SERVICE FOR CONSECRATING (UNVEILING) A MONUMENT TO A LOVED ONE

Psalm 121

שִׁיר לַמַּצְלּוֹת:
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שֶּשָׂא עֵינֵי אֶל־הָהָרִים מֵאַיִן יָבֹא עֶזְרִי:
שְּלְּיִרִי מֵעִם ה' עֹשֵׁה שְׁמֵיִם וָאֲרֶץ:
אַל־יִּתֵּן לַמּוֹט רַגְּלֶךְ אַל־יָנוּם שֹׁמְרֶךְ:
הְנֵּה לֹא יָנוּם וְלֹא יִישָׁן שׁוֹמֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל:
ה' שֹׁמְרֶךְ ה' צִּלְּךְ עַל־יַד יְמִינֶךְ:
יוֹמֶם הַשֵּׁמֶשׁ לֹא־יַכֶּכָּה וְיְרֵחַ בַּלֵּיְלָה:
ה' יִשְׁמְרְ מִכְּל־רָע יִשְׁמֹר אֶת־נַפְּשֶׁךְ:
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Psalm 121 A Song for Pilgrims to Jerusalem

I lift up my eyes to the mountains.
Whence comes my help?
My help is from the Lord,
Creator of heaven and earth.
God will not let your foot slip;
Your Guardian never slumbers.
Behold, the Guardian of Israel
Slumbers not, nor sleeps.

The Lord guards you.

The Eternal One is at your right hand to shelter you.

The sun will not harm you by day, Nor the moon by night.

The Lord will guard you from all evil.

The Eternal One will preserve your soul.

The Lord will guard your going out

And your coming in, from this time forth and forever.

You may choose one of the following, or proceed to the "Prayer at the Unveiling of a Monument."

For a Man

Lord, who is worthy of thy tabernacle,

Of dwelling on thy holy mountain?

Surely it is someone who walks with honor and lives righteously,

Whose words are heart-felt and truthful.

Is it not someone who refuses to utter slander.

Who does not act wickedly towards others,

Who does not join in belittling others,

And in whose eyes a vile person is to be pitied?

A worthy person honors those who revere the Lord.

If they take an oath, they do not change, even if it is to their own misfortune.

They do not take advantage of others by lending money at an unfair rate of interest.

Nor will they take a bribe against the innocent and helpless.

Whoever lives this way shall be secure and fulfilled in life always.

Psalm 15

For a Woman

How shall we describe a woman of character.

Whose worth exceeds every measure of material wealth?

Her beloved's heart trusts in her,

And no worldly need is lacking.

She brings good and not evil.

All the days of her life.

She seeks wool and linen, all her household needs,

And performs every task with conviction.

She opens her hand to the poor.

And extends her hand to the destitute.

Dignity and majesty are her raiment,

And confidently she faces what each day brings.

When she speaks, wisdom flows from her mouth,

And kindly counsel is upon her tongue.

She watches over her household,

Not willing to eat her bread in idleness.

Her children are first to call her blessed,

And her beloved praises her and says,

"Many women have been valorous

But thou excellest them all."

Charm may wane and beauty fade,

But a woman of character, who has reverence for God, is worthy of praise.

Acknowledge her for her achievement;

And let her own works praise her in the gates.

Selected from Proverbs 31

Prayer at the Unveiling of a Monument

Almighty God:
With feelings of reverence and love I (we) recall the memory of my (our) dear as we consecrate this monument to his/her cherished memory. Time and faith bring healing but memory builds its home everlastingly in our hearts. It is through memory, divine gift to mortal man, that I (we) have retained for inspiration in life memory of my (our) dear
(Family members may unveil the monument at this point.)
Keep strong in me (us) the faith that my (our) belovedis in thy care, O God, in the world of eternal light, peace and reunion with loved ones who have gone before.
I (we) pray thee, O God, that this faith may continue to sustain me (us) on the way of life and that under the touch of loving memory, my (our) life may reflect honor on my (our) dear whom I (we) lovingly recall today.

May I (we), who remain on earth, add to the "merits of the ancestors" which have sustained Israel throughout the generations. Amen.

At this point in the service, one or more family members may offer reminiscences about the one being memorialized.

