

Prayer for Going on a Starship Voyage

Our Ancestor in Heaven, Master of all worlds,  
Who counts the number of stars, and to each calls by name<sup>1</sup>,  
Here I am, prepared to ascend on a starship.  
It is well known before You,  
Who stretches out the skies and makes firm the earth<sup>2</sup>,  
That we are insufficient to travel and to move in the void of  
nothingness  
Were we to travel there without You.  
For upon Your heights leading us are You,  
For a God who guards the soul of all life are You.  
And thus,  
May it be Your will,  
A-donai our God and God of our ancestors,  
that You bring us up in peace and You pull us in peace  
And You lead us to our landing-place  
In life and in joy and in peace  
And You save us from all trouble and danger,  
From evil extraterrestrials and hostile intelligences,  
And You send blessing and safety  
Upon all the work of Your hands,  
And You allow us grace and mercy and lovingkindness  
In Your eyes and in the eyes of all who see us,  
And You hear the sound of our petitions,  
For a God who hears prayer and petition are You.  
Blessed are You, who hears prayer.

<sup>1</sup> Psalm 147:4

<sup>2</sup> Isaiah 51:13

אָבִינוּ שְׁבַשְׁמַיִם, רַבּוֹן כָּל הָעוֹלָמִים,  
מוֹנֵה מִסְפָּר לְכוֹכְבִּים לְכֹל שְׁמוֹת יִקְרָא,  
הִנְנִי מוֹכֵן לַעֲלוֹת בְּאֵנִית הַכוֹכְבִּים.  
נְלוֹי וַיְדוּע לְפָנֶיךָ,  
נוֹטָה שָׁמַיִם וַיִּסַּד אֶרֶץ.  
שָׂאִין אֲנַחְנוּ מִפְּסִיקִים לְנִסֵּעַ וּלְנוּעַ בְּחֶלֶל הָאֵין  
אֱלוֹ שֵׁם נִסְעָנוּ בְּלִעְדֶיךָ,  
כִּי עַל בְּמוֹתֶיךָ מְדַרְיֵכְנוּ אַתָּה,  
כִּי אֵל שׁוֹמֵר אֶת נַפְשׁ כָּל־חַי אַתָּה:  
וּבְכֵן.

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ, יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ,  
שֶׁתַּעֲלֵנוּ בְּשָׁלוֹם וְתִמְשָׁכֵנוּ בְּשָׁלוֹם  
וְתִגְיַעְנוּ לְמָקוֹם נְחִיָּתָנוּ בְּחַיִּים וּבְשִׂמְחָה וּבְשָׁלוֹם,  
וְתִצְלֵנוּ מִכָּל־צָרָה וְסִכָּנָה,  
מִחוֹצָנִים רָעִים וּמִיִּשְׁוִית רָעוֹת,  
וְתִשְׁלַח בְּרָכָה וְהַצְלָחָה בְּכָל־מַעֲשֵׂה יְדֵינוּ,  
וְתִתְּנֵנוּ לְחֵן וּלְחֶסֶד וּלְרַחֲמִים בְּעֵינֶיךָ וּבְעֵינֵי כָל־רְאֵינוּ,  
וְתִשְׁמַע קוֹל תַּחֲנוּנֵינוּ.  
כִּי אֵל שׁוֹמֵעַ תְּפִלָּה וְתַחֲנוּן אַתָּה.  
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה שׁוֹמֵעַ תְּפִלָּה:

וַיֵּרָח בְּלַיְלָה: (ג' פעמים)  
 וַיִּשְׁמַר אֶת־נַפְשׁוֹ: (ג' פעמים)  
 וַיִּשְׁמַר אֶת־נַפְשׁוֹ: (ג' פעמים)

By day the Sun will not strike you,  
 Nor the Moon by night. (3x)  
 Ad-onai will guard you from all evil,  
 Will guard your life. (3x)  
 Ado-nai will guard your going and coming  
 Now and forevermore. (3x)<sup>3</sup>

