ברכות השחר

Morning blessings

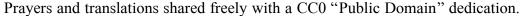
Jewish liturgy for waking up and starting the day.

Hebrew prayers with adaptations,

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מוֹדָה ומוֹדֶה אֲנִי לְפָנֶיךּ, רוּחַ חֵי וְקַיָּם, שֶׁהֶחֶזַרְתְּ בִּי נִשְׁמְתִי בְּחֶמְלָה, רַבְּה אֱמוּנָתֶדּ.

Thankful am I in your presence, spirit who lives and endures, for you've returned my soul to me with compassion.

Abundant is your faith.

In these still, quiet moments
I am not asleep,
and not yet awake.

In the threshold of day and night, with the mixture of darkness and light, my body is once again coming to life.

I am reborn, each day, from the womb of your compassion.

May all of my actions be worthy of the faith you've placed in me. With words of thanks I'll greet the dawn.

כָּל בְּרָכוֹת נוֹבְעוֹת מִן יָהּ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֵי הְעוֹלְמִים, וְאָנוּ מְחָדְשִׁים מִקְדוּשְׁת הַמִּצְוֹת, וּמֵמִצְוַת נִטִילַת הַיָּדִים.

All blessing flow from Yah, our God, life of the worlds. We are renewed through the holiness of mitzvot, and through the mitzvah of washing the hands.

One hand washes the other with water, cool and clear, in preparation for this brand new day.

Prepare these hands to do good work. Prevent them from causing harm. And may they bring forth blessings of justice, love, and peace. בְּרוּך אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הְעוֹלְם, אֲשֶׁר יְצַר אֶת הְאָדְם בְּחְכְמָה, וּבְרָא בּוֹ נְקָבִים נְקָבִים, חֲלוּלִים חֲלוּלִים. גְּלוּי וְיְדוּעַ לִפְנֵי כִּסֵּא כְבוֹדֶךְּ, שָׁאִם יִפְּתֵחַ אֶחְד מֵהֶם, אוֹ יִפְתֵם אֶחְד מֵהֶם, אִי אֶפְשִׁר לְהִתְקַיֵּם וְלַעֲמוֹד לְפְנֶיךְ. בְּרוּךְ אַתְּה יִיְ, רוֹפֵא כָל בְּשָׂר וּמַפְּלִיא לַעֲשׂוֹת.

Blessed are you, Eternal our God, majesty of all worlds,

who formed the human being with wisdom,
creating it with open openings
and hollow hollows.

It's revealed and known before the throne of your glory,
that if one of these would burst,
or if one of these were blocked,
there'd be no way to exist or stand in your presence.

Blessed are you, Eternal One, healer of all flesh, who works wonders.

As I listen to the wisdom of the body, feeling what's present here in this moment,
I am thankful for the miracles of life.

אֶלהַי, נְשָׁמָה שֶׁנְתַתְּ בִּי, טְהוֹרָה הִיא. אַתְּה בְּרָאתָה, אַתְּה יְצַרְתְּה, אַתְּה נְפַחְתָּה בִּי, וְאַתְּה מְשִׁמְּרָה בְּקְרְבִּי. כְּל זְמַן שֶׁהַנְּשְׁמָה בְקִרְבִּי, מוֹדָה וֹמוֹדֶה אֲנִי לְפָנֶיךְּ, יִי אֱלֹהֵי, וֵאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתִי, וֵאלֹהֵי וְאִמּוֹתַי, רְבּוֹן כְּל הַמַּעֲשִׂים, אֲדוֹן כְּל הַנְּשְׁמוֹת. בָּרוּךְ אַתְּה יִיָ, אֲשֶׁר בְּיָדוֹ נֶפֶשׁ כְּל חַי, וְרוּחַ כְּל בְּשָׁר.

> My God, the soul you have given me is pure. You created it, you formed it, you breathed it into me, and you guard it within me.

For as long as my soul is within me, thankful am I in your presence, Eternal One, my God, the God of my fathers, and the God of my mothers, ruler of all creation, master of all souls.

