

**A Messianic Program Rehearsing
the Preparation of Messiah's Bride**

The Fast

***Yom HaKippurim is the only Biblically
mandated day of fasting. From this
evening's Sabbath candle lighting,
to next evening's hav'dalah,
we are to fast.***

Numbers 29:7

Leviticus 23:27

Lighting the Festival Candles



Ba-ruk'h A-tah, Yah-weh E-lo-hei-nu, Me-lekh ha-o-lam,
We praise Your name, Yah-weh our God, and King of all the world,



A-s'her qid'-sha-nu b'mitz'-vo-tav, v'tzi-va-nu l'had'liq neir shel— Yom Tov.
Who sanc-ti-fied us by Your Word, and taught us to kindle lights for the Ho-ly Day.



***Festival candles are
lighted before sunset on the
beginning day of the
Festival. The blessing is
said after candle lighting.***

***Thus, we symbolically
sanctify the Holy Day
(Yom Tov).***

Candle Lighting Song

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1. See the Shabbat candles burning bright, Flickering so softly in the night.
2. See the Shabbat candles softly glow, By their strong and steady flame we know,
3. See the Shabbat candles burn and burn, Just as in our hearts our spirits yearn.



Tel-ling us Ye—shu—a is the light of the world,¹
 By our being lights we, too, can show the world,
 For the day Ye—shu—a will re—turn to this world,



Ev-en in the darkness, ev-en in the nighttime, Ye—shu—a is the light of the world.
 Ev-en in the darkness, ev-en in the nighttime, Ye—shu—a is the light of the world.
 Then there'll be no darkness, then there'll be no nighttime, Ye—shu—a is the light of the world.



Then there'll be no darkness, then there'll be no nighttime, Ye—shu—a is the light of the world.

Sh'ma Hear!

Leader: **Bar'chu et Yahweh Ham'vorakh.**

Bless Yahweh Who is to be praised.

Congregation: **Barukh Yahweh Ham'vorakh l'olam va-ed.**

Blessed be Yahweh, Who is praised for all eternity.



All: Sh'ma Yis'ra—eil, Yah-weh E-lo-hei-nu, Yah—weh E-chad. Ba-ruk Shem kh'vod ma'chu—to l'—o-lam va-ed. A-men.
(*whisper*)



All: Hear, O Is—ra—el, Yah-weh our God is One. Blessed be the Name of the Lord—Whose glo-ri-ous king-dom's for-e-ver!
(*whisper*)



M. Thou shalt love Yah-weh thy God with all of thy heart...

W. Thou shalt love Yah-weh thy God with all of thy heart;



M. Thou shalt love Yah-weh thy God with all of thy soul...

W. Thou shalt love Yah-weh thy God with all of thy soul;



M. Thou shalt love Yah-weh thy God with all of thy mind...

W. Thou shalt love Yah-weh thy God with all of thy mind;



M. Thou shalt love Yah-weh thy God with all of thy strength...

W. Thou shalt love Yah-weh thy God with all of thy strength;



Cong.: Hear, O Is—ra—el

Congregation:

*And these words, which I am instructing you today, shall be on your heart;
and you shall teach them diligently to your children,
and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way,
and when you lie down and when you rise up.
And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand,
and they shall be as frontals on your forehead;
and you shall write them on the doorposts of your house, and on your gates.¹*

*And it shall come to pass, if you shall hearken diligently unto my commandments
which I command you this day, to love Yahweh your God, and to serve him with all
your heart and with all your soul, that I will give you the rain of your land in his
due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your corn, and
your wine, and your oil.*

*And I will send grass in your fields for your cattle, that you may eat and be full.
Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and you turn aside, and
serve other gods, and worship them; And then Yahweh's wrath be kindled against
you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not
her fruit; and lest you perish quickly from off the good land which Yahweh gives
you.*

*Therefore shall you lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind
them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.
And you shall teach them your children, speaking of them when you sit in your
house, and when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.
And you shall write them upon the door posts of your house, and upon your gates:
that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which
Yahweh sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the
earth.²*

Sh'moneh Es'reih

Eighteen

The Sh'moneh Es'reih (Eighteen Benedictions) is the manner of prayer said three times a day by devout Jews, as David did evening, morning, and noon¹, and as Daniel did at the cost of being thrown to the lions². Its original formulation is attributed to the Great Assembly of Ezra's time, with the introduction, conclusion, (and a nineteenth blessing) being added later. It is also called the Amidah (Standing), as it is said in a standing position. Yeshua's prayer instruction to His disciples follows this pattern³. This translation is rendered according to the order of Yeshua's listing, with Messianic clarifications added in bold.

