

Beit Lechem Messianic Congregation

Morning Prayers

I. Modeh Ani

מֹדֵה אֲנִי לְפָנֶיךָ

מֶלֶךְ חַי וְקַיִם

שֶׁהֶחֱזַרְתָּ בִּי נִשְׁמָתִי בְּחַמְלָה

רַבָּה אֱמוּנָתְךָ

Mo-De A-Ni Le-Fa-Nei-Kha Me-Lekh Khai Ve-Ka-Yam She-He-Khe-Zar-Ta Bi Nish-Ma-Ti Be-Khem-La Ra-Ba E-Mu-Na-Te-Kha

I give thanks before You, Living and Eternal King, for You have returned my soul to me in compassion; Your faithfulness is great!

II. Elohai Neshamah

Elohai
אֱלֹהֵי,
n'sha-ma she-na-ta-ta bee t'ho-ra hee
נְשָׁמָה שְׁנַתַּתְּ בִּי טְהוֹרָה הִיא,
A-ta v'ra-tah A-ta y'tzar-tah A-ta n'fach-tah bee
אַתָּה בְּרַאתָּהּ, אַתָּה יִצְרַתָּהּ, אַתָּה נִפְחַתָּהּ בִּי,
v'A-ta m'sha-m'rah b'keer-bee v'A-ta a-teed li-t'lah mi-meh-ni
וְאַתָּה מְשַׁמְרָהּ בְּקִרְבִּי, וְאַתָּה עֲתִיד לְטָלָהּ מִמֶּנִּי,
u-l'ha-cha-zi-rah bee le-ah-teed la-vo
וְלְהַחְזִירָהּ בִּי לְעֲתִיד לְבוֹא.
z'mahn kol sheh-ha-n'sha-ma b'keer-bee
כָּל זְמַן שֶׁהַנְּשָׁמָה בְּקִרְבִּי,
mo-deh a-ni l'fa-ne-cha Adonai Elohai v'Aylohay a-vo-tai
מוֹדָה אֲנִי לְפָנֶיךָ, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵי וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתַי,
ri-bohn kol ha-ma-ah-seem A-dohn kol ha-n'sha-moht
רְבוֹן כָּל הַמַּעֲשִׂים, אֲדוֹן כָּל הַנְּשָׁמוֹת.
Ba-ruch A-ta Adonai ha-ma-cha-zeer n'sha-moht li-fga-reem may-teem
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַמַּחְזִיר נְשָׁמוֹת לְפָגְרִים מֵתִים.

My God, the soul You have given me is pure. You created it. You formed it, and You breathed it into me, and You guard it while it is within me, and one day You will take it from me, and restore it to me in the time to come. As long as the soul is within me, I will thank You, HaShem my God and God of my ancestors, Master of all works, LORD of all souls. Blessed are You, LORD, who restores souls to lifeless bodies.

III. Psalm 103:1, 2

Bless *ADONAI*, my soul! Everything in me, bless his holy name! Bless *ADONAI*, my soul, and forget none of his benefits!

IV. Pesukei D'Zimrah

Verses of Singing / Songs of Praise

Ha'reini m'zamein et pi

I now prepare my mouth

L'hodot ulhalel u'Ishabeach et Borei.

to thank, to laud and to praise my Creator.

Blessed be He who spoke, and the world came into being;

Blessed be He. (all respond)

Blessed be He who created the universe. Blessed be He who says and performs. Blessed be He who decrees and fulfills. Blessed be He who has mercy on the world. Blessed be He who has mercy on all creatures.

Blessed be He who grants a fair reward to those who revere him. Blessed be He who lives forever and exists eternally. Blessed be He who redeems and saves; blessed be His name. Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, O God, merciful Father, who are praised by the mouth of Your people, lauded and glorified by the tongue of Your faithful servants.

With the songs of Your servant David will we praise You, Lord our God; with his hymns and psalms we exalt, extol, and glorify You. We will call upon Your name and proclaim You King, our King, our God. You who are One, the life of the universe, O King, praised and glorified be Your great name for all time.

