

Laden with trouble and travail, life quickly passes, it flies away.

What are mortals, eternal God,
that You should be mindful of them?

What are mortals, that You should take note of them,
that You have made them little less than angels?

The sounds of infants attest to Your power,
the magnificence of life reflects Your glory.

The heavens display Your splendor.
What majesty is Yours throughout the world!

Teach us to use all of our days, O Lord,
that we may attain a heart of wisdom.

Grant us of Your love in the morning,
that we may joyously sing all our days.

שׁוֹיִתִּי יְהוָה לְנֹגְדֵי תְמִיד, כִּי מִיָּמֵינִי בַל אָמוּט.
לְכֵן שְׂמַח לְבִי וְיִגְל כְּבוֹדֵי אֶף בְּשָׂרֵי יִשְׁכֵן לְבָטָח.

When I stray from You, O Lord, my life is as death;
but when I cleave to You, even in death I have life.

You embrace the souls of the living and the dead.

The earth inherits that which perishes.

The dust returns to dust;
but the soul, which is God's, is immortal.

The Lord has compassion for His creatures.

He has planted eternity within our soul,
granting us a share in His unending life.

He redeems our life from the grave.

May we all be charitable in deed and in thought,
in memory of those we love who walk the earth no longer.

May we live unselfishly, in truth and love and peace, so that we will
be remembered as a blessing, as we this day lovingly remember
those whose lives endure as a blessing.

YIZKOR

MEMORIAL SERVICE

יְהוָה, מֶה אָדָם וְתַדְעָהוּ, בְּיָאֲנוּשׁ וְתַחֲשִׁבְהוּ.
אָדָם לְהַבֵּל דְּמָה, יָמָיו כְּצֵל עוֹבֵר.
בְּבִקְרָה יִצִּיץ וְחָלַף, לְעָרֵב יִמּוֹלֵל וַיָּבֵשׁ.
תָּשֵׁב אָנוּשׁ עַד דְּבָא, וְתֵאמֶר שׁוּבוּ בְנֵי אָדָם.
שׁוּבָה יְהוָה, עַד מָתִי, וְהִנַּחֵם עַל עַבְדֶּיךָ.

There is a time for everything, for all things under the sun:

a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to laugh and a time to cry,

a time to dance and a time to mourn,
a time to seek and a time to lose,

a time to forget and a time to remember.

This day in sacred convocation we remember those who gave us life.

We remember those who enriched our lives with love and
beauty, kindness and compassion, thoughtfulness and understanding.

We renew our bonds to those who have gone the way of all the earth.

As we reflect upon those whose memory moves us this day, we seek
consolation, and the strength and the insight born of faith.

Tender as a father with his children,
the Lord is merciful with His worshipers.

He knows how we are fashioned, remembers that we are dust.

Our days are as grass; we flourish as a flower in the field.

The wind passes over it and it is gone,
and no one can recognize where it grew.

But the Lord's compassion for His worshipers,
His righteousness to children's children,
remain, age after age, unchanging.

Three score and ten our years may number,
four score years if granted the vigor.

In memory of a mother:

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נִשְׁמַת אִמִּי מוֹרְתִי שֶׁהִלְכָה לְעוֹלָמָהּ. הִנְנִי נוֹדֵר
(נוֹדֵרֶת) צְדָקָה בְּעַד הַזְכָּרָת נִשְׁמָתָהּ. אָנָּה תְּהִי נִפְשָׁה צְרוּרָה
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נְעִימוֹת בִּימִינָה נֹצֵחַ. אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my mother who has gone to her eternal home. In loving testimony to her life I pledge charity to help perpetuate ideals important to her. Through such deeds, and through prayer and memory, is her soul bound up in the bond of life. May I prove myself worthy of the gift of life and the many other gifts with which she blessed me. May these moments of meditation link me more strongly with her memory and with our entire family. May she rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

In memory of a husband:

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נִשְׁמַת בְּעַלִּי שֶׁהִלְךָ לְעוֹלָמוֹ. הִנְנִי נוֹדֵרֶת צְדָקָה
בְּעַד הַזְכָּרָת נִשְׁמָתוֹ. אָנָּה תְּהִי נִפְשׁוֹ צְרוּרָה בְּצָרוֹר הַחַיִּים
וְתִהְיֶי מְנוּחָתוֹ בְּבוֹד, שְׁבַע שְׂמֵחוֹת אֶת־פְּנֵיהָ, נְעִימוֹת בִּימִינָה
נֹצֵחַ. אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my husband who has gone to his eternal home. In loving testimony to his life I pledge charity to help perpetuate ideals important to him. Through such deeds, and through prayer and memory, is his soul bound up in the bond of life. Love is strong as death; deep bonds of love are indissoluble. The memory of our companionship and love leads me out of loneliness into all that we shared which still endures. May he rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

