

Our religious traditions remind us that faith, hope, and the pursuit of justice are integral parts of the human existence. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote, "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." Elie Wiesel taught, "There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest." We cannot know tomorrow, but we have faith that if we walk this journey together and stand up for each other, we will experience the blessing of peace.

## **Lift Every Voice And Sing**

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*Lift every voice and sing  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who has by Thy might led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest, our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest, our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee,  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.*

When society replaces faith with dogmatic creed and love by self-indulgence; when today's crisis gets ignored because it is inconvenient; when truth becomes an heirloom rather than a living fountain; when religion fails to force us to wonder and compassion and fidelity yield to authoritarianism and opportunism; we have to question whether society has lost touch with the value of being human.

"The focus of prayer is not the self. Prayer comes to pass in a complete turning of the heart to God. It is the momentary the absence of self centered thoughts, which constitute the art of prayer. Feeling becomes prayer in the moment we forget ourselves and become aware of God. However, prayer is meaningless unless it is subversive, unless it seeks to overthrow and to ruin the pyramids of callousness, hatred, opportunism, and falsehoods." *Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel* In the same sense that we become one with our beloved partner, prayer requires us to become one heart shared in God.

לְכֵה דוֹדֵי לְקִרְאֵת כֹּהֵן, פְּנֵי שַׁבַּת נִקְבְּלָהּ.

שָׁמֹר וְזָכוֹר בְּדַבּוּר אֶחָד, הַשְּׁמִיעָנוּ אֵל הַמִּיחָד.  
יְיָ אֶחָד וְשֵׁמוֹ אֶחָד, לְשֵׁם וּלְתַפְאֵרֶת וּלְתִהְיֶה:

בּוֹאֵי בְּשָׁלוֹם עֲטֹרֶת בַּעֲלָהּ. גַּם בְּשִׂמְחָה וּבְצִהְלָהּ.  
תּוֹךְ אֲמוּנֵי עַם סִגְלָהּ. בּוֹאֵי כֹהֵן, בּוֹאֵי כֹהֵן:

Come, my Beloved, to meet the bride; let us welcome Shabbat. Our incomparable God made us hear in one utterance "observe" and "remember." God is One ... God's name is One; reflected in fame; in splendor; in praise. Come, let us go to greet Shabbat, for she is the source of blessings ... Come in peace ... come with joy and jubilation Into the midst of the faithful of the treasured nation ... Enter O Bride! Enter O Bride!

(Candle Lighting and Kiddush)

"To set apart one day a week for freedom, a day on which we would not use the instruments of destruction, a day for being ourselves, a day of detachment from the vulgar, a day on which we stop worshiping the idols of technical civilization, a day of armistice in the economic struggle with each other and the forces of nature – is there any institution that holds out a greater hope for humanity's progress than the Sabbath?" *Heschel*

*These lights call on us to set aside the pursuit of things and turn to celebrate the blessing of being. On this Day of God, we meet each other in the midst of holiness and in the pursuit of the miraculous.*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ  
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת.

***Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu, Melech Ha-olam, asher kid'shanu  
b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu, l'hadlik neir shel Shabbat.***

We praise You, God, Ruler of Eternity, Who leads us to pursue holiness  
and commits us to sharing in the enlightenment of Shabbat.

"God does not want to save us by our own but by an extraneous righteousness, one that does not originate in ourselves but comes to us from beyond ourselves, which does not arise on earth but comes from heaven." *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*Shabbat is the day dedicated to the miraculous - the taste of an eternal peace yet to come. Though one day a week, we should abide it's call every day. Our destiny is to bless each other. We celebrate the source of freedom and blessing.*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ  
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְרָצָה בָּנוּ. וְשַׁבָּת קִדְּשׁוּ  
בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן הִנְחִילָנוּ זְכוֹרֹן לְמַעֲשֵׂה בְּרֵאשִׁית. כִּי הוּא יוֹם תְּחִלָּה  
לְמִקְרָאֵי קֹדֶשׁ זֵכֶר לְיִצְיַאת מִצְרַיִם. כִּי־בָנוּ בְּחֵרֶת וְאוֹתָנוּ קִדְּשָׁתָּ  
מִכָּל־הָעַמִּים וְשַׁבָּת קִדְּשָׁךְ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן הִנְחַלְתָּנוּ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ,  
מִקְדֵּשׁ הַשַּׁבָּת.

***Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam, Borei p'ri ha-gafen. Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu,  
Melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'ratzah vanu. V'Shabbat kodsho, b'ahava uvratzon  
hinchilanu zicaron l'ma-aseh v'reishit. Ki hoo yom techilah l'mikrah-ei kodesh zeicheir litziat  
Mitzra-yim. Ki vanu vacharta v'otanu kidashta mi-kol ha-amim, v'Shabbat kodshecha b'ahava uv'ratzon  
hinchaltanu. Baruch Atah, Adonai, M'kadeish ha-Shabbat.***

Praised are you, Adonai, Our God, Ruler Eternal, Who creates the fruit of the vine. Praised are you Adonai, Our God, Ruler Eternal, Who sanctifies us with mitzvot and takes delight in us. With love and favor God makes Shabbat's holiness our heritage, reminding us of the work of creation. It is the first among our sacred days; also a remembrance of the Exodus from Egypt. God, you have acknowledged your children, and in love and favor have given us the Sabbath Day as a sacred inheritance. Praised is Adonai, for Shabbat and its holiness.

“To say that God is personal is not to make God a finite object beside other objects or attribute to God the limitations of human personality; it is to take what is finest and noblest in our consciousness and affirm its perfect existence in Divinity. I am convinced that the universe is under the control of a loving purpose, and that in the struggle for righteousness, man has a cosmic companion.” *King* “This is one of the goals of the Jewish way of living: to experience commonplace deeds as spiritual adventures, to feel the hidden love and wisdom in all things.” *Heschel*

(Please rise)

**בְּרַכּוּ אֶת־יְיָ הַמְּבֹרָךְ! בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!**

***Barchu et Adonai Ha-m'vorach! Baruch Adonai Ha-m'vorach l'olam va-ed***

Praised are You God, to Whom all praise is due! Praised is God, to Whom our praises are due forever and ever.

Ahavat Olam, Infinite is God's love for this world. Our quest for righteousness must be through this love. "To love God truly, you must first love all of humanity. If anyone tells you that one loves God but does not love his/her neighbor, that person is lying." *Martin Buber*

“The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference; the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.” *Wiesel* “Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.” *King*

We will be the blessing the world celebrates or the curse it endures; the blessing where we stand for righteousness and love for each other or the curse when we stand only for ourselves.

**בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, אוֹהֵב עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל.**

***Baruch Atah Adonai Oheiv amo Yisrael.***

We praise our Eternal Creator, who loves Israel.

**שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל: יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד!  
בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.**

***Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai, Eloheinu, Adonai, Echad. Baruch Sheim k'vod mal'chuto l'olam va-ed.***

Hear O Israel! Adonai is our God, Adonai is One! Blessed be God's Kingdom for ever and ever.

*(Please Be Seated)*

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words upon your heart and teach them to your children.*

Our blessed truth: We are one community, one heart, and one family. We are Black and White, Asian and Latino. We belong to any one of a host of religions or cultures. We live in traditional and non-traditional families. We love whom we love and partner with whom we partner.

*Our painful truth: Some people choose to vilify and demean others who look, pray, live or love differently than themselves; who seek to set us aside and separate us from each other and claim that a God of love hates those whom they dismiss.*

God's truth: our hearts beat with one beat, the rhythms of faith, justice, and compassion are God's holy rhythms. "When we let freedom ring from ... every state and every city, we [can] speed up that day when all of God's children ... will be able to join and sing the words of the spiritual: Free at last, free at last; thank God Almighty, we are free at last!" *King*

מִי־כַמְכָּה בְּאֵלִים יִי? מִי כַמְכָּה, נִאֲדָר בְּקֹדֶשׁ, נוֹרָא תְהִלָּת, עֲשֵׂה  
פְּלֵא? מְלִכּוּתְךָ רָאוּ בְנֵיךָ, בּוֹקֵעַ יָם לְפָנַי מֹשֶׁה וּמֹרִים; "זֶה אֱלֹהֵי!"  
עָנוּ וְאָמְרוּ: "יִי יִמְלֹךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!"

*Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery*

*None but ourselves can free our minds*

*Have no fear for atomic energy - 'Cause none of them can stop the time*

*How long shall they kill our prophets - While we stand aside and look?*

*Ooh, Some say it's just a part of it - We've got to fulfill the book*

*Won't you help to sing these songs of freedom?*

*'Cause all I ever have*

*Redemption songs - Redemption songs - Redemption songs*

***Michamocho ba-eilim Adonai? Mikamocho nedar bakodesh, nora tehilot, oseh feleh? Malchutecha ra-u vanecha, bokei-a yam lifnei Moshe u-Mir'yam, zeh Eli anu v'amru, "Adonai yimloch l'olam va-ed."***

Who is like You, O God, among the gods that are worshipped? Who is like You, majestically holy, awesome and wondrous in deed? Your children saw your might as they escaped to the sea. "This is my God," they cried. Adonai will reign forever.

Av Harachaman – Compassionate Parent – Fulfill Your promise of redemption for all the world. May our every embrace of each other build a more whole tomorrow. As partners, we must make unity where there is strife, love where there is hate, and passion where there is indifference.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, גֹאֵל יִשְׂרָאֵל.

*Baruch Atah Adonai Ga-al Yisrael.*

We praise God, the redeemer of Israel.

Amidst the anxieties that fill our world, we find rays of hope. “Just to be is a blessing, just to live is holy.” *Heschel* In each other’s embrace, we experience the *sukkat shalom*, the blanket of peace that nurtures and protects us.

*But as we look into the abyss of the night, there are so many who live afraid. Our caustic disdain for the “other” amongst us pits one against the other. As we fight over things and over power, we bring greater darkness into the lives of the most vulnerable.*

“We must rapidly begin the shift from a 'thing oriented' society to a 'person oriented' society. When profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism and militarism are incapable of being conquered.” *King*

*“Racism is our gravest threat to humanity - the maximum of hatred for a minimum of reason. Our sin is in our failure to live what we are. Being the master of the earth, we forget that we are the servants of God.” Heschel*

“Two segregated souls never meet in God. Segregation denies the sacredness of human personality. The image of God is universally shared by all people. The tragedy of segregation is that it treats all people as means rather than ends and reduces them to things rather than persons. We must affirm that every human life is a reflex of divinity, and every act of injustice mars and defaces the image of God in humanity.” *King*

*“The belief that God will do everything for people is as untenable as the belief that we can do everything for ourselves. It, too, is based in a lack of faith. We must learn that to expect God to do everything while we do nothing is not faith, but superstition.” King*

May this Sabbath renewal help us to bridge our exile from one another, restoring peace, returning to faith, and overcoming the evils of bigotry, fear, and hate. God, help us build a Sukkat Shalom - a Shelter of Peace over all of humanity.

(Please rise)

יְיָ שִׁפְתַי תִּפְתַּח וּפִי יַגִּיד תְּהִלָּתֶךָ.

*Adonai, S'fatai tiftach, ufi yagid t'hilatecha.*

Adonai, open my lips so that I may declare your praise.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאֱמוּנֵינוּ אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם,  
אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק, אֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב, אֱלֹהֵי שָׂרָה, אֱלֹהֵי רִבְקָה, אֱלֹהֵי רָחֵל,  
וְאֱלֹהֵי לֵאָה. הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל, הַגִּבּוֹר, וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֲלִיוֹן. גּוֹמֵל חַסְדִּים  
טוֹבִים וְקוֹנֵה הַכֹּל, וְזוֹכֵר חַסְדֵי אֲבוֹת וְאִמָּהוֹת, וּמְבִיא גְּאֻלָּה לְבָנָי  
בְּנֵיהֶם, לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ, בְּאַהֲבָה. מֶלֶךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמַגֵּן. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ  
מַגֵּן אַבְרָהָם וְעֶזְרַת שָׂרָה.

*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu v'elohei avoteinu v'imoteinu. Elohei Avraham, Elohei Yitz-chak, v'Elohei Ya-akov. Elohei Sarah, Elohei Rivka, Elohei Rachel, v'Elohei Leah. Ha-eil, ha-gadol, ha-gibor, v'ha-nora, Eil Elyon. Gomeil chasadim tovim v'konei ha-kol, v'zocheir chasdei avot v'imahot, u-mei-vi ge-ula liv-neiv'nei-hem, l'ma-an sh'mo be-ahava. Melech ozeir umoshi-ah u-magen. Baruch Atah Adonai, Magen Avraham v'ezrat Sarah.*

Blessed is the God of all generations, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob, God of Sarah, God of Rebecca, God of Rachel, and God of Leah, great, mighty, and exalted. You bestow love and kindness on all Your children, remembering the devotion of ages past, and lovingly bringing redemption to the world. You reign as our Savior and Protector. Blessed is the Eternal God, the Shield of Abraham and Protector of Sarah.

