

Silent Prayers of Remembrance

In memory of a father:

Yizkor Elohim nishmat avi mori... shehalach
l'olamo, baavur sheb'li neder etein tz'dakah
baado. Bis·char zeh, t'hei nafsho tz'rurah
bitzror hachayim im nishmot Avraham,
Yitzchak, v'Yaakov; Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel,
v'Leah; v'im sh'ar tzadikim v'tzidkaniyot
sheb'Gan Eiden, v'nomar: Amen.

יזכר אלהים נשמת אבי מורי... שְהַלַּךְ לְעוֹלָמוֹ, בְּעִבּוֹר שְׁבִלִי
גָדַר אֶתֶן צְדָקָה בְּעֵדוּ. בְּשֹׁכֵר זֶה, תְּהֵא נַפְשׁוֹ צְרוּרָה בְּצָרוֹר הַחַיִּים
עִם נִשְׁמוֹת אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב, שָׂרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל וְלֵאָה, וְעַם
שְׂאָר צְדִיקִים וְצִדְקָנִיּוֹת שְׁבִגְנוּ עֵדוֹ, וְנֹאמֵר אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my father who has gone to his eternal reward. I pledge acts of justice and charity in his memory. May his soul be bound in the bonds of eternal life along with the souls of our ancestors Avraham, Yitzchak, Ya'akov, Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel, and Leah. May he rest in the perfect joy of Your presence. Amen.

In memory of a mother:

Yizkor Elohim nishmat imi morati...
shehal'cha l'olamah, baavur sheb'li neder
etein tz'dakah baadah. Bis·char zeh, t'hei
nafshah tz'rurah bitzror hachayim im
nishmot Avraham, Yitzchak, v'Yaakov;
Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel v'Leah, v'im sh'ar
tzadikim v'tzidkaniyot sheb'Gan Eiden;
v'nomar: Amen.

יזכר אלהים נשמת אמי מורתתי... שְהַלַּכְהָ לְעוֹלָמָהּ, בְּעִבּוֹר שְׁבִלִי
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May God remember the soul of my mother who has gone to her eternal reward. I pledge acts of justice and charity in her memory. May her soul be bound in the bonds of eternal life along with the souls of our ancestors Avraham, Yitzchak, Ya'akov, Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel, and Leah. May she rest in the perfect joy of Your presence. Amen.

In memory of a hurtful parent: (Rabbi Robert Saks)

O God: You know my heart. Indeed, You know me better than I know myself.

My emotions swirl as I say this prayer. The parent I remember was not kind to me. His/her death left me with a legacy of unhealed wounds, of anger and of dismay that a parent could hurt a child as I was hurt.

Help me, O God, to subdue bitter emotions that do me no good, and to find that place in myself where happier memories may lie hidden, and where grief for all that could have been, all that should have been, may be calmed by forgiveness, or at least soothed by the passage of time.

I pray that You, who raise up slaves to freedom, will liberate me from the oppression of my hurt and anger, and that You will lead me from this desert to Your holy place.

In memory of a husband:

Yizkor Elohim nishmat baali hayakar...
she'halach l'olamo, baavur sheb'li
neder etein tz'dakah baado. Bis-char
zeh, t'hei nafsho tz'rurah bitzror
hachayim im nishmot Avraham,
Yitzchak, v'Yaakov; Sarah, Rivkah,
Rachel, v'Leah; v'im sh'ar tzadikim
v'tzidkaniyot sheb'Gan Eiden, v'nomar:
Amen.

יזכור אלהים נשמת בעלי היקר... שיהלך לעולמו. בעבור שבלי גדר
אתן צדקה בעדו, בשכר זה, תהא נפשו צרויה בצרור החיים עם
נשמות אברהם יצחק ויעקב, שרה רבקה רחל ולאה, ועם שאר צדיקים
וצדקניות שבגן עדן. אמן.

May God remember the soul of my husband who has gone to his eternal reward. May his soul be bound in the bonds of eternal life along with the souls of our ancestors Avraham, Yitzchak, Ya'akov, Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel, and Leah. May he rest in the perfect joy of Your presence. Amen.

In memory of a wife:

Yizkor Elohim nishmat ishti hay'karah...
shehal'cha l'olamah, baavur sheb'li
neder etein tz'dakah baadah. Bis-char
zeh, t'hei nafshah tz'rurah bitzror
hachayim im nishmot Avraham,
Yitzchak, v'Yaakov; Sarah, Rivkah,
Rachel v'Leah, v'im sh'ar tzadikim
v'tzidkaniyot sheb'Gan Eiden; v'nomar:
Amen.

יזכור אלהים נשמת אשתי היקרה... שיהלכה לעולמה. בעבור שבלי
גדר אתן צדקה בעדה, בשכר זה, תהא נפשה צרויה בצרור החיים עם
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וצדקניות שבגן עדן. אמן.

