

**PRAAYER FOR TEACHER AND STUDENTS TO RECITE
BEFORE A ZOOM STUDY SESSION**

The Blessing of Faces (Alden Solovy)

So many beautiful faces,
So many radiant souls,
Shining forth
Into our hearts.
Look at those eyes.
The smiles.
The hopes. The fears.
The yearning. The questioning.
The compassion.
The love.
Take it in.
Take it all in.
The tenderness.
The humanity.
The blessing of faces
Arrayed before you.
The blessing of faces,
Given,
And received.

**ברוך אתה יי' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אָשֶׁר קָדְשָׁנוּ
בְמִצְוֹתָיו,
וְצִוָּנוּ לְעָסָק בְדִבְרֵי תֹרַה. אָמֵן!**

*Baruh attah adonai eloheinu meleh ha'olam asher kidd'shanu
b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzee vanu la'asok b'divrei torah.*

Amein!

Praised are You *Adonai*, our God, Ruler of the universe, Who sanctifies us with *mitzvot* and commands us to engage in the study of *Torah*.