At the River Jabbok, Jacob wrestled with God. He became Israel. We are all Israel, Jacob's descendants – God wrestlers who struggle for the sanctity of the divine embrace. Israel is not a proper name, but a designation; an adjective. It describes all people of faith in every walk of life who struggle for justice, for truth, and for freedom.

*We praise the God of all generations. "We are a people in whom the past endures, in whom the present is inconceivable without moments gone by." Heschel Credit to us the merit of our ancestors, and teach us to exemplify the light their teaching in our daily lives.*

אַתָּה קָדוֹשׁ וְשִׁמְךָ קָדוֹשׁ, וְקְדוֹשִׁים בְּכֹל יוֹם יִהְלְלוּךָ סֵלָה. בְּרוּךְ  
אַתָּה, יְיָ, הָאֵל הַקָּדוֹשׁ.

*Atah Kadosh v'shimcha kadosh, uk'doshim b'chol yom y'hallelucha selah. Baruch Atah Adonai, ha-El ha kadosh.*

You are holy and all who are holy praise You every day. Praised is God, the Source of all blessings.

(Please Be Seated)

“Not everybody can be famous but everybody can be great because greatness is determined by service ...You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love.” *King*

*In thanks we seek this day of rest and healing with this broad community of faith. In love we pray that it brings calm to each storm and greater joy for each celebration.*

Sing to God a new song;  
*sing to God, all the earth.*

Sing to God, praise all that is divine;  
*proclaim God's salvation day after day.*

*(sing) “How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God.” Chris Tomlin*

Declare God's glory among the nations,  
*Whose strength gives hope to all people.*

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
*let the sea resound, and all that is in it.*

*(sing) “How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God.” Tomlin*

Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;  
*let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.*



Let all creation rejoice before God

*who engages us in righteousness and faithfulness. From Psalm 96*

*(sing x2) How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God Tomlin*

Peace is not the absence of open conflict or the lack of hostilities, rather it is the presence of a righteousness in our world that stands guaranteed for all people. It is the outcome of justice maintained at every stage of inter-human relationships.

*Peace is a by-product of a successful partnership between God and humanity; the result of making heaven and earth touch. Peace is the dream sacrificed on the altar of faith; our hearts' greatest offering turning our souls back to each other and to God.*

Yet, to date, "Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided humans." *King* We must retrace our steps and return from the pathways that exiled us from each other. "The hour calls for moral grandeur and spiritual audacity." *Heschel* We must feel passion for each other's dignity in the most fearless and heroic ways.

*Peace begins when two souls commit to bringing love back into each other's heart; when "We can sit under our vines and trees" unafraid. When truth speaks to the blessing of every human being.*

"I'm for truth, no matter who tells it. I'm for justice, no matter who it is for or against. I'm a human being, first and foremost, and as such I'm for whoever and whatever benefits humanity as a whole." *Malcom X*

**(Silent Meditation – one's own private thoughts)**

עֲשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוַמָּיו, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל  
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

***Oseh Shalom bimromav, Hu ya-aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol-Yisrael v'imru: Amen.***

May the one who causes peace, cause it to descend upon us, on all Israel, and all the world. Let us say: Amen.

(TORAH SERVICE)

לֹא יִשָּׂא גּוֹי אֶל גּוֹי חֶרֶב וְלֹא יִלְמְדוּ עוֹד מִלְחָמָה.

*Lo yisa goi el goi cherev v'lo yilm'doo ode milchamah.*

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor ever again train for war.

For Healing

רְפֹאֵנוּ יְיָ וְנִרְפֵּא, הוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ וְנִוְשָׁעָה  
אֵל קָרוֹב לְכֹל קִרְאֵיו אַךְ קָרוֹב לִירְאֵיו יִשְׁעוּ

*R'faeinu Adonai v'neirafeh, hoshi-einu v'nivasheah.*

*El karov, l'chol korav, ach karov, li-reav, yishoo.*

We pray for healing of the body. We pray for healing of the soul.  
For strength of flesh and mind and spirit.  
We pray to once again be whole.

אֵל נָא רְפֵא נָא

*Eil na r'-fa na,*

Oh please, heal us now!