וַיֵּצֵא יַעֲקֹב מִבְּעַר שֶׁבַע וַיֵּלֶךְ חֲרָנָה: וַיִּפְגַּע בְּמָקוֹם וַיִּגְלַן שָׁם כִּי־בָא  
 הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ וַיִּקַּח מֵאֲבֵנֵי הַמָּקוֹם וַיִּשֶׁם מִרְאשֵׁיתוֹ וַיִּשְׁכַּב בְּמָקוֹם הַהוּא:  
 וַיִּתְחַלֵּם וַהֲנִיחַ סֶלֶם מִצָּב אֶרְצָה וְרֹאשׁוֹ מִגִּיעַ הַשָּׁמַיְמָה וַהֲנִיחַ מִלְּאֲכָבֵי  
 אֱלֹהִים עַל־יָם וַיִּרְדּוּ בּוֹ: וַהֲנִיחַ יְהוָה נֹצֵב עָלָיו וַיֹּאמֶר אֲנִי יְהוָה  
 אֱלֹהֵי אֲבֹתֵיךָ אֲבִיךָ וְאֵלֹהֵי יִצְחָק הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה שֹׁכֵב עָלֶיהָ  
 לָךְ אֶתְחַנְנֶנָּה וְלִבְנֵיךָ: וְהָיָה זֶרְעֶךָ כַּעֲפַר הָאָרֶץ וּפְרֻצְתָּ יָמָה וְקָדְמָה  
 וְצָפְנָה וְנִגְבָּה וְנִבְרַכְוּ בְּךָ כָּל־מִשְׁפְּחוֹת הָאָדָמָה וּבְזֶרְעֶךָ: וַהֲנִיחַ אֲנֹכִי  
 עִמָּךְ וְשָׁמְרְתִיךָ בְּכָל־אֲשֶׁר־תֵּלֵךְ וַהֲשִׁבְתִּיךָ אֶל־הָאָדָמָה הַזֹּאת כִּי  
 לֹא אֶעֱזָבְךָ עַד אֲשֶׁר אִם־עָשִׂיתִי אֶת אֲשֶׁר־דִּבַּרְתִּי לָךְ: וַיִּיקֶץ יַעֲקֹב  
 מִשְׁנֵתוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲכֹן יֵשׁ יְהוָה בְּמָקוֹם הַזֶּה וְאֲנֹכִי לֹא יָדַעְתִּי:  
 וַיִּירָא וַיֹּאמֶר מִה־נִּוְרָא הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה אֵין זֶה כִּי אִם־בַּיִת  
 אֱלֹהִים וְזֶה שְׁעַר הַשָּׁמַיִם: (ג' פעמים)

And Jacob left Be'er Sheba and went to Haran. And he encountered  
 a place and stayed the night there, and the sun went away, and he  
 took one of the stones at that place and he put it under his head, and  
 he lay down at that place. And he had a dream – behold! A ladder  
 was set on the ground and its head went up to the heavens, and  
 behold! messengers of God were going up and down on it. And  
 behold! Adon-ai, standing upon it, and He said, "I am Adona-i, the  
 God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the earth upon  
 which you lie I give to you and to Your seed. And your seed shall be  
 as the dust of the earth, and you shall spread to the west and east and  
 north and south, and all the families of the land shall bless themselves  
 by you and your seed. Behold, I am with you, and I will protect you  
 everywhere you go and I will return you to this land; yea, I will not  
 leave you until I have done what I have promised to you." And Jacob  
 awoke from his sleep and said, "Wow! There is A-donai in this place,  
 and I, I was unaware!" And he was awed and said, "How awesome  
 is this place! This is none other than the abode of God – this is the  
 gate to the heavens!"<sup>4</sup>

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 heavens!" (3x)<sup>5</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Psalm 121:6-8  
<sup>4</sup> Genesis 28:10-17  
<sup>5</sup> Genesis 28:17 and Targum