In memory of a wife:

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נִשְׁמַת אִשְׁתִּי שֶׁהִלְכָה לְעוֹלָמָהּ. הִנְנִי נוֹדֵר
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בִּימִינָה נֹצֵחַ. אָמֵן.

Our generations are bound to each other as children now remember their parents. Love is strong as death as husbands and wives now remember their mates, as parents now remember their children. Memory conquers death's dominion as we now remember our brothers and sisters, grandparents, and other relatives and friends.

The death of those we now remember left gaping holes in our lives. But we are grateful for the gift of their lives. And we are strengthened by the blessings which they left us, by precious memories which comfort and sustain us as we recall them this day.

A personal meditation

Eternal God, Master of mercy, give me the gift of remembering. May my memories of the dead be tender and true, undiminished by time, not falsified by sentimentality. Let me recall them, and love them, as they were. Give me the gift of tears. Let me express my sense of loss, my sorrow, my pain, as well as my gratitude and my love. Give me the gift of prayer. May I confront You with an open heart, with trusting faith, unembarrassed and unashamed. Give me the gift of hope. May I always believe in the beauty of life, the power of goodness, the right to joy. May I surrender my being, and the soul of the dead, to Your eternal compassion.

Each congregant reads silently the appropriate passages among those which follow. Personal meditations may also be added. We rise.

In memory of a father:

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נִשְׁמַת אָבִי מוֹרֵי שֶׁהִלְךָ לְעוֹלָמוֹ. הִנְנִי נוֹדֵר
(נוֹדֵרֶת) צְדָקָה בְּעַד הַזְכָּרָת נִשְׁמָתוֹ. אָנָּה תְּהִי נִפְשׁוֹ צְרוּרָה
בְּצָרוֹר הַחַיִּים וְתִהְיֶי מְנוּחָתוֹ בְּבוֹד, שְׁבַע שְׂמֵחוֹת אֶת־פְּנֵיהָ,
נְעִימוֹת בִּימִינָה נֹצֵחַ. אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my father who has gone to his eternal home. In loving testimony to his life I pledge charity to help perpetuate ideals important to him. Through such deeds, and through prayer and memory, is his soul bound up in the bond of life. May I prove myself worthy of the gift of life and the many other gifts with which he blessed me. May these moments of meditation link me more strongly with his memory and with our entire family. May he rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

In memory of other relatives and friends:

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נַשְׁמוֹת קְרוֹבֵי וְרַעֵי שְׁהֻלְכוּ לְעוֹלָמָם. הַגְּנִי נוֹדֵר
(נוֹדֵרֶת) צְדָקָה בְּעַד הַזְּכָרֹת נַשְׁמוֹתֵיהֶם. אָנָּה תְּהַיְיָנָה
נַפְשוֹתֵיהֶם צְרוּרָה בְּצִרּוּר הַחַיִּים וְתִהְיֶינָה מְנוּחָתָם כְּבוֹד,
שְׁבַע שְׁמָחוֹת אֶת־פְּנֵיהָ, נְעִימוֹת בִּימֵיהָ נְצַח. אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of _____ and of all relatives and friends who have gone to their eternal home. In loving testimony to their lives I pledge charity to help perpetuate ideals important to them. Through such deeds, and through prayer and memory, are their souls bound up in the bond of life. May these moments of meditation link me more strongly with their memory. May they rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

In memory of martyrs:

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נַשְׁמוֹת כָּל־אֶחָיוּנוּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל שֶׁמָּסְרוּ אֶת־
נַפְשָׁם עַל קְדוּשַׁת הַשֵּׁם. הַגְּנִי נוֹדֵר (נוֹדֵרֶת) צְדָקָה בְּעַד הַזְּכָרֹת
נַשְׁמוֹתֵיהֶם. אָנָּה יִשְׁמַע בְּתִיבְנוּ הַדְּ גְבוּרָתָם וּמִסִּירוֹתָם וְיִרְאֶה
בְּמַעֲשָׂיו טֶהֱרַ לָכֶם וְתִהְיֶינָה נַפְשוֹתֵיהֶם צְרוּרָה בְּצִרּוּר
הַחַיִּים וְתִהְיֶינָה מְנוּחָתָם כְּבוֹד, שְׁבַע שְׁמָחוֹת אֶת־פְּנֵיהָ, נְעִימוֹת
בִּימֵיהָ נְצַח. אָמֵן.

