

**The Sharing of