in our behalf deeds of might for the
sake of Isaac, who was willingly bound to the alter on Moriah, and
whose stead a ram was sacrificed.**

HEAR OUR PLEA AND PRAYER!

**Seek the well-being of all those who seek You. From Your Heavenly
throne, heed our prayer, and turn not aside from their supplication.**

HEAR OUR PLEA AND PRAYER!

**They tremble at the approach of Your judgment. Awaiting Your
verdict, they suffer pain like a woman in childbirth. You cleanse the
stain of their guilt that they may sing of Your wondrous deeds.**

HEAR OUR PLEA AND PRAYER!

**You are the Creator of all living things. From the beginning You provide
them with relief from suffering by granting them mercy through Your
Son and from Your treasure-house of love.**

HEAR OUR PLEA AND OUR PRAYER!

**Yahweh on High, though Your people's transgressions be many, O
come haShem to their aid with Your mercies stored up in heaven.
For undeserving of Your grace, They plead before You.**

HEAR OUR PLEA AND OUR PRAYER!

Consider our trials and not our transgressions.

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**Worker of wonders, please vindicate all those who cry out to You.
Hearken to their supplications, O Creator of the universe.**

HEAR OUYR PLEA AND PRAYER!

**Accept their plea as they stand before You. Receive their prayer with
favor as if it were a Temple offering of old. Show them Your wonders,
O You who does great deeds.**

HEAR OUR PLEA AND PRAYER!

THE ETERNAL PRESENCE

**O Yah, You have searched me and know me.
You know my every step;
You understand my thoughts.**

**You measure my going about and my lying down,
You, O Yah, know it altogether.
Where shall I go from Your Spirit?**

Or where shall I flee from Your presence?

If I ascend up to Heaven, You are there;

If I make my bed in another world, behold, You are there!

If I take wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there would Your hand lead me,

And Your right hand would hold me.

And if I say, "Surely the darkness will envelop me, and the night will shut me in;

Even the darkness is not too dark for You,

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Yes, the night shines like the day, the darkness is even as the light.

I will give thanks to You, O Yah,

My soul knows right well.

Before my days were fashioned,

In Your book they were all written down.

How mysterious are Your purposes, O my God; Yahweh,

How vast is their number!

Search me, O Yah, and know my heart,

Try me, and know my thoughts;

And see if there be any guile in me, and lead me in Your way forever.

PRAYERS FOR FORGIVENESS

Remember O Yah, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindness for they are everlasting. Oh remember not our former iniquities.

Hasten Your tender mercies for we are brought very low.

Remember us, O Yah, with favor, and grant us with Your salvation, through Y'shua Your Son.

Remember Your congregation. You have redeemed, and Mount Zion is where You have dwelled. Remember O Yah, the devolation of Yerushalim, never forget the love of Zion.

Remember Abraham, Isaac and Isreal, Your servants, to whom You have promised: "I will multiply your seed axs the stars of heaven, and this land that I have spoken of will I give to you and your seed, and they shall inherit it forever."

Yes! Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; look to the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness and sin.

Remember us!

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Remember the covenant of our ancestors, "And I will remember My covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; and I will remember the land."

Deal with us according to Your promise in the Scriptures: "And even when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break My covenant with them; for I AM Yahweh, their God."

PRAYERS FOR FORGIVENESS

Have mercy upon us and not destroy us, "For the Yahweh your God is a merciful God; He will not forsake you, neither will He destroy you, nor forget the covenant made with your fathers.

Purify our hearts to love and revere Your Name. "And Yahweh your God will incline your heart and the heart of your seed, to love Yahweh with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live."

O bring us out of captivity of sin and have compassion on us. For You O Yahweh our god have given Your only begotten Son, Yahshua, the Mashiach who has paid the died for our sins, rose on the third day, and ascended into Heaven to sit at Your right Hand.

O be with us and guide our paths. For we are lost without Your Torah. "And if you shall seek the Yahweh your God, you shall find Him, if you seek Him with all your heart and soul."

O blot out our transgressions and may they vanish as a thick cloud and as a mist. O turn our sins white as snow or wool. "Come now, and let us reason together," says Yahweh. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; tough they be as crimson, they shall be as wool."

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O cleanse us from all our impurities. "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean; from all your defilement and from all your abominations will I cleanse you."

O bring us to Your Holy Mountain and make us joyful in Your house of prayer. "I will bring them to My Holy mountain and make them joyful in My house of prayer; their offerings shall be accepted upon My alter; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for ALL people."