Blessed are You, Lord, King extolled with hymns of praise.

V. Mah Tovu

Messianic Shabbat Siddur, pg. 39-40

מָה טָבוּ אֵהְלִיךָ יַעֲקֹב,
מִשְׁכְּנֹתֶיךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאֲנִי בָרַב
חֲסִדֶּךָ אָבוֹא בֵּיתְךָ,
אֲשַׁתְּחֹה אֶל הַיְכָל קֹדֶשְׁךָ
בִּירְאָתְךָ.

יְיָ אֶהְבֵּתִי מֵעוֹן בֵּיתְךָ,
וּמְקוֹם מִשְׁכַּן כְּבוֹדֶךָ. וְאֲנִי
אֲשַׁתְּחֹה וְאֶכְרַעָה, אֶבְרַכָּה
לְפָנַי יְיָ עֲשֵׂי. וְאֲנִי, תִפְלְתִי
לְךָ יְיָ, עֵת רְצוֹן, אֱלֹהִים
בָּרַב חֲסִדֶּךָ, עֲנֵנִי בְאֵמַת
יְשַׁעֶךָ.

Ma Toe-voo oh-ha-leh-cha Ya-ah-kov meesh-k'no-teh-cha Yisrael. Va-ah-nee b'rove chahs-d'cha ah-voe vay-teh-cha, ehsh-ta-cha-veh el hay-chahl kahd-sh'cha b'yeer-ah-teh-cha.

Adonai ah-hav-tee m'own bay-teh-cha, oo-m'kome meesh-kahn k'voe-deh-cha. Va-ah-nee ehsh-ta-cha-veh v'ehch-ra-ah, ev-r'cha leef-nay Adonai oh-see. Va-ah-nee t'fee-la-tee l'cha Adonai ate ra-tzon, Eh-lo-heem b'rav chas-deh-cha, ah-nay-nee beh-eh-met Yeesh-eh-cha.

How lovely are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel. O Lord, through Your abundant kindness I will enter Your house, in awe I will bow down toward Your Holy Sanctuary.

O Lord, I love the House where You dwell, and the place where Your Glory resides. I shall prostrate myself and bow, bend the knee before the Lord my Maker. As for me, may my prayers to You, O Lord, be at the right time. O God, in Your abundant righteousness, answer me with the truth of Your Salvation.

VI. Hallel – Psalm 145

Praise. By David:

- 1 I will praise you to the heights, my God, the king; I will bless your name forever and ever.
- 2 Every day I will bless you; I will praise your name forever and ever.
- 3 Great is ADONAI and greatly to be praised; his greatness is beyond all searching out.
- 4 Each generation will praise your works to the next and proclaim your mighty acts.
- 5 I will meditate on the glorious splendor of your majesty and on the story of your wonders.
- 6 People will speak of your awesome power, and I will tell of your great deeds.
- 7 They will gush forth the fame of your abounding goodness, and they will sing of your righteousness.
- 8 ADONAI is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger and great in grace.
- 9 ADONAI is good to all; his compassion rests on all his creatures.
- 10 All your creatures will thank you, ADONAI, and your faithful servants will bless you.
- 11 They will speak of the glory of your kingship, and they will tell about your might;
- 12 to let everyone know of your mighty acts and the glorious majesty of your kingship.
- 13 Your kingship is an everlasting kingship, your reign continues through all generations.
- 14 ADONAI supports all who fall and lifts up all who are bent over.
- 15 The eyes of all are looking to you; you give them their food at the right time.
- 16 You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- 17 ADONAI is righteous in all his ways, full of grace in all he does.
- 18 ADONAI is close to all who call on him, to all who sincerely call on him.
- 19 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.
- 20 ADONAI protects all who love him, but all the wicked he destroys.
- 21 My mouth will proclaim the praise of ADONAI; all people will bless his holy name forever and ever.