Blessed are you, Eternal One, for in your hand is the soul of all life and the spirit of all flesh.

This breath dwells deep inside. It knows my inner self.

Emerging from these depths, it explores the outer worlds: flowing, dancing, animating, and merging with other breaths.

Inner and outer worlds are connected through this breath.

It's pure—
mysterious and pure.
This holy breath inside me
is mysterious and pure.

Blessings are present in this moment. Blessings are present in this place.

May their presence be known with every breath and step we take, and may we wake up to the beauty of life.

ּכְל בְּרָכוֹת נוֹבְעוֹת מִן יְהּ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֵי הְעוֹלְמִים, אֲשֶׁר נְתַן לַשֶּׂכְוִי בִינָה לְהַבְחִין בֵּין יוֹם וּבֵין לְיְלָה.

All blessings flow from Yah, our God, life of the worlds, who has given the rooster understanding to distinguish day from night.

ּכְל בְּרָכוֹת נוֹבְעוֹת מִן יָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֵי הְעוֹלְמִים, שׁעַשַׂנִי בִּצֵלֵם אֵלֹהִים.

All blessings flow from Yah, our God, life of the worlds, who has made me in the image of God.

ּכְל בְּרָכוֹת נוֹבְעוֹת מִן יָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֵי הָעוֹלְמִים, שֶׁעְשַׂנִי בָּת וֹבֶּן חוֹרִין.

All blessings flow from Yah, our God, life of the worlds, who has made me to be free.

ּכָּל בְּרָכוֹת נוֹבְעוֹת מִן יָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֵי הְעוֹלְמִים, שֶׁעְשַׂנִי יִשְׂרָאֵל.

All blessings flow from Yah, our God, life of the worlds, who has made me a Jew.

ּכָל בְּרָכוֹת נוֹבְעוֹת מִן יָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֵי הָעוֹלְמִים, פּוֹקַחַת עָוִרִים.

All blessings flow from Yah, our God, life of the worlds, who opens the eyes of the blind.

ּכְל בְּרָכוֹת נוֹבְעוֹת מִן יָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֵי הְעוֹלְמִים, מַלִבִּישָׁה עֵרָמִים.

All blessings flow from Yah, our God, life of the worlds, who clothes the naked.

ּכְל בְּרָכוֹת נוֹבְעוֹת מִן יָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֵי הְעוֹלְמִים, מַתִּירָה אֲסוּרִים.

All blessings flow from Yah, our God, life of the worlds, who releases the bound.

ּכָל בְּרָכוֹת נוֹבְעוֹת מִן יָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֵי הְעוֹלְמִים, זוֹקֵפֵת כִּפוּפִים.

All blessings flow from Yah, our God, life of the worlds, who lifts up the bent.

ּכְל בְּרָכוֹת נוֹבְעוֹת מִן יָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֵי הָעוֹלְמִים, רוֹקַעַת הָאָרֶץ עַל הַמְּיִם.

All blessings flow from Yah, our God, life of the worlds, who spreads out the land upon the waters.

ּכָּל בְּרָכוֹת נוֹבְעוֹת מִן יְהּ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֵי הְעוֹלְמִים, שֶׁעְשָׂה לִּי כָּל צְרְכִּי.

All blessings flow from Yah, our God, life of the worlds, who provides for all of my needs.

ּכְל בְּרָכוֹת נוֹבְעוֹת מִן יָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֵי הְעוֹלְמִים, הַמֵּכִין מִצִעַדִי.

All blessings flow from Yah, our God, life of the worlds, who guides my steps.

ּכָל בְּרָכוֹת נוֹבְעוֹת מִן יָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֵי הְעוֹלְמִים, אוֹזֵר יִשִּׂרָאֵל בִּגִבוּרָה.

All blessings flow from Yah, our God, life of the worlds, who girds Israel with strength.

כָּל בְּרָכוֹת נוֹבְעוֹת מִן יָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֵי הְעוֹלְמִים, עוֹטֵר יִשִׂרָאֵל בִּתִפִּאָרָה.