רְפוּאֵת הַנְּפֶשׁ, וְרְפוּאֵת הַגּוּף, רְפוּאֵת שְׁלֵמָה!

*R'-fu-at ha-nefesh, u-'r-fu-at ha-guf, r'-fu-ah sh'lei-mah.*

Heal us now! Heal us now!

הוֹשִׁיעָה אֶת עַמֶּךָ וּבִרְךָ אֶת נַחֲלֹתֶךָ וְרַעַם וְנִשְׂאֵם עַד הָעוֹלָם:

מִי שִׁבְרָךְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, מִי שִׁבְרָךְ אֲמוֹתֵינוּ, אֲנָא יְהוָה הוֹשִׁיעָה נָא!

*Hoshiah et amecha, oo-vareich et nachalotecha oor'eim v'na'seim ad haolam.*

*Mishebeirach Avoteinu. Mishebeirach Imoteinu. Ana Adonai Hoshia-na.*

We pray for healing of our people. We pray for healing of the land.  
Peace for every race and nation.  
Every child; every woman; every man!

אֵל נָא רְפֵא נָא

*Eil na r'-fa na,*

***Oh please, heal us now!***

**רְפוּאֵת הַנְּפֶשׁ, וְרְפוּאֵת הַגּוּף, רְפוּאֵה שְׁלֵמָה!  
R'-fu-at ha-nefesh, u-'r-fu-at ha-guf, r'-fu-ah sh'lei-mah.**

***Heal us now! Heal us now! Heal us now!***

**(SERMON)**

**עוֹלָם חֶסֶד יִבְנֶנָּה**

*Olam Chesed Yibaneh*

*I will build this world from love... yai dai dai  
And you must build this world from love... yai dai dai  
And if we build this world from love... yai dai dai  
Then God will build this world from love... yai dai dai*

(Please rise)

God, may the time not be distant when your love shall speak from the lips of all people across this earth; when oppression, evil and contempt yield to faith, goodness, and compassion.

*We pray for the day when all who invoke God shall do so in appreciation for the blessings of creation and the relationships we forge in celebrating its bounty.*

For You God, who spread out the heavens, call on us to continue the work of creation and join in partnership with each other in the effort to heal the brokenness in our world.

### **Single Candle - David Wilcox**

*At first you couldn't listen. You held to your suspicion  
'Cause this new point of view seemed bold and strange  
But that simple truth's insistence melted your resistance  
'Till all at once you knew that what you knew must change*

*A match will burn for long enough to light a single candle  
A candle only burns until the conversation's done  
One bright conversation shines a light across a lifetime  
Every life has time enough to shine - like the sun*

*Your search for easy answers only led to harder questions  
But you rose up when that simple faith fell through, and  
Fearless in the rubble, you kept shaking the foundations  
You weren't afraid to shatter what you thought you knew*

*A match will burn for long enough to light a single candle  
A candle only burns until the conversation's done  
One bright conversation shines a light across a lifetime  
Every life has time enough to shine - like the sun*

*A gentle revolution that could change a generation  
Your words could strike a match and light a flame  
And one by one the light spread through the people of a  
Nation, 'till the tyranny of hate would never be the same*

*A match will burn for long enough to light a single candle  
A candle only burns until the conversation's done  
One bright conversation shines a light across a lifetime  
Every life has time enough to shine - like the sun*

*On the balcony in Memphis with a bullet through your body  
We heard you say a strong and gentle prayer  
They try to kill the future, as if just a gun could stop you  
But the heart of you is beating everywhere*

*A match will burn for long enough to light a single candle  
A candle only burns until the conversation's done  
One bright conversation shines a light across a lifetime  
Every life has time enough to shine - like the sun.*

Sightlessly, we walk passed the miracles that fill our world. We take for granted the breath that feeds our bodies, the emotions that stir our souls,

and the people with whom we are blessed to share our lives. It is often not until we lose touch with each other's miracles that we first begin to appreciate their value. Kaddish reminds us to celebrate living every day, to appreciate the lives that touch our own, and to be thankful for loved ones in our lives. We praise God, thankful for the blessings in our lives.