(A prayer to the One Who is Ruler of all, desires repentance, and is faithful to raise the dead.)

Praise:

Leader: O Lord, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise.⁴

All: ***Our Father,***

Reader 1: and the God of our forefathers, Who remembered His promises to the patriarchs and brought a Redeemer to their children's children, for His Name's sake, in love - blessed are You, Yahweh our God **and Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.**⁵

All: ***You dwell in the heavens.***

Reader 2: Who is like You, O Master of mighty deeds, and who is comparable to You, O King Who causes death and restores life and makes salvation abound! And You are faithful to raise the dead. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who raises the dead.

All: ***Hallowed be Your Name.***

Reader 3: You are holy, and Your Name is holy, and holy ones praise You every day, forever. Blessed are You, Yahweh, the holy God.

1. Psalm 55:17

2. Daniel 6:13-16

3. Matthew 6:9-13

4. Psalm 51:15

5. 2 Cor. 1:3, Eph. 1:3, Col. 1:3, 1 Pet. 1:3

Personal Requests:

- All: ***May Your kingdom come, may Your will be done on earth as it is in the heavens. Give us this day our daily bread.***
- Reader 4: Bless on our behalf - O Yahweh our God - this year and all its crops for the best, and give dew and rain for a blessing on the face of the earth, and satisfy us from Your bounty, and bless our year like the best years. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who blesses the years.
- Reader 5: Heal us, Yahweh - then we will be healed, for You are our praise. Bring complete recovery for all our ailments, for You are God, King, the faithful and compassionate Healer. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who heals the sick of His people.
- Reader 6: Behold our affliction in this world, and redeem us speedily for Your Name's sake, for You are a powerful Redeemer. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who redeems us **by the sacrifice of Yeshua**.⁶
- All: ***Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,***
- Reader 7: for we have erred; pardon us, our King, for we have willfully sinned; for You pardon and forgive. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who forgives abundantly **through Yeshua**.⁷
- All: ***Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***
- Reader 8: Bring us back, our Father, to Your Torah, and bring us near, our King, to Your service, and influence us to return in perfect repentance before You. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who desires repentance.
- Reader 9: You graciously endow man with intellect and teach insight to a frail mortal. Endow us graciously from before Yourself with intellect, insight, and wisdom. Blessed are You, Yahweh, gracious Giver of intellect.

6. Rom. 3:24, Eph. 1:7, 14, Heb. 9:12-15

7. Acts 5:31, 10:43, Eph. 1:7, Col 1:14, Heb. 9:22

Communal Requests:

- Reader 10: Sound the great shofar of our freedom, raise the banner to gather our exiles and gather us together from the four corners of the earth. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who gathers all the dispersed of His people.
- Reader 11: Restore our judges as in earliest times and our counselors as at first; remove from us sorrow and pain; and reign over us – You, Yahweh, alone – with kindness and compassion, and justify us through judgment. Blessed are You, Yahweh, the King Who loves righteousness and judgment.
- Reader 12: On the righteous, on the devout, on the elders of Your people, on the remnant of their scholars, on the righteous converts and on ourselves – may Your compassion be aroused, Yahweh, our God, and give goodly reward to all who sincerely believe in Your Name. Put our lot with them forever, and we will not feel ashamed, for we trust in You. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Mainstay and Assurance of the righteous.
- Reader 13: And with **the New Jerusalem**,⁸ Your holy city, may You return in compassion, and may You establish it soon in our days as an eternal structure, and may You speedily establish the throne of **Yeshua, son of David**, within it. Blessed are You, Yahweh, the Builder of Jerusalem.
- Reader 14: **Yeshua, the offspring of** Your servant David, may You speedily cause to return, for we hope for Your salvation all day long. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who causes salvation to flourish.