All blessings flow from Yah, our God, life of the worlds, who crowns Israel with splendor.

ּכְל בְּרְכוֹת נוֹבְעוֹת מִן יָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֵי הְעוֹלְמִים, הַנּוֹתֵנֵת לַיָּעֵף כֹּחַ.

All blessings flow from Yah, our God, life of the worlds, who gives strength to the weary.

פָל בְּרָכוֹת נוֹבְעוֹת מִן יָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֵי הְעוֹלְמִים, הַמַּעֲבִירָה שֵׁנְה מֵעֵינֵי וּתְנוּמָה מֵעַפְעַפָּי.

All blessings flow from Yah, our God, life of the worlds, who removes sleep from my eyes, slumber from my eyelids.

ויהי רְצוֹן מִלְּפָנִיךּ, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ,

וַאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתִינוּ, וֵאלֹהֵי וְאִמּוֹתֵנוּ,

שְׁתַּרְגִּילֵנוּ בְּתוֹרְתֶךּ, וְדַבְּקֵנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךּ,

וְאַל תְּבִיאֵנוּ לֹא לִידֵי חֵטְא, וְלֹא לִידֵי עֲבַרְה וְעָוֹן,

וְלֹא לִידֵי נִּסְיוֹן, וְלֹא לִידֵי בִּזְּיוֹן,

וְלֹא לִידֵי בִּסְיוֹן, וְלֹא לִידֵי בִּזְּיוֹן,

וְלֹא לִידֵי בִּסְיוֹן, וְלֹא לִידֵי בִּזְּיוֹן,

וְבַבְּקֵנוּ בְּיֵצֶר הַטוֹב וּבְמַעֲשִׂים טוֹבִים,

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וְלַף אֶת יִצְרֵנוּ לְהִשְׁתַּעְבֶּד־לְּךְ,

וְתְנֵנוּ, הַיּוֹם וּבְכָל יוֹם, לְחֵן וּלְחֶסֶד וּלְרַחֲמִים,

בְּעִינֵיךְ וּבְעִינֵי כְל רוֹאֵינוּ, וְתִגְמְלֵנוּ חֲסָדִים טוֹבִים לַעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

בְּרוּךְ אַתְּה יְיָ, הַגּוֹמֵל חֲסִדִים טוֹבִים לְעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

May it be your will, Eternal One, our God,
the God of my fathers, and the God of my mothers,
that we will accustom ourselves to your Torah,
and attach ourselves to your mitzvot.
Do not bring us under the influence of sin,
of transgression or iniquity, of temptation, or of scorn.
Do not allow our bad inclinations to control us,
and keep us away from a bad person and a bad friend.
Attach us to our good inclinations and to good deeds,
and bend our inclinations to serve you.

Grant us—today and every day—grace, loving-kindness, and compassion,
in your eyes, and in the eyes of all who see us,
and bestow upon us good loving-kindness.
Blessed are you, Eternal One,
who bestows good loving-kindness to God's people Israel.

Let us drink from the wellspring of Torah—
engaging in holy words,
seeking wisdom in each moment,
and listening to the ever-present call.
May we respond to the call with the fullness of our beings,
bringing wholeness to our lives and healing to the world.

כָּל בְּרָכוֹת נוֹבְעוֹת מִן יָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֵי הָעוֹלְמִים, וְאָנוּ מְחָדְשִׁים מִקְדוּשָׁת הַמִּצְוֹת, וּמֵהַמִּצְוָה לַעֲסוֹק בְּדִבְרֵי תוֹרָה.

All blessing flow from Yah, our God, life of the worlds. We are renewed through the holiness of mitzvot, and through the mitzvah of engaging in words of Torah.