**Heavenly Abba, heed our cry;
In mercy grant our supplication.
Turn us back to You, O Yah, our God;
Restore to us our ancient glory.
Accept our words, our fervent prayer;
Consider please our meditation.
Rock Divine, be with us;**

Without You, Yahweh, there is no hope;
Without Your Son, Yahshua,
There is no hope of salvation.
Cast not Your people from Your presence.
O Elohim, forsake us not; we pray;
Be our staff when our strength fails.
When youth to feeble age gives way,
Naught then but You, Oh Yah, avails.
You, O Abba, was our hope
In all our days through joy and sorrow.
Be with us yet and to the end,
Our comforter in life's tomorrow.

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Create in us a clean heart, O Yah,
And renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from Your presence,
Take not Your Holy Spirit from us,
Restore us to the joy of our Salvation,
And renew a right spirit within us!

We have trespassed, we have been faithless, we have robbed, and spoken slander; we have acted perversely, we have done wickedness, we have been presumptuous, we have done violence and uttered falsehood, we have counselled evil, we have revolted, and provoked; we have rebelled, we have committed iniquity, we have failed to keep our promises, we have transgressed, oppressed, and have been stiff-necked; we have done wickedly, we have corrupted, and committed abominations; we have gone astray, and led others astray.

We have turned away from Your Torah and Your sound judgments, and it has profited us nothing. But You are righteous in all that has come upon us; for You have acted truthfully, while we have wrought unrighteousness.

Our joy is departed from us; our heart is downcast because of our sins. Yet have we not repented of our sins. Then how shall we dare be so brazen and arrogant as to declare before You: “O Yahweh our God and God of our fathers, we are righteous and have not sinned!” Truly, we and our fathers have sinned. Your own people hunger for Your goodness. They thirst for Your lovingkindness, and yearn for Your deliverance. May they come to know that only Yahweh our God shall grant mercy and forgiveness.

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HaShem is a merciful God! Your Name is Gracious God! We are called by Your name. O Yah, forgive us and be with us for the sake of Your name, Your truth, Your covenant, Your greatness and Your majesty.

Do so for the sake of Your Torah, Your honor, Your memorial, Your lovingkindness, Your goodness, Your unity, Your glory, your teachings and Your Kingdom.

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.

Answer us O Yahweh our God, answer us.

**O Abba, Creator, Redeemer, O You who seeks us, O You faithful God,
You who are perfect and kind, You who are pure and upright,**

**You who are ever-existing, good and beneficent, You who knows our
frailty, who suppresses anger, who is robed in righteousness, O
Supreme King of Kings; Father, Son and Ruach HaKodesh; Echad!**

Answer us O Yahweh our God, answer us.

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

Answer us O Yahweh our God, answer us.

**You who are slow to anger, who are easily reconciled, who answers in
Times of sorrow, the Father of orphans, You judge the widows,**

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**Answer us O Yahweh our God, answer us.
In Y'shua HaMashiyach's Name we pray, Yahmein.**

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

**He who answered Joseph in the dungeon, and our fathers at the red
sea and Moses in Horeb, He shall answer us.**

**He who answered Aaron with the censer, and Phineas when he rose
from amongst the congregation, and Joshua in Gilgal,
He shall answer us.**

**He who answered Samuel in Mizpah, and David and Solomon, his son,
in Jerusalem, He shall answer us.**

**He who answered Elijah on Mount Carmel and Elisha in Jericho, and
Jonah in the belly of the fish, He shall answer us.**

**He who answered Hezekiah in his sickness and Hananiah, Mishaël and Azariah in the midst of the fiery furnace, and Daniel in the lion's den,
He shall answer us.**

**He who answered Mordecai and Esther in Shushan the capital, and
Ezra in captivity, He shall answer us.**

O merciful Yahweh, who answers the poor, the lowly in spirit, the broken-hearted; answer us. Have compassion, redeem, save and have pity upon us now and forever more. In Y'shua's Name, Amein.

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Prayers for forgiveness

**Merciful and gracious Yahweh, O my God who is full of compassion,
have mercy upon me and accept my supplications.**

Psalm 6

**O Yahweh, rebuke me not in Your wrath;
Neither chastise me in Your anger.
Be gracious to me, O Yah, for I am weary;
Heal me, O, my only God, for I tremble.
My whole body aches. You, O Yah, do I entreat:**

“How long must I suffer?”

Return to me, O Yahweh, and deliver me from death;

Because You are merciful, please save me.

For the dead cannot speak Your Name,

And the departed cannot acknowledge You.

I grow weary of weeping;

Every night my couch is wet with tears.

Because my adversaries sorely vex me,

My eyes grow dim from weeping.

Depart from me, O workers of iniquity,

For Yahweh has given heed to my weeping.

Yahweh has hearkened to my supplication

And He will accept my prayer.

Then shall all my adversaries be frustrated and confounded;

Suddenly in utter confusion they will depart.

**Yahweh who wounds and heals, who causes life and death, He also
raises up from the grave to everlasting life.**

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