Acceptance / Thanksgiving:

Reader 15: Hear our voice, for God Who hears prayer and supplications are You. Blessed are You, Yahweh our God, Who hears prayer **in Yeshua's Name** with compassion.

All: ***For Yours is the kingdom.***

Reader 16: Be favorable, O Lord, toward the people of Your kingdom, and their prayer and service accept with love and favor. May our eyes behold Your return to Zion to reign in compassion. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who restores His presence to Zion.

All: ***And the power.***

Reader 17: Establish peace, goodness, blessing, graciousness, kindness, and compassion upon us and bless us, our Father, with the light of Your countenance. You gave us, Yahweh, our God, the Torah of life and a love of kindness, righteousness, blessing, compassion, life, and peace. And may it be good in Your eyes to bless Your people, in every season and in every hour with Your peace. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who blesses His people with peace.

All: ***And the glory, forever.***

Reader 18: We gratefully thank You, and shall relate Your praise – for our lives which are committed to Your power, and for our souls that are entrusted to You; for Your miracles that are with us every day; and for Your wonders and favors in every season - evening, morning, and afternoon. For all these, may Your Name be blessed and exalted, our King, continually forever and ever. Everything alive will gratefully acknowledge You, Selah! and praise Your Name sincerely, O God of our salvation and help, Selah! Blessed are You, Yahweh; Your Name is 'The Beneficent One' and to You it is fitting to give thanks.

Leader: May the expressions of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts find favor before You, Yahweh, our Rock and our Redeemer.

All: ***Amen.***

Torah Reading

Leader: Blessed are You, Yahweh our God, King of the universe, Who chose us from among all the peoples by giving us Your Torah. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Giver of the Torah.

Congregation: *Amen.*

Torah Reader: **Leviticus 16: 7**



And (Aaron) shall take the two goats, and present them before Yahweh at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for Yahweh and the other lot for Azazel (the scapegoat). 9 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which Yahweh's lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering. 10 But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before Yahweh, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness....

15 Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat: 16 And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness. 17 And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goes in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel. 18 And he shall go out to the altar that is before Yahweh, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about. 19 And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

20 And when he has made an end of reconciling the holy place, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat: 21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: 22 And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities to a land not

inhabited: and he shall let the goat go in the wilderness. 23 And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there: 24 And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people. 25 And the fat of the sin offering shall be burnt upon the altar. 26 And he that let go the goat for the scapegoat shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp. 27 And the bullock for the sin offering, and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall one carry forth outside the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung. 28 And he that burns them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp. 29 And this shall be a statute for ever to you: that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all — whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourns among you — 30 For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before Yahweh. 31 It shall be a sabbath of rest to you, and you shall afflict your souls, by a statute for ever. 32 And the priest, whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen clothes, even the holy garments: 33 And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation. 34 And this shall be an everlasting statute to you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as Yahweh commanded Moses.

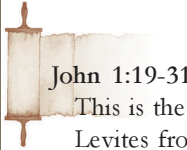
Leader: Blessed are You, Yahweh our God, King of the universe, Who in giving us Yeshua the Living Torah, has planted everlasting life in our midst. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Giver of the Torah.

Congregation: *Amen.*

Haftarah Reading

Congregation: *Blessed are You, Yabweh our God, King of the universe, Who selected good prophets, delighting in their words which were spoken truthfully. Blessed are You, Yabweh, Who chose the Torah, Your servant Moses, Your people Israel, and the prophets of truth and righteousness.*

Haftarah Reader:



John 1:19-31

This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” They asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as Isaiah the prophet said.” Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, and said to him, “Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them saying, “I baptize in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know. ‘It is He who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.’” These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ‘This is He on behalf of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.’ ‘I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water.’”