וְהַעְּרֶב־נְא, יְיְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ,
אֶת דִּבְרֵי תוֹרְתְךּ בְּפִינוּ, וּבְפִי עַמְּךּ בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל,
אָת דִּבְרֵי תוֹרְתְךּ בְּפִינוּ, וּבְפִי עַמְּךּ בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל,
וְנְהְיֶה אֲנַחְנוּ וְצָאֲצְאֵינוּ, וְצָאֱצְאֵי עַמְּךּ בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל,
כָּלְנוּ יוֹדְעֵי שְׁמֶּךּ, וְלוֹמְדֵי תוֹרְתְדְּ לִשְׁמְה.
בְּרוּךְ אַמְּה יִיְ, הַמְלַמֵּד תּוֹרְה לְעַמוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל.
Eternal our God, please sweeten
the words of your Torah in our mouths,
and in the mouths of your people, the house of Israel.

and the offspring of your people, the house of Israel—be knowers your name and students of your Torah for its own sake. Blessed are you, Eternal One, teacher of Torah to God's people Israel.

May we all—us, our offspring,

בְּרוּכָה אַהְ שְׁכִינָה, אֱלֹהוֹתֵינוּ, מַלְכַּת הָעוֹלְם, אֲשֶׁר נְתְנָה לְנוּ תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת, וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נְטְעָה בְּתוֹכֵנוּ. בְּרוּכָה אַהְ שְׁכִינָה, נוֹתֶנֶת הַתּוֹרָה.

Blessed are you, Shekhinah, our God, Majesty of the world, who has given us a Torah of truth, and has planted within us eternal life.

Blessed are you, Shekhinah, giver of Torah.

יְבָרֶכְךּ יְיָ, וְיִשְׁמְרֶדְּ. יָאֵר יְיָ פְּנְיו אֵלֶידְּ, וִיחֻנֶּדְ. יִשְׂא יְיָ פְּנְיו אֵלֶידְּ, וְיָשֵׂם לְדְּ שְׁלִום.

May the Eternal One bless you and protect you.

May the Eternal One's presence shine upon you, being gracious to you.

May the Eternal One's presence be lifted toward you, granting you peace.

אַלוּ דְבְרִים שָׁאֵין לְהֶם שִׁעוּר: הַפֵּאָה, וְהַבִּכּוּרִים, וְהְרְאִיוֹן, הּגְמִילוּת חֲסְדִים, וְתַלְמוּד תּוֹרְה. These are deeds which have no limit: the corners of the field left for the poor, the first fruit offerings, the festival offerings, acts of loving-kindness, and the study of Torah.

אֵלּוּ דְבָרִים שֶׁאָדָם אוֹכֵל פֵּרוֹתֵיהֶם בְּעוֹלְם הַזָּה,
וְהַקֶּרֶן קַיֶּמֶת לוֹ לְעוֹלְם הַבְּא, וְאֵלּוּ הֵן:
כִּבּוּד הוֹרִים, וּגְמִילוּת חֲסָדִים,
וְהַשְׁכְּמֵת בֵּית הַמִּדְרָשׁ שַׁחֲרִית וְעַרְבִית,
וְהַכְנָסַת אוֹרְחִים, וּבִקּוּר חוֹלִים, וְהַכְנָסַת כַּלְּה, וּלְוְיַת הַמֵּת,
וְעִיּוּן מְּפִילְה, וַהְבְאַת שְׁלוֹם בֵּין אָדָם לַחֲבֵרוֹ;
וְתַלְמוּד תּוֹרָה כְּנָגֶד כָּלְם.

These are deeds whose fruits are enjoyed in this world, whose principal remains for the world to come: respecting parents, acts of loving-kindness, early arrival—morning and evening—to the house of study, welcoming guests, visiting the sick, providing for a bride, accompanying the dead, absorption in prayer, bringing peace between people—and the study of Torah is comparable to them all.

יְהַרִינִי מְקַבֶּלֶת|מְקַבֵּל עְלַי אֶת מִצְוַת הַבּוֹרֵא: ַּוְאָהַבְּהָ לְרֵעֲּךְ כְּמוֹךְ. I hereby accept upon myself the mitzvah of the creator:

"Love your neighbor as yourself."