

HaNishmat

(Soul Prayer)

The soul of every living being shall bless Your Name, LORD our G_D; and the spirit of all flesh shall always glorify and exalt Your remembrance, our King. From eternity to eternity, You are G_D, and other than You we have no King, Redeemer, or Savior, who liberates, rescues, sustains and shows us compassion in every time of distress and anguish. We have no King but you, G_D of the first and of the last, G_D of all creatures, Master of all ages, extolled by a multitude of praises, who guides His creation with loving-kindness and His creatures with compassion.

The LORD neither slumbers nor sleeps. He rouses the sleepers and awakens the slumberers. He makes the mute speak, sets the bound free, supports the fallen, and raises those bowed down. To G_D alone we give thanks. Were our mouths as full of song as the sea, and our tongue as full of jubilation as its myriad waves, if our lips were full of praise like the spacious heavens, and our eyes shone like the sun and moon, and our hands as outstretched as eagles of the sky, and our feet as swift as hinds – we still could not thank You sufficiently or bless Your name LORD our G_D and G_D of our ancestors for even one of the thousand-thousand, thousands of thousands, and myriad-myriads of favors You did for our ancestors and us. You redeemed us from Egypt, LORD our G_D, and liberated us from the house of bondage. In famine You nourished us; in times of plenty You sustained us. From the sword, You saved us; from plague, you let us escape; and from serious and lasting illness you spared us. Even until now Your mercies have helped us, and Your kindness has not forsaken us. Therefore the organs You formed within us, the spirit and soul You breathed into our nostrils and the tongue You placed in our mouth – they will thank and bless, praise and glorify, exalt and esteem, sanctify and do homage to Your Name our King. For every mouth shall give thanks to You, every tongue shall vow allegiance to You, every knee shall bend to You, every upright body shall bow to You, all hearts shall fear You, and all our innermost feelings and thoughts shall sing praises to Your name, as is written:

All my bones shall say: LORD, who is like You? You save the poor from one stronger than him, the poor and needy from one who would rob him. (Psalms 35) ... Who is like You?

Who is equal to You?

Who can be compared to You?

O great, mighty and awesome God, God Most High, maker of heaven and earth. We will laud, praise, glorify You and bless Your holy name as it is said Of David. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name." (Psalms 103)

O God, in Your absolute power, great in the glory of Your name, mighty forever and awesome in Your awe-inspiring deeds, O King –who sits on a high and lofty throne we pour out blessings and praises upon You for Thou are worthy ... as is Your Messiah!

Zechariah: And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look unto Me because **they have thrust him through; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born.**

Isaiah: For a child is born unto us, a son is given unto us; and the government is upon his shoulder; and his name is called Pele-Joez-El-Gibbor-Abi-Ad-Sar-Shalom; That the government may be increased, and of peace there be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it through justice and through righteousness from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts doth perform this.