Congregation: *Blessed are You, Yabweh our God, King of the universe, rock of ages, righteous throughout all generations. You are the faithful God, promising and then performing, speaking and then fulfilling, for all Your words are true and righteous. Faithful are You, Yabweh our God, and faithful are Your words, for no word of Yours shall remain unfulfilled; You are a faithful and merciful God and King. Blessed are You, Yabweh our God, Who are faithful in fulfilling all Your words.*

Psalm 145

1. ¹ I will Thee praise Yah—wéh, O King, And I will
 2. ³ Yah—wéh is great; He praise ex—ceeds; His great—ness
 3. ⁵ Up—on Thy glo—rious maj—es—ty And won—drous
 4. ⁷ They ut—ter shall a—bun—dant—ly The mem—ry
 5. ⁸ My Yah—wéh ver—y gra—cious is; In Him com—
 6. ⁹ O'er all His works His mer—cies are; Yah—wéh is
 7. ¹¹ The glo—ry of Thy king—dom show Shall they, and
 8. ¹³ Thy king—dom has no end at all; It does through

ev—er bless Thy name; ² I will ex—tol Thee
 ful—ly search can none; ⁴ Race shall to race ex—
 works my mind shall dwell; ⁶ Men shall re—count Thy
 of Thy good—ness great, And shall sing prais—es
 pas—sions al—so flow; In lov—ing—kind—ness
 good to all that live. ¹⁰ Praise Yah—wéh, to Thee Thy
 of Thy pow—er tell; ¹² That so men's sons His
 ag—es all re—main. ¹⁴ Yah—wéh up—hold—eth

eve—ry—day And ev—er—more Thy praise pro—claim.
 tol Thy deeds And tell Thy might—y acts each one.
 dread—ful acts, And of Thy great—ness I will tell.
 cheer—ful—ly While they Thy right—eous—ness re—late.
 He is great, And un—to an—ger He is slow.
 works af—ford; Thy saints to Thee shall prais—es give.
 deeds may know, His king—dom's glo—ries that ex—cel.
 all that fall, The cast down rais—es up a—gain.

HaKippurim The Atonements

Atonement has two basic components: forgiveness, which is preceded by repentance, and purification, which is symbolized by baptism.

The first goat, on which the lot for Azazel fell (the scapegoat), representatively carried the people's sins far away into the wilderness, too far for them to return. It typifies forgiveness in Yeshua...



Acts 5:30-31

The God of our fathers raised up Yeshua,... to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Psalms 103:9

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

The second goat, on which the lot for Yahweh fell, became an elevation offering through burning, going up as a sweet savour to God. It represents purification through Yeshua - being born anew and clothed with light,...



Galatians 3:27

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Another perspective of atonements, sometimes translated "coverings," is that God covers our sins, and then covers us with a robe of righteousness.



Romans 4:7

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Revelation 7:9

Lo, a great multitude... clothed with robes of light.

We are commanded to repent and then to learn to walk in righteousness. It is the goodness of God that leads us to repentance¹, and only through His Spirit that we can walk before Him in righteousness²; there is no merit to be naturally found in us.

1. Romans 2:4

2. Romans 8:1-14

What is repentance?

By definition, sin is that which is contrary to God's instruction³ and opposite to actions showing faith in God⁴. Repentance means returning - to God. It is shown when one who has transgressed is faced with the opportunity to repeat the sin and he has the power to do so, yet he refrains - neither because of fear nor because of weakness - but because he wishes to turn to God.

How should one repent?

A sinner should abandon his sinfulness, drive it from his thoughts and conclude in his heart that he will never do it again⁵. Additionally, he should regret the past⁶ and he must confess with his lips and declare those things that he has concluded in his heart. For sins committed against a fellow man, restitution must (as far as possible) first be made.

***This is an annual rehearsal to remind us to turn and serve our Saviour
with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our might!***

3. 1 John 3:4

4. Romans 14:23

5. Isaiah 55:7

6. Jeremiah 31:18

Viduy Confession

Leader: Our God and the God of our forefathers, may our prayer come before You. Do not ignore our supplication, for we are not so brazen and obstinate as to say before You, Yahweh our God and the God of our forefathers, that we are righteous and have not sinned - rather, we and our forefathers have sinned. We have become guilty, we have betrayed, we have robbed, we have spoken slander. We have caused perversion, we have caused wickedness, we have sinned willfully we have extorted, we have accused falsely. We have counseled evil, we have been deceitful, we have scorned, we have rebelled, we have provoked, we have turned away, we have been perverse, we have acted wantonly, we have persecuted, we have been obstinate. We have been wicked, we have corrupted, we have been abominable, we have strayed. You let us go astray. We have turned away from Your commandments and from Your good laws but to no avail. But You are righteous in all that has come upon us, for You have acted truthfully while we have caused wickedness. What can we say before You, Who dwells on high, and what can we relate to You, Who abides in the highest heavens for indeed, everything that is hidden and revealed You know. You know the secrets of the universe, and the hidden-most mysteries of all the living. You probe all innermost chambers and test thoughts and emotions. Nothing is hidden from You and nothing is concealed from Your eyes. And so may it be Your will, Yahweh our God and the God of our forefathers, that You atone for us for all our errors, and You forgive us for all our iniquities, and You pardon us for all our willful sins.