*Let God's glory be extolled, let God's great name be hallowed in the world God created. May God's peace prevail in our own day.*

(Please rise)

יְתַגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי-בְרָא כְרַעוּתֵיהּ וְיִמְלִיךְ  
מַלְכוּתֵיהּ בְּחַיֵּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל-בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעַגְלָא וּבְזִמְן  
קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן. יְהִי שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וְלְעַלְמֵי עַלְמַיָּא.  
יְתַבְרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח, וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל  
שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא, בְּרִיךְ הוּא. לְעֵלְמָא מִן כָּל-בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירָתָא,  
תְּשֻׁבְחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא דְאִמְרִין בְּעֵלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן. יְהִי שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא  
מִן שְׁמַיָּא, וְחַיִּים, עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן. עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם  
בְּמִרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

*Yit-gadal v'yit-kadash sh'mei raba b'almah di-v'ra chir'u-tei, v'yam-lich mal-chutei b'cha-yei-chon  
u-v'yo-mei-chon uv-cha-yei d'chol-beit Yisreil, ba-agala uvizman ka-riv, v'imru: Amen. Y'hei shmai  
raba m'varach le'olam ul'al-mei al-ma-ya. Yit-barach v'yishtabach, v'yitpa-ar v'yit-ro-mam v'yitna-seh  
v'yithadar v'yit-aleh v'yit hallal shmei d'koodesha, b'ri-chu. L'eilah min kol-birchata v'shirata,  
tushbechata v'nechemata da-amiran b'almah v'imru: Amen. Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya,  
v'cha-yim, aleinu ve-al col Yisreil, v'imru: Amen. Oseh Shalom bimromav,  
Hu ya-aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol-Yisreil. V'imru: Amen.*

Let God's glory be extolled, let God's great name be hallowed in the world God created. May God's kingdom soon prevail, in our own day, our own lives, and the life of Israel. Amen Let God's great name be praised for ever and ever. Let God be glorified, exalted, and honored, though God is beyond all the praises, songs, and adorations that we can utter. Amen. For us and for all Israel, may the blessing of peace and the promise of life come true. Amen. May the one who causes peace to reign in the heavens, let peace descend upon us, on all Israel, and all the children of mankind. Amen.

(Please be seated)

"When our days become dreary with low, hovering clouds, and nights become darker than a thousand midnights, let us remember:

*You are a creative force in this universe, working to pull down  
gigantic mountains of evil, and prodigious hilltops of injustice.*

You are a power that is able to make a way out of no way, and transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows.

*You are our hope for the future.*

### **If Not Now - Carrie Newcomer**

*If not now, tell me when - If not now, tell me when.  
We may never see this moment  
Or place in time again  
If not now, if not now, tell me when.  
I see sorrow and trouble in this land  
I see sorrow and trouble in this land  
Although there will be struggle we'll make the change we can.  
If not now, tell me when.  
I may never see the promised land.  
I may never see the promised land.  
And yet we'll take the journey  
And walk it hand in hand  
If not now, tell me when.*

*If not now, tell me when - If not now, tell me when.  
We may never see this moment  
Or place in time again  
If not now, if not now, tell me when.  
So we'll work it 'til it's done  
Every daughter every son,  
Every soul that ever longed for something better,  
Something brighter.  
It will take a change of heart for this to mend.  
It will take a change of heart for this to mend.  
But miracles do happen every shining now and then  
If not now, tell me when? If not now, tell me when.*

*But miracles do happen every shining now and then.  
If not now tell me when. If not now tell me when.  
If not now tell me when.*

**TOGETHER** - With this faith, we will be able to sing in some not too distant tomorrow, 'We have overcome, we have overcome. Deep in our hearts, we did believe, we would overcome.'" *Dr. King*

## **“We Shall Overcome”**

*We shall overcome, We shall overcome, We shall overcome, some day.*

*Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome, some day.*

*We'll walk hand in hand, We'll walk hand in hand,  
We'll walk hand in hand, some day.*

*Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we'll walk hand in hand, some day.*

*We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,  
We shall live in peace, some day.*

*Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall live in peace, some day.  
We shall all be free, We shall all be free,  
We shall all be free, some day.*

*Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall all be free, some day.*

*We are not afraid, We are not afraid,  
We are not afraid, TODAY*

*Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we can't be afraid today.*

**עֲשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוֵמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל  
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.**

***Oseh Shalom bimromav, Hu ya-aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol-Yisrael v'imru: Amen.***

May the one who causes peace, cause it to descend upon us, on all Israel, and all the world. Let us say: Amen.