May God remember the souls of our brethren, martyrs of our people, who gave their lives for the sanctification of His name. In their memory do I pledge charity. May their bravery, dedication, and purity be reflected in our lives. May their souls be bound up in the bond of life. And may they rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

In memory of congregants:

We lovingly recall the members of our congregation who no longer dwell upon this earth. They have a special place in our hearts. We pray this day that all who have sustained the loss of loved ones be granted comfort and strength.

Exalted, compassionate God, comfort the bereaved families of this congregation. Help all of us to perpetuate the worthy values in the lives of those no longer with us, whom we remember this day. May their memory endure as a blessing. And let us say: Amen.

May God remember the soul of my wife who has gone to her eternal home. In loving testimony to her life I pledge charity to help perpetuate ideals important to her. Through such deeds and through prayer and memory is her soul bound up in the bond of life. "Many women have done superbly, but you surpass them all." Love is strong as death; deep bonds of love are indissoluble. The memory of our companionship and love leads me out of loneliness into all that we share which still endures. May she rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

In memory of a son:

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נַשְׁמַת בְּנֵי הָאֵהוּב מִחֲמַד עֵינֵי שְׁהֻלְךָ לְעוֹלָמוֹ.
הַגְּנִי נוֹדֵר (נוֹדֵרֶת) צְדָקָה בְּעַד הַזְּכָרֹת נַשְׁמָתוֹ. אָנָּה תְּהִי
נַפְשׁוֹ צְרוּרָה בְּצִרּוּר הַחַיִּים וְתִהְיֶינָה מְנוּחָתוֹ כְּבוֹד, שְׁבַע
שְׁמָחוֹת אֶת־פְּנֵיהָ, נְעִימוֹת בִּימֵיהָ נְצַח. אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my beloved son who has gone to his eternal home. In loving testimony to his life I pledge charity to help perpetuate ideals important to him. Through such deeds, and through prayer and memory, is his soul bound up in the bond of life. I am grateful for the sweetness of his life and for what he did accomplish. May he rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

In memory of a daughter:

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נַשְׁמַת בְּתִי הָאֵהוּבָה מִחֲמַד עֵינֵי שְׁהֻלְכָה
לְעוֹלָמָהּ. הַגְּנִי נוֹדֵר (נוֹדֵרֶת) צְדָקָה בְּעַד הַזְּכָרֹת נַשְׁמָתָהּ.
אָנָּה תְּהִי נַפְשָׁהּ צְרוּרָה בְּצִרּוּר הַחַיִּים וְתִהְיֶינָה מְנוּחָתָה כְּבוֹד,
שְׁבַע שְׁמָחוֹת אֶת־פְּנֵיהָ, נְעִימוֹת בִּימֵיהָ נְצַח. אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my beloved daughter who has gone to her eternal home. In loving testimony to her life I pledge charity to help perpetuate ideals important to her. Through such deeds, and through prayer and memory, is her soul bound up in the bond of life. I am grateful for the sweetness of her life and for what she did accomplish. May she rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

יהוה רעי, לא אחסר.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

בנאות דשא ירביצני,

He gives me repose in green meadows.

על מי מנחות ינהלני, נפשי ישובב,

He leads me beside the still waters to revive my spirit.

ינחני במעגלי צדק למען שמו.

He guides me on the right path, for that is His nature.

גם כי אלה בגיא צלמות
לא אירא רע כי אתה עמדי.

Though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no harm, for You are with me.

שבטך ומשענתך תמה ינחמני.

Your staff and Your rod comfort me.

תעריך לפני שלחן נגד צררי,

You prepare a banquet for me in the presence of my foes.

דשנת בשמן ראשי, כוסי רונה.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

אך טוב נחסד ירדפוני כל ימי חיי,

Surely goodness and kindness shall be my portion
all the days of my life.

ושבתי בבית יהוה לארך ימים.

