

## **Blessings**

**Upon seeing wonders of nature, including lightning, shooting stars, vast deserts, high mountains, and a sunrise:**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, עוֹשֶׂה מַעֲשֵׂה בְּרֵאשִׁית.

*Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam, oseh ma'aseh v'reshit.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, maker of the works of creation.

**Upon seeing the ocean:**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה אֶת הַיָּם הַגָּדוֹל.

*Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam, she-asah et ha-yam ha-gadol.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who has made the vast sea.

**Upon seeing trees or creatures of striking beauty:**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁכָּכָה לוֹ בְּעוֹלָמוֹ.

*Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam, she-kakhah lo b'olamo.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who has such beauty in His world.

**Upon smelling the fragrance of herbs or plants:**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא עֵשְׂבִי בְּשָׁמִים.

*Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam, bo-re isvei v'samim.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who creates fragrant plants.

**Upon seeing a storm or hearing thunder:**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁכָּחוֹ וְגִבּוֹרָתוֹ מְלֵא עוֹלָם.

*Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam, she-kocho u-g'vurato ma-lei olam.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, whose power and might fill the world.

**Upon seeing a rainbow:**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, זֹכֵר הַבְּרִית, וְנֹאמָן בְּבְרִיתוֹ, וְקַיָּם בְּמֵאֲמוֹרוֹ.

*Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam, zokher ha-brit v'ne'eman bi-v'rito v'kayam b'ma'amaro.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who remembers His covenant, is faithful to it, and keeps His promise.

**Upon seeing a friend after a year's absence:**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, מְחַיֶּה הַמֵּתִים.

*Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam, m'chayei ha-meitim.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our god, Ruler of the universe, who restores life.

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