May God remember the soul of my wife who has gone to her eternal reward. May her soul be bound in the bonds of eternal life along with the souls of our ancestors Avraham, Yitzchak, and Ya'akov, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah. May she rest satisfied in the perfect joy of Your presence. Amen.

In memory of a son:

Yizkor Elohim nishmat b'ni haahuv... machmad einai
shehalach l'olamo. Ana t'hi nafsho tz'rurah bitzror

יזכר אלהים נשמת בני האהוב... מהמד עיני
שיהלך לעולמו. אנא תהי נפשו צרויה בצרור

hachayim ut'hi m'nuchato chavod, sova smachot et-
panecha, n'imot bimincha netzach. Amen.

הַחַיִּים וְתֵהִי מְנוּחָתוֹ כְּבוֹד, שְׂבַע שְׂמַחוֹת אֶת-
פְּנִיךָ, נְעִימוֹת בְּיַמִּינְךָ נְצַח. אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my beloved son who has gone to his eternal reward. May his soul be bound in the bonds of eternal life. May he rest in the perfect joy of Your presence. Amen.

In memory of a daughter:

Yizkor Elohim nishmat biti haahuvah...
machmad einai shehalach l'olama. Ana t'hi
nafsha tz'rurah vitzror hachayim ut'hi
m'nuchata chavod, sova smachot et-panecha,
n'imot bimincha netzach. Amen.

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נְשַׁמַּת בְּתִי הָאֲהוּבָה... מַחְמַד עֵינַי שֶׁהִלְכָה
לְעוֹלָמָה. אֲנֵאֶתְהִי נִפְשָׁה צְרוּרָה בְּצְרוּר הַחַיִּים וְתֵהִי
מְנוּחָתָה כְּבוֹד, שְׂבַע שְׂמַחוֹת אֶת-פְּנִיךָ, נְעִימוֹת בְּיַמִּינְךָ נְצַח.
אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my beloved daughter who has gone to her eternal reward. May her soul be bound in the bonds of eternal life. May she rest in the perfect joy of Your presence.

In memory of other relatives and friends:

Yizkor Elohim nishmot k'rovai v'rei-ai she'halchu
l'olamam. Hin'ni shebli neder etein tz'dakah baad
hazkarat nishmoteihem. Ana tiyenah
nafshoteihem tz'rurot bitzror hachayim ut'hi
m'nuchatam kavod, sova smachot et-panav,
n'imot bimincha netzach. Amen.

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נְשַׁמוֹת קְרוּבַי וְרֵעֵי שֶׁהִלְכוּ לְעוֹלָמָם. הִנְנִי
שְׂבָלִי גְדֵר אֶתְּנֶן צְדָקָה בְּעַד הַזְּכָרָת נְשַׁמוֹתֵיהֶם. אֲנֵא
תְּהִינָה נִפְשׁוֹתֵיהֶם צְרוּרוֹת בְּצְרוּר הַחַיִּים וְתֵהִי מְנוּחָתָם
כְּבוֹד, שְׂבַע שְׂמַחוֹת אֶת-פְּנִיךָ, נְעִימוֹת בְּיַמִּינְךָ נְצַח.
אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my relatives and friends who have gone to their eternal reward. I pledge acts of justice and charity in their memories. May their souls be bound in the bonds of eternal life. May they rest in the perfect joy of Your presence. Amen.

In memory of those who died to sanctify God's Name:

Yizkor Elohim nishmot kol-acheinu v'kol-
achoteinu, b'nei Yisrael shemasru et-nafsham al
kidush Hashem. Hin'ni shebli neder etein tz'dakah
baad hazkarat nishmoteihem. Ana yishama
b'chayeinu heid g'vuratam um'sirutam v'yareh
b'maaseinu tohar libam v'tiyenah nafshoteihem
tzrurot bitzror ha-chayim u'thi m'nuchatam kavod,

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נְשַׁמוֹת כָּל-אֲחֵינוּ וְכָל-אֲחֵיוֹתֵינוּ, בְּנֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל שֶׁמָּסְרוּ אֶת-נַפְשָׁם עַל קְדוּשַׁת ה' שָׁם. הִנְנִי
שְׂבָלִי גְדֵר אֶתְּנֶן צְדָקָה בְּעַד הַזְּכָרָת נְשַׁמוֹתֵיהֶם. אֲנֵא
שְׂמַע בְּחַיֵּינוּ הַד גְּבוּרָתָם וְמִסִּירוֹתָם וְיִרְאַה
בְּמַעַשְׂוֹנוֹתָהֶם לָבֶם וְתִהְיֶינָה נִפְשׁוֹתֵיהֶם צְרוּרוֹת
בְּצְרוּר הַחַיִּים וְתֵהִי מְנוּחָתָם כְּבוֹד, שְׂבַע שְׂמַחוֹת
אֶת-פְּנִיךָ, נְעִימוֹת בְּיַמִּינְךָ נְצַח. אָמֵן.

sova smachot et-panecha, n'imot bimincha
netzach. Amen.