Congregation: *For the sin that we have sinned before You under duress and willingly; and for the sin that we have sinned before You through hardness of the heart.*
For the sin that we have sinned before You without knowledge; and for the sin that we have sinned before You with the utterance of the lips.
For the sin that we have sinned before You through immorality; and for the sin that we have sinned before You in public or in private.
For the sin that we have sinned before You with knowledge and with deceit; and for the sin that we have sinned before You through harsh speech.
For the sin that we have sinned before You through wronging a neighbor; and for the sin that we have sinned before You through inner thoughts.
For the sin that we have sinned before You in a session of vice; and for the sin that we have sinned before You through insincere confession.
For the sin that we have sinned before You by showing contempt for parents and teachers; and for the sin that we have sinned before You willfully and carelessly.
For the sin that we have sinned before You by exercising power; and for the sin that we have sinned before You through desecration of the Name.

For the sin that we have sinned before You through impure lips; and for the sin that we have sinned before You through foolish speech.

For the sin that we have sinned before You with the Evil Inclination; and for the sin that we have sinned before You against those who know and against those who do not know.

For all these, O God of forgiveness, forgive us and pardon us through Yeshua's atonement for us.

For the sin that we have sinned before You through denial and false promises; and for the sin that we have sinned before You by subservience through bribery.

For the sin that we have sinned before You through scorning; and for the sin that we have sinned before You through evil talk.

For the sin that we have sinned before You in commercial dealings; and for the sin that we have sinned before You with food and drink.

For the sin that we have sinned before You through interest and extortion; and for the sin that we have sinned before You through haughtiness.

For the sin that we have sinned before You with the idle chatter of our lips; and for the sin that we have sinned before You with prying eyes.

For the sin that we have sinned before You with haughty eyes; and for the sin that we have sinned before You with brazenness.

For all these, O God of forgiveness, forgive us and pardon us through Yeshua's atonement for us.

For the sin that we have sinned before You in throwing off Your yoke; and for the sin that we have sinned before You in judgment.

For the sin that we have sinned before You through entrapping a neighbor; and for the sin that we have sinned before You through a begrudging eye.

For the sin that we have sinned before You through light-headedness; and for the sin that we have sinned before You with obstinacy.

For the sin that we have sinned before You with legs that run to do evil; and for the sin that we have sinned before You by gossip-mongering.

For the sin that we have sinned before You through vain oath-taking; and for the sin that we have sinned before You through baseless hatred.

For the sin that we have sinned before You in the matter of extending a hand; and for the sin that we have sinned before You through confusion of the heart.

For all these, O God of forgiveness, forgive us and pardon us through Yeshua's atonement for us.

Congregation:
(Continued)

And for the sins for which we are obligated to bring an elevation-offering.

And for the sins for which we are obligated to bring a sin-offering.

And for the sins for which we are obligated to bring a freewill-offering.

And for the sins for which we are obligated to bring a guilt-offering for a definite or a possible sin.

And for the sins for which we incur lashes for rebelliousness.

And for the sins for which we incur forty lashes.

And for the sins for which we incur the death penalty at the hands of the Heavenly Court.

And for the sins for which we incur spiritual excision and childlessness.

And for the sins for which we incur the four death-penalties of the human court: stoning, burning, beheading, and strangling.

For a positive commandment and for a negative commandment whether it can be remedied by a positive act or whether it can not be remedied by a positive act; those that are revealed to us and those that are not revealed to us. Those that are revealed to us we have already declared before You and confessed them to You; and those that are not revealed to us are revealed and known to You.