And I shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

PSALM 23

In memory of the six million:

□ אל מלא רחמים, שוכן במרומים, המצא מנוחה וכוונה
תחת כנפי השכינה במעלות קדושים וטהורים כזהר הקריע
מזהירים, את-נשמות כל-אחינו בני ישראל, אנשים נשים
וטף, שנטבחו ושנהקו ושנשרפו ושנהרגו, בגן עדן תהי
מנוחתם. אנא בעל הרחמים, הסתירם בסתר כנפיה
לעולמים וצור בצרור החיים את-נשמותיהם. יהוה הוא
נחלתם, וינחחו בשלום על משפבותיהם. ונאמר אמן.

Exalted, compassionate God, grant perfect peace in Your sheltering Presence, among the holy and the pure, to the souls of all our brethren, men, women, and children of the House of Israel who were slaughtered and suffocated and burned to ashes. May their memory endure, inspiring truth and loyalty in our lives. May their souls thus be bound up in the bond of life. May they rest in peace. And let us say: Amen.

In memory of all the dead:

□ אל מלא רחמים, שוכן במרומים, המצא מנוחה וכוונה
תחת כנפי השכינה במעלות קדושים וטהורים כזהר הקריע
מזהירים את-נשמות כל-אלה שהזכרנו היום לברכה
שהלכו לעולמם, בגן עדן תהי מנוחתם. אנא בעל הרחמים,
הסתירם בסתר כנפיה לעולמים וצור בצרור החיים את-
נשמותיהם. יהוה הוא נחלתם, וינחחו בשלום על
משפבותיהם. ונאמר אמן.

Exalted, compassionate God, grant perfect peace among the holy and the pure, in Your sheltering Presence, to the souls of all our beloved who have gone to their eternal home. May their memory endure as inspiration for deeds of charity and goodness in our lives. May their souls thus be bound up in the bond of life. May they rest in peace. And let us say: Amen.

MOURNER'S KADDISH

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba b'alma di v'ra khir'utei, v'yamlikh malkhutei b'hayeikhon u-v'yomeikhon u-v'haye'ei d'khol beit yisrael, ba-agala u-vi-z'man kariv v'imru amen.

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'vorakh l'alam u-l'almei almay.

Yitbarakh v'yishtabah v'yitpa'ar v'yitromam v'yitnasei, v'yit-hadar v'yit'aleh v'yit-halal sh'mei d'kudsha, b'rikh hu l'ela (l'ela mi-kol) min kol birkhata v'shirata, tushb'hata v'nehemata da-amiran b'alma, v'imru amen.

Y'hei shlama raba min sh'maya v'hayim aleinu v'al kol yisrael, v'imru amen.

Oseh shalom bi-m'romav, hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol yisrael, v'imru amen.

Hallowed and enhanced may He be throughout the world of His own creation. May He cause His sovereignty soon to be accepted, during our life and the life of all Israel. And let us say: Amen.

May He be praised throughout all time.

Glorified and celebrated, lauded and worshipped, acclaimed and honored, extolled and exalted may the Holy One be, praised beyond all song and psalm, beyond all tributes which mortals can utter. And let us say: Amen.

Let there be abundant peace from Heaven, with life's goodness for us and for all the people Israel. And let us say: Amen.

He who brings peace to His universe will bring peace to us and to all the people Israel. And let us say: Amen.

Our Creator, the King of kings, delights in life. Because of His love for us, and because we are so few, each of us is important in His kingdom. Though we are flesh and blood, we are irreplaceable. When one of the House of Israel dies, there is a loss of glory in His kingdom and His grandeur is diminished. Therefore, members of the House of Israel, all of you who mourn and all of you who remember on this day, let us fix our hearts on our Father in Heaven, our King and our Redeemer, and let us pray for ourselves, and for Him too, that He and His sovereignty be hallowed and enhanced, glorified and celebrated.

MOURNER'S KADDISH

Mourners and those observing Yahrzeit:

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא בְּעָלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ, וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ וּבְחַיֵּי כָּל-בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעָגְלָא וּבְזִמְנָן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Congregation and mourner:

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.

Mourner:

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא, וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקֻדְשָׁא, בְּרִיךְ הוּא לְעָלְמָא (לְעָלְמָא מְכַל-) מִן כָּל-בְּרַבְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא, תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא דְאִמְרֵין בְּעָלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

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

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