May God remember the souls of our brothers and sisters, martyrs of our people, who gave their lives for the sanctification of God's name. I pledge acts of justice and charity in their memories. May echoes of their bravery and devotion be heard in our lives and may the purity of their hearts be seen in our actions. May their souls be bound in the bonds of eternal life. May they rest in the perfect joy of Your presence. Amen.

A prayer for those who mourn the suicide of a loved one ...

Let there be rest.

And let it be, at last, the perfect rest-

Oh, Merciful God Most High.

Let there be light:

heaven's radiance, gleaming light of the holy and pure for my holy and pure one
whose corner was lit only by broken shards of light-not nearly enough to see by.

Let there be, in my life, a shelter
against the storms of guilt, anger, grief, and pain.

When dark clouds gather above me -

may I find a warm shelter of peace

And let there be a circle of souls around me -

patient, persistent, filled with Your compassion;

and let us be bound up in a loving bond that will not break.

Rest.

Light.

Shelter of peace.

Circle of souls.

And give me the strength to praise.

For an Infant or Child

God of hope, God of strength--

As my heart aches in silence

I turn to You on this holy day for healing and comfort.

I pray to You, God of life, for renewal of spirit.

I long for the shelter of Your love.

May the soul of my beloved.....

be embraced by You forever with love and tenderness.
May the promise of this innocent young life
teach me to cherish sweetness and beauty,
and not give in to the bitterness I have tasted.
May the gift of memory bless each of my days.
Weep with me, God, Creator of life,
for the precious life whose songs were left unsung.
Weep with me, God, for the loss of my child-
a loss that is like no other.
Shelter me,
like I may be a source of care and shelter for those who need me.
Strengthen me,
that I may be a source of strength.
Be with me
in sorrow and joy, in moments of emptiness and in the fullness of life.

For One Who Died by Violence

קוֹל דְּמֵי אָחִיךָ צֶעֶקִים אֵלַי מִן-הָאָדָמָה

Your brother's blood cries to Me from the ground (Gen. 4:10)

Creator of life, Source of healing,
grant peace in Your great shelter of peace
to my loved one
whose life ended abruptly through an act of senseless violence
With sadness I recall the joy thatbrought into this world
that voice and face I will never forget.
May these precious memories console me.
Let there be light-
to guide my way through the shadow of loss.
I long with all my being
for an end to baseless hatred, war, and violence.
May a time come soon
when no one will suffer or die at the hands of another.
May my loved one's soul be embraced by You -
free of pain now, held in tenderness and love.
I will cherish forever this life now lost:
a blessing in the bond of life everlasting,
a blessing here and now.

For Those Who Died for Our Country

Merciful God, God Most High,
may there be perfect rest in Your presence
for all who placed themselves in peril
and died protecting our country, our citizens,
and our highest principles.
With gratitude we honor their bravery and devotion.
With love we pray:
hold them close to You forever among the holy and pure

whose light shines like the radiance of heaven.

Let the words of the prophet Isaiah be their timeless memorial:

*The work of righteousness shall be peace,
yielding quietness and confidence forever.
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
Then the glory of God Eternal shall be revealed,
and all life, as one, shall behold it.*

Merciful God,
shelter those who served and died for the sake of peace;
shelter them forever among the souls of the righteous. *Amen.*

A Remembrance for Those Who Fell on the Battlefields of Israel

Kadosh Yisrael -Holy One of Israel:

Remember, on this holy day, the courage and devotion
of Your daughters and sons:
remember the ones who stood for independence in 1948,
and those, in every generation since, who served in the Israel Defense Forces,
placed their lives in mortal danger, and fell in battle.
Remember them all--Your sons, Your daughters -
all who died for the sake of Israel' s rebirth in our time.

Am Yisrael -- People of Israel:

May we be blessed with strength as we remember
and mourn over the beauty of their youth,
the glory of their gifts, their sacred willingness to serve,
their self-sacrifice on fields of honor.
Above all, let these be their crowning victory: a lasting peace;
the memory of their undying hope forever sealed in Israel's heart.
Together we say: Amen.

A Prayer for the Righteous of the Nations – *Chasidei Umot HaOlam*

Creator of all:

Let there be perfect rest for the souls of the righteous,
whose hands and hearts were open
whose self-sacrifice was limitless.
They risked all they had
to hide and rescue our brothers and sisters during the Shoah.
As they gave shelter and care to others,
shelter them in Your presence -for they are the holy and pure,
and their light shines like the radiance of heaven.
Hold them close to You forever. May they find a home in You.
And may they rest in peace.
Together we say: *Amen.*

For the Six Million and for All Who Died in the Shoah

Avinu Malkeinu:

Let there be perfect rest for the souls of the six million
who died as Jews in the flames of the Shoah.

Let there be perfect rest for the countless millions
who died because of race, religion or nationality,
political affiliation or sexual orientation.

Hold them close to You forever.

Seal their souls for everlasting life in the shelter of Your presence,
for You are their eternal home.

Together we say: *Amen*.