VII. Shema

Messianic Shabbat Siddur, pg. 47-48

In the Shema, we join together in proclaiming the two greatest commandments as taught by Yeshua: To love God with all our heart, soul and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourself. We also see that God wants us to love Him, not just "obey" Him because He is Almighty

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ,
יְיָ אֶחָד:
בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ
לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Eh-lo-hay-noo Adonai eh-chahd

Ba-rooch shame k'vode mahl-choo-toe l'oh-lahm vah-ed

Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One

Blessed is the name of His glorious kingdom for all eternity

V'ah-hav-ta

וְאָהַבְתָּ אֶת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ,
בְּכָל לִבְבְּךָ, וּבְכָל נַפְשְׁךָ,
וּבְכָל מְאֹדְךָ. וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים
הָאֵלֶּה, אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מְצַוְךָ
הַיּוֹם, עַל לִבְבְּךָ: וְשִׁנַּנְתָּם
לְבַנְיָה, וְדַבַּרְתָּ בָם בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ
בְּבֵיתְךָ, וּבְלִכְתְּךָ בַדֶּרֶךְ
וּבְשֹׁכְבְךָ, וּבְקוּמְךָ. וְקִשַּׁרְתָּם
לְאוֹת עַל יָדְךָ, וְהָיוּ לְטֹטְפֹת
בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ, וְכִתַּבְתָּם עַל
מַזְזוֹת בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ:

V'ah-hav-ta et Adonai Eh-lo-heh-cha b'chol l'vahv-cha oo-v'chol nahf-sh'cha, oo-v'chol m'oh-deh-cha. V'ha-yoo ha-d'va-reem ha-ay-leh, ah-sheer ah-no-chee m'tzav-cha ha-yom ahl l'va-veh-cha, v'she-nahn-tahm l'va-neh-cha, v'dee-bar-ta bahm b'sheev-t'cha b'vay-teh-cha oo-v'lech-t'cha va-deh-rech oo-v'shahch-b'cha oo-v'koo-meh-cha. Oo-k'shar-tahm l'oat al ya-deh-cha, v'ha-yoo l'toe-ta-fote bain ay-neh-cha. Oo-ch'tahv-tahm ahl m'zoo-zoht bay-teh-cha oo-vee-sh'ah-reh-cha

And you shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. And have these words, which I command you this day, be upon your heart. And you shall teach them diligently to your children, and speak of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you retire, and when you arise. And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand and let them be frontlets between your eyes. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and upon your gates

The Second Greatest Commandment

וְאָהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כָּמוֹךָ:

V'ah-hav-ta l'ray-ah-cha ka-moe-cha

And you should love your neighbor as yourself

VIII. Amidah Introductory Remarks

The Amidah

An Introduction to the Amidah and beginners instructions

The Amidah - called “The Standing Prayer”, was composed around 450 BCE, by the 120 Men of the Great Assembly, including Ezra and Nehemiah at the time of the rebuilding of the Temple. It was to be said while standing, three (3) times a day, recited at all four services of the day; shacharit (morning 9:00 am), mincha (afternoon 12:00pm), maariv (evening 3:00 pm), and mussaf (additional), on the Sabbath and or High Holy festivals.

The word Amidah literally means standing, because it is recited while standing. It is also known as Shemoneh Esrei, meaning “Eighteen”, because it originally consisted of eighteen blessings, and is considered one of the most important Hebrew prayers next to the Shema.

There are two basic forms of the Amidah prayer; one for the weekdays, and one for the Shabbat day. The Shabbat day Amidah focuses more on the holiness of the day, and reduces parts of the prayer that focuses on personal needs.

One should stand with one's feet together while reciting the Amidah as a show of respect for G-d. If one is unable to stand such as in a car or perhaps ill, you may sit. If one is alone, the prayer is to be recited with voice, but not loudly, but as one standing in the throne room of G-d, in the presence of the Holy King, uninterrupted. If one is in a group, a male member recites out loud, as others contemplatively listen, uninterrupted.