Memorial Prayers

For a Man

אַ – ל מָלֵא רַחֲמִים שׁוֹכֵן בַּמְּרוֹמִים. הַמְצֵא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה תַּחַת כַּנְפֵי הַשְּׁכִינָה. בְּמַעְלוֹת קְדוֹשִׁים וּטְהוֹרִים כְּזְהַר הָרָקִיעַ מַזְהִירִים אֶת נִשְׁמַת בּן שְׁהָלַך לְעוֹלָמוֹ. בְּגַן עֵדֶן תְּהֵא מְנוּחָתְוֹ. אָנָּא יְיָ בַּעַל הָרַחֲמִים הַסְתִּירֵהוּ בְּסֵתֶר כְּנָפֶיךְ לְעוֹלְמִים. וּצְרוֹר בִּצְרוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת נִשְׁמָתוֹ. ה׳ הוּא נַחֲלָתוֹ. וְיִהְיֶה הֶלְקוֹ שָׁלוֹם וְשַׁלְנָה עִם כָּל הַצֵּדִיקִים וְהַיְשָׁרִים הַהָּמִימִים שֶׁהָלְכוּ לְעוֹלְמָם. וְנֹאמֵר אָמֵן:

For a Woman

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O God, full of compassion, whose presence fills the high heavens, hold in loving remembrance the soul of _____ whom we have recalled today who has gone to *his/her* eternity, alongside all the holy and pure, whose radiance is as the brightness of the firmament. Master of Mercy, we beseech thee, nestle *him/her* in the hovering shelter of thy wings, and bind *him/her* in the bond of eternal life. Thou art now *his/her* destiny. Grant *him/her* peace, together with all the righteous, the upright, and the innocent who have achieved their eternity. Amen.

Mourners' Kaddish

יִתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵה רַבָּא. בְּעָלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כִרְעוּתֵה. וְיַמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵה בִּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבִיוֹמִיכוֹן וּבִחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׁרָאֵל. בַּעַגָּלָא וּבִזְמַן קָרִיב. וִאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Congregation

יָהֵא שָׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלַם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמֵיָא:

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאַר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵה דַקִדשָׁא. בַּרִיךְ הוּא

From the conclusion of Rosh Hashanah until Yom Kippur לעלא לעלא מכל־ Erev Rosh Hashanah and after Yom Kippur לעלא מן כל

בּרַכָּתָא וְשִׁירָתָא תִּשִּׁבִּחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא דַּאֲמִירָן בִּעַלְמָא. וְאָמִרוּ אָמֵן:

יָהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

עשה שלום בַּמְרוֹמִיו הוּא יָעֲשֶׁה שַׁלוֹם עַלֵּינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׁרָאֵל. וְאִמְרוּ אַמֵן:

TRANSLITERATED MOURNERS' KADDISH

Mourners

Yit-gadal vi-yit-kadash shi-may raba. Bi-ali-ma di-v'ra chir-utay vi-yam-li-ch malchutay bi-hayaychon uv'yomaychon uv'hayay di-chol beit Yisrael, ba-agala u-vizman kariv; vi-imru, amayn.

Congregation

Yi-hay shi-may raba mi-varach li-alam ul'ali-may ali-maya.

Mourners

Yit-barach vi-yish-taba<u>h</u> vi-yit-pa-ar vi-yit-romam vi-yit-na-say, vi-yit-hadar vi-yit-aleh vi-yit-halal shi-may di-kud'sha, bi-rich hu.

During the Year:

Li-ayla min kol

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur:

Li-ayla, Li-ayla mi-kol

birchata vi-shi-rata, tush-bihata vi-nehemata, da-amiran bi-alma; vi-imru, amayn.

Yi-hay shi-lama raba min shi-ma-ya vi-<u>h</u>ayim, alaynu vi-al kol Yisrael; vi-imru, amayn.

Oseh shalom bim'romav, hu ya-aseh shalom alaynu vi-al kol Yisrael; vi-imru, amayn.

May he who makes peace on high send peace unto us and all Israel, and unto all remembering and sorrowing hearts; and say, Amen.

Conclude with Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
God causes me to lie down in green pastures,
And leads me beside still waters;
Restores my soul,

And guides me in right paths for God's own name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou, O Lord, are with me;

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

The Lord God prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies,

And anoints my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely, goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord, forever.