As it is said. The concealed sins are for Yahweh our God, but the revealed sins are ours and our children's forever, that we may fulfill the words of this Torah. For You are the Forgiver and the Pardoner in every generation, and beside You we have no king who pardons and forgives — only You. My God, before I was formed I was unworthy, and now that I have been formed, it is as if I had not been formed. I am dust in my life and will surely be so in my death. Behold— before You I am like a vessel filled with shame and humiliation. May it be Your will, Yahweh my God and the God of my forefathers, that I not sin again. And what I have sinned before You, may You wipe away with Your abundant mercy, but not through suffering or serious illness.

My God, guard my tongue from evil and my lips from speaking deceitfully. To those who curse me, let my soul be silent; and let my soul be like dust to everyone. Open my heart to Your Torah, then my soul will pursue Your commandments. As for all those who oppose me and design evil against me, speedily nullify their counsel and disrupt their design. May it be Your will, Yahweh my God and the God of my forefathers, that human jealousy may not rise up against me, nor my jealousy upon others; may I not become angry today, and may I not anger You. Rescue me from the Evil Inclination,

and place in my heart submissiveness and humility. O our King and our God, cause Your Name to be unified in Your world; rebuild Your city, lay the foundation of Your House, perfect Your sanctuary; gather in the scattered exiles, redeem Your sheep, and gladden Your congregation. Act for Your Name's sake; act for Your right hand's sake; act for Your Torah's sake; act for Your sanctity's sake. That Your beloved ones may be given rest; let Your right hand save, and respond to me.

May the expressions of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts find favor before You, Yahweh our Rock and our Redeemer. He Who makes peace on high, may He make peace for us and for all Israel.

Amen.

Mikvah Baptism

Hebrews 6:1-2 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Messiah, let us go on to perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of the resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Baptism is a rite representing a change of state to purity, which is a requirement to meet God at His appointed place, the Holy Temple. Purity of heart is a requirement to dwell with God in the renewed Eden of the future.

Psalm 24:3-6¹ Who may ascend into the hill of Yahweh? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart. Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully. He shall receive a blessing from Yahweh and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Thy face — even Jacob. Selah.

There are seven levels of mikvaot (baptistries) in the Torah, each for a specific group of ritual uncleanness. John's baptizing in the Jordan River was for "repentance for the remission of sins," in the highest level of mikvah - living water (a clear spring-fed stream entering the Jordan). This is normally done during the forty days of repentance prior to Yom HaKippurim.

***First we must repent and turn from our sinful ways,
then we must grow in the knowledge and love of God,
to walk in His ways.***

1. Psalm 24 is sung on the Sabbath preceding Yom HaKippurim.

Aleinu

It is Incumbent upon us...

Please stand

All:

It is incumbent upon us to praise the Master of all, to exalt the creator of the world, for He made us distinct from the nations and unique among the families of the earth. He has not assigned our portion like theirs, nor our lot like all the multitudes.

We therefore bow in awe and thanksgiving before the One Who is sovereign over all, the Holy One, blessed be He. He stretched forth the heavens like a tent and established the earth.¹ Truly there is none like our Lord and King. As the Torah says, “You shall know this day and reflect in your heart that it is Yahweh Who is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath, there is none else.”²

We hope, Yahweh our God, to soon behold Your majestic glory when all abominations shall be removed and all false gods shall be at an end. Then shall the world be perfected under the rule of the Lord Almighty and all mankind shall call upon Your name. For to You every knee must bow and every tongue declare that You are God.³

Reign over us soon and forever.⁴ May the kingdom of David’s greater son, Yeshua, be established forever. For then shall the words be fulfilled, “Yahweh shall be king forever,” and, “Yahweh shall be king over all the earth.” On that day, Yahweh shall be One, and His Name One.⁵

1. Isaiah 51:13

2. Deuteronomy 4:39

3. Isaiah 45:23

4. Exodus 15:18

5. Zechariah 14:9

Bir'khat Kohanim Priestly Blessing

Leader: Y'varech'cha Yahweh v'yish'm'recha;
Yaair Yahweh panav eilecha vichunecha;
Yissa Yahweh panav eilecha v'yaseim l'cha sha-lom.

Yahweh bless you and keep you;
Yahweh make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
Yahweh lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.¹

Congregation: *Amen.*