To begin: take three steps backward, then three steps forward. Remain standing with the feet together while reciting.

The rabbis add that this pose mirrors the vision of angels that Ezekiel had in which the feet of the angels appeared as one (Ezekiel 1:7). The custom is to face the direction of Israel, Eastward.

IX. The Amidah - The Standing Prayer

My Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Blessing One: Avot

Blessed are you, Lord our God and God of our fathers, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, the great, mighty and awesome God, exalted God, who bestows bountiful kindness, who creates all things, who remembers the piety of the Patriarchs, and who in love, brings a redeemer to their children's children, for the sake of His Name. O King, You are a helper, a savior, and a shield. Blessed are you Lord, Shield of Abraham.

Blessing Two: Gevurot (mighty deeds)

You are mighty forever my Lord; You resurrect the dead; You are powerful to save. You sustain the living with kindness, resurrect the dead with great mercy, support the falling, heal the sick, release the bound, and fulfill Your trust to those who sleep in the dust. Who is like You, Mighty One! And who can be compared to you, King, who brings death and restores life, and who causes deliverance to spring forth! You are trustworthy to revive the dead. Blessed are You, Lord, who revives the dead.

Blessing Three: Kedushat HaShem

We will hallow and adore you as the sweet words of the assembly of the holy Seraphim who thrice repeat, "holy" unto You, as it is written by Your Prophet; And they call one to another and say: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory." You are Holy, and your name is holy, and holy beings praise You daily for all eternity. Blessed are you Lord, The Holy God.

Blessing Four: Da'at

You graciously bestow knowledge upon man, and teach mortals understanding. Graciously bestow upon us from You, wisdom, understanding, and knowledge.

Blessing Five: Teshuva

Cause us to return, Our Father, to your Torah; draw us near, our King, to your service: and bring us back to You in whole hearted repentance. Blessed are you Lord who desires penitence.

Blessing Six: Selichah (Forgiveness)

Pardon us, our Father, for we have sinned; forgive us our King, for we have transgressed; for You are a good and forgiving God. Blessed are you, Lord, gracious One who pardons abundantly.

Blessing Seven: Geulah (Redemption)

Behold our affliction and wage our battle; redeem us speedily for the sake of Your Name, for you, God are the mighty redeemer. Blessed are You Lord, Redeemer of Israel.

Blessing Eight: Refuah (Healing)

Heal us, O Lord, and we will be healed: help us and we will be saved, for You are our praise. Grant complete cure and healing to all our wounds, for You, Almighty King, are a faithful and merciful healer. Blessed are you Lord, who heals the sick of His people Israel.

Blessing Nine: Birkat Hashanim (Prosperity)

Satisfy us from your bounty and bless our year like other good years for blessing: for You are a generous God who bestows goodness and blesses the years. Blessed are You Lord, who blesses the years.

Blessing Ten: Kibbutz Galuyot (Ingathering of Exiles)

Sound the great shofar for our freedom, raise a banner to gather our exiles, and bring us together from the four corners of the earth into our land. Blessed are you, Lord, who gathers the dispersed of His people Israel.

Blessing Eleven: Birkat HaDin (Restoration of Justice)

Restore our judges as in former times, and our counselors as of yore; remove from us sorrow and sighing; and reign over us, You alone, O Lord with kindness and compassion, with righteousness and justice. Blessed are You Lord, King who loves righteousness and justice.

~~Blessing Twelve: Bikat HaMinim (Against Heretics)~~

Blessing Thirteen: Tzaddikim (Righteous Ones)

Upon the righteous, upon the pious, upon the elders of Your people, the House of Israel, upon the remnant of their sages, upon the righteous proselytes, and upon us, may Your mercies be aroused, Lord our God. Grant ample reward to all who truly trust in Your Name, and place our lot among them; may we never be disgraced, for we have put our trust in You. Blessed are You, Lord, the support and security of the righteous.

Blessing Fourteen: Binyan Yerushalayim (Rebuilding Jerusalem)

To Jerusalem Your city, return in mercy, and dwell therein as You have promised: the throne of David Your servant speedily establish therein; and rebuild it, soon in our days, an everlasting edifice. Blessed are You, Lord, who rebuilds Jerusalem.

Blessing Fifteen: Malkhut beit David (Kingdom of David)

The scion of David Your servant speedily cause to flourish, and increase his power by Your salvation, for we hope for Your salvation all day. Blessed are You, Lord, who causes the power of salvation to flourish.

Blessing Sixteen: Kabbalat Tefillah (Acceptance of Prayer)

Hear our voice, Lord our God; merciful Father, have compassion on us and accept in mercy and favor, our prayers for a God who hears prayers and supplications are You; from You, our King, do not turn us away empty handed for You hear the prayer of everyone. Blessed are You, Lord, who hears prayer.

Blessing Seventeen: Avodah (Worship)

Look with favor, Lord our God, on Your people Israel, and pay heed to their prayer; restore the service to Your Sanctuary, and Israel's fire offerings and prayer, accept with love and favor; and may You always find favor with the service of Your people Israel. May our eyes behold Your return to Zion in mercy. Blessed are You, Lord, who restores His Divine Presence to Zion.

Blessing Eighteen: Hoda'ah (Thanksgiving to the Lord)

We thankfully acknowledge You for You are the Lord our God and God of our fathers for all eternity. You are the strength of our life, the shield of our salvation in every generation. We will give thanks to You and recount Your praise, for our lives which are committed into Your hand, for our souls which are entrusted to You, for Your miracles which are with us daily, and for Your wonders and beneficences, at all times evening, morning and noon. You are the Beneficent One, for Your mercies never cease; the Merciful One, for Your kindness never ends; for we always place our hope in You.

And for all these, may Your Name be blessed, exalted, and extolled, our King, continually for all eternity. And all living things shall forever thank You, and praise Your great Name eternally, for You are good. God, You are our everlasting salvation and help, Oh benevolent God. Blessed are You Lord, Beneficent is Your Name, and to You it is fitting to offer thanks.

Blessing Nineteen: Sim Shalom (Grant Peace)

Bestow peace, goodness, and blessing, life, graciousness, kindness, and mercy upon us and upon all Your people, Israel. Bless us, our Father, all of us as one, with the light of Your countenance, for by the light of Your countenance You gave us, Lord our God, the Torah of life and loving kindness, righteousness, blessing, mercy, life and peace.

May they be accepted—the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, before You Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

My God, guard my tongue from evil, and my lips from speaking deceitfully. To those who curse me let my soul be silent; let my soul be dust to all. Open my heart to Your Torah, and Your commandments, let my soul eagerly pursue. As for all those who plot evil against me, hasten to annul their counsel and frustrate their design. Let them be as chaff before the wind; let the angel of the Lord thrust them away. That your beloved ones may be delivered, help with Your right hand and answer me.

Do it for the sake of Your Name; do it for the sake of Your right hand; do it for the sake of Your Torah; do it for the sake of Your holiness. May they be accepted — the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, before You, Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. He who makes peace in His heavens, may He make peace for us and for all Israel; and say, Amen.

May it be Your will, Lord our God and God of our fathers, that the Beit HaMikdash be rebuilt speedily in our days, and grant us our portion in Your Torah. Exalted and hallowed be His great Name throughout the world which He created according to His will. May He establish His kingship, bring forth His redemption, and hasten the coming of His Moshiakh in your lifetime and in your days and in the lifetime of the entire House of Israel, speedily and soon and say, Amen. May His great Name be blessed forever and to all eternity. Blessed and praised, glorified, exalted and extolled, honored, adored and lauded be the Name of the Holy One. Blessed be He beyond all the blessings, hymns, praises and consolations that are uttered in the world; and say AMEN. May they be accepted—the prayers and the supplications of the entire House of Israel before their Father in heaven; and say AMEN.

He who makes peace in the heavens, may He make peace for us and for all Israel, and say AMEN. (Amen)