Afternoon Prayer

FOR SILENT DEVOTION.

"Pray in the Language thou understandest best."

PRAYER ON ENTERING THE SYNAGOGUE.

"How goodly are Thy tents, O Jacob! Thy tabernacles, O Israel! God, I love the shelter of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory abideth. Trusting in the abundance of Thy grace, I enter Thy house, bow down, in reverence of Thee, at the shrine of Thy holiness. I bow down, bend my knee, prostrate myself before God, my Maker. To Thee, O God, I address my prayer in an acceptable time; respond Thou, O Lord, to me, with the truth of Thy salvation."

—Happy are the inmates of Thy house! They ever praise Thee. Selah. Happy the people who are thus! Happy the people whose Lord is God!
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Psalm 145.

David's Psalm of Praise.

I will exalt Thee, my Lord, the King! and praise Thy name for ever and ever. I will daily praise Thee, and sing Thy name for ever and ever. Great is God and greatly praised, and His greatness is beyond research. One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall tell Thy omnipotence. Also, I will sing of the splendor of Thy glorious majesty, and Thy marvelous works, which ever speak of Thy tremendous power; and I will declare Thy greatness. The memorial of Thy abundant goodness, they shall perpetually utter, and shout of Thy righteousness. God is benign and benevolent, long suffering, and of exceeding grace. God is good to all; and His mercy is over all His works. All Thy works adore Thee, O God! and Thy pious ones praise Thee. They speak of the glory of Thy kingdom, and tell of Thy power, to make known Thy omnipotence to the sons of men, and the glorious splendor of Thy kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion lasteth throughout all generations. God is a support to all the sinking, and raiseth up all those who are bent. The eyes of all wait upon Thee, and Thou givest them their food in due season. Thou openest Thy hand, and satisfieth the desire of every living thing. God is righteous in all His ways, and gracious in all His works. God is near unto them who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He fulfilleth the desires of...
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those who venerate Him; He heareth their supplication, and saveth them. God guardeth those who love Him; but He will destroy all the wicked. Let my mouth utter the adoration of God; and let all flesh praise His holy name for ever and ever. And also we will praise God from henceforth, and for ever. Hallelujah.

THE EIGHTEEN BEDICTIONS.

Praised art Thou God, our Lord, and Lord of our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Thou great, mighty and venerable Master, Most High Lord, who recompenseth the good with grace. Thou art the possessor of all, and rememberest the covenant of the ancestors, and bringest redemption to their descendants, on account of Thy great name in love.

Thou art the King, the Help, the Saviour, and the Shield. Praised art Thou God, Shield of Abraham.

Thou art forever omnipotent, O God, granting perpetual life to the dead, to spend the fullness of Thy salvation. He sustaineth graciously the living, and granteth, in the abundance of His benignity, perpetual life to the dead. He supporteth the falling, healeth the sick, delivereth the captives, and spendeth His faithfulness on those who repose in the dust. Who is like unto Thee, Omnipotent Lord, and who can compare unto Thee, O King, who killeth, reviveth, and granteth salvation?
THOU art our true testimony for the perpetual life after death. Praised be Thou, O God, who grantest perpetual life after death.

Thou art holy, and Thy name is holy, and the saints glorify Thee, every day. Selah. Praised art Thou, O God, most holy Lord!

Thou bestowest knowledge on man, and teachest understanding to the mortal. O favor also us with Thy knowledge, understanding and reflection. Praised be Thou, O God, bestower of knowledge!

Let us return, our Father, to Thy divine instruction, Bring us nigh, our King, to Thy service; let us return to Thee with true repentance. Praised be God, who delighteth in the repentance of the sinner!

Forgive us, our Father, if we have sinned; pardon us, our King, if we committed transgression; for Thou forgivest and pardonest. Praised art Thou, God benignant, who forgivest abundantly!

O behold the oppression of our brethren, and redeem them speedily; for Thou art a mighty Redeemer. Praised art Thou, God, Redeemer of Israel!

Heal us, O God, that we be healed; save us, that we be saved; for Thou art our help; and provide Thou a perfect cure for all our diseases and our wounds; for Thou art the true and benignant Physician. Praised art Thou, God, who healest the sick!
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Bless, for us, O God, our Lord, this year, and all its produce to be good; give dew and rain for blessing on the face of the earth, and satisfy us with Thy goodness. O bless this our year, as Thou dost all good years. Praised art Thou, God, who blessest the year!

Let resound the great trumpet for the liberty of all nations; lift up the banner to unite them in the covenant of peace, and bring them nigh unto Thee, to worship Thee in truth. Blessed art Thou, God, who bringest nigh the abandoned!

Appoint our judges as at first, and our counselors, as in the beginning; remove injustice and violence from us, and reign Thou God alone over us, in grace and benignity, and let justice be done us in judgment. Blessed art Thou, God, King, who loveth justice and judgment!

God, our Lord, let Thy mercy be revealed over the just and pious, over the Elders of the house of Israel and their learned men, and over all of us. Give a goodly reward to all those who, in truth, confide in Thy name; and let forever our portion be with them, that we be not put to shame, if we confide in Thee. Praised be Thou, God, the support and refuge of the just!