

Prayers When Visiting the Graves of Loved Ones

The Words of Kohelet: Ecclesiastes 3

For everything there is a season, a time for every experience under heaven:
A time for being born and a time for dying,
A time for planting and a time for uprooting the planted;
A time for slaying and a time for healing,
A time for tearing down and a time for building up;
A time for weeping and a time for laughing,
A time for wailing and a time for dancing;
A time for throwing stones and a time for gathering stones,
A time for embracing and a time for shunning embraces;
A time for seeking and a time for losing,
A time for keeping and a time for discarding;
A time for ripping and a time for sewing,
A time for silence and a time for speaking;
A time for loving and a time for hating;
A time for war and a time for peace.

The Words of King David: Psalm 121

א שִׁיר לַמַּעֲלוֹת אֲשֶׁר עֵינַי אֶל־הַהָרִים מֵאֵין יְבֹא עֲזָרִי: ב עֲזָרֵי מֵעַם יְהוָה עֲשֵׂה
שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ: ג אֶל־יָתֵן לַמּוֹט רַגְלֶךָ אֶל־יָנוּם שְׁמֹרֶךָ: ד הַנֵּה לֹא יָנוּם וְלֹא יִישָׁן
שׁוֹמֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל: ה יְהוָה שְׁמֹרֶךָ יְהוָה צִלְּךָ עַל־יַד יְמִינֶךָ: ו יוֹמָם הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ לֹא־יַכְּכָה
וְיָרַח בַּלַּיְלָה: ז יְהוָה יִשְׁמְרֶךָ מִכָּל־רָע יִשְׁמַר אֶת־נַפְשֶׁךָ: ח יְהוָה יִשְׁמַר־צִאֲתֶךָ
וּבּוֹאֶךָ מֵעַתָּה וְעַד־עוֹלָם:

I lift up my eyes to the mountains; What is the source of my help? My help comes from Adonai, Maker of heaven and earth. God will not let your foot give way; your Protector will not slumber. See, the Protector of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps! God is your guardian, God is your protection at your right hand. The sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. God will guard you from all harm; God will guard your soul, your going and coming, now and forever.

The Words of King David: Psalm 23

א מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד יְהוָה רֹעִי לֹא אֶחְסָר: ב בְּנֵאוֹת דְּשָׂא יִרְבִּיצֵנִי עַל־מֵי מְנוּחֹת
יִנְהַלֵּנִי: ג נִפְשִׁי יִשׁוּבֵב יִנְחֵנִי בְּמַעְגְלֵי־צֶדֶק לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ: ד גַּם כִּי־אֵלֶךְ בְּגִיא
צִלְמוֹת לֹא־אִירָא רָע כִּי־אֲתָה עִמָּדִי שִׁבְטֶךָ וּמִשְׁעֲנִתְךָ הֶמָּה יִנְחַמְנִי: ה תַּעֲרֹךְ
לְפָנַי | שְׁלֹחַן נֹגֵד צִרְרֵי דְשִׁנְתְּךָ בְּשִׁמּוֹן רֹאשִׁי כּוֹסֵי רִנָּה: ו אֵךְ טוֹב וְחֹסֵד יִרְדְּפוּנִי
כָּל־יְמֵי חַיֵּי וְשִׁבְתִּי בְּבַיִת יְהוָה לְאָרְךָ יָמִים:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He guideth me in straight paths for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou has anointed my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Yizkor Memorial Prayers

May God remember the soul of my beloved **father/mother** who has gone to his/her eternal home. In loving testimony to his/her life I pledge tzedakah to help perpetuate ideals important to him/her. Through such deeds, and through prayer and remembrance, is his/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 he/she blessed me. May these moments of meditation strengthen the ties that link me to his/her memory and to our entire family. May he/she rest forever in dignity and peace. *Amen.*

May God remember the soul of my beloved **husband/wife** who has gone to his/her eternal home. In loving testimony to his/her life I pledge tzedakah to help perpetuate ideals important to him/her. Through such deeds, and through prayer and remembrance, is /her soul bound up in the bond of life. Love is as strong as death; deep bonds of love are indissoluble. The memory of our companionship and love overcomes loneliness, for what we shared still endures. May he/she rest forever in dignity and peace. *Amen.*

May God remember the soul of my beloved **brother/sister** who has gone to his/her eternal home. In loving testimony to his/her life I pledge tzedakah to help perpetuate ideals important to him/her. Through such deeds, and through prayer and remembrance, is his/her soul bound up in the bond of life. I am grateful for the sweetness of /his/her life and for all he/she accomplished in his/her lifetime. May he/she rest forever in dignity and peace. *Amen.*

May God remember the soul of my beloved **son/daughter** who has gone to his/her eternal home. In loving testimony to his/her life I pledge tzedakah to help perpetuate ideals important to him/her. Through such deeds, and through prayer and remembrance, is his/her soul bound up in the bond of life. I am grateful for the sweetness of his/her life and for all he/she accomplished in his/her lifetime. May he/she rest forever in dignity and peace. *Amen.*

El Malei Rachamim: God Full of Compassion

אל מלא רחמים שוכן במרומים. המצא מנוחה נכונה על פני השכינה. במעלות קדושים וטהורים כזהר הרקיע מזהירים את נשמת (פב"פ) שהלך לעולמו בעבור שבלי נדר אתן צדקה בעד הזכרת נשמתו, בגן עדן תהא מנוחתו. לכן בעל הרחמים יסתירהו בסתר כנפיו לעולמים. ויצרור בצרור החיים את נשמתו. יי הוא נחלתו: וינוח בשלום על משכבו. ונאמר אמן:

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Compassionate God, eternal Spirit of the universe, grant perfect rest in Your sheltering presence to _____, who has entered eternity. O God of mercy, let him/her find refuge in Your eternal presence and let his/her soul be bound up in the bond of everlasting life. God is his/her inheritance. May he/she rest in peace, and let us say: *Amen.*

Mourner's Kaddish

יתגדל ויתקדש שמה רבא. בעלמא די ברא כרעותה, וימליך
מלכותה בחייכון וביומיכון ובחיי דכל בית ישראל. בעגלא ובזמן
קריב ואמרו אמן:
יהא שמה רבא מברך לעלם ולעלמי עלמיא:
יתברך וישתבח, ויתפאר ויתרום ויתנשא ויתהדר ויתעלה
ויתהלל שמה דקדשא בריך הוא לעלא מן כל ברכתא ושירתא,
תשבחתא ונחמתא, דאמרון בעלמא, ואמרו אמן:
יהא שלמא רבא מן שמיא וחיים עלינו ועל כל ישראל, ואמרו אמן:
עשה שלום במרומיו הוא יעשה שלום עלינו ועל כל ישראל, ואמרו אמן:

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'meh raba. B'alma di v'ra chiruteh, v'yamlich malchuteh b'chayechon uv'yomeichon uv'chayeh d'chol bait Yisra-el. Ba-a-gala u'vizman kariv. V'imeru: *Amen. Y'hai shmai rabba m'vorach l'olam ul'almi almaya.*

Yitbarach v'yshtabach v'yitpa-ar v'yitromam v'yitnase v'yithadar v'yitaleh v'yithalal sh'meh d'kudsha *B'rich hu* l'ela min kol birchata v'shirata tushb'chata, v'ne-chemata, da-amiran b'alma. V'imeru: *Amen.*

Y'hei shloma rabba min sh'mayah v'chaim aleinu v'al kol Yisra-el. V'imeru: *Amen.*

Oseh shalom bimromav, Hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol Yisra-el. Vimeru: *Amen.*

May the source of peace send peace to all who mourn and comfort to all who are bereaved. And let us say: *Amen.*

Oseh shalom bimromav, Hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol Yisra-el. Vimeru: *Amen.*

When Lighting the Yahrtzeit Candle

O God, Source of life and love, we turn to You at this time of remembering as we light this candle in memory of our departed. In Your keeping, the soul of our beloved still glows, as brightly as the heavenly firmament. Truly, the human soul is the light of the Lord. By Your light, may we who lovingly remember see light; And may the memory of our departed abide with us as a lasting benediction.

"My Parents' Lodging Place" by Yehuda Amichai

I passed the cemetery where my parents are buried--
in a poem Ibn Ezra called it "my parents' lodging place."
I didn't go in, just passed by on the road outside the wall.
I wave to my parents whenever I pass, my soul shaped like a hand.
My soul changes shape: sometimes it's my hair in the wind,
sometimes my aching feet as they walk
or my cheerful feet skipping, sometimes my eyes, my eyelids,
sometimes even my eyelashes--all these are my soul.
Peace to my parents, peace to their dust,
peace to their lodging place in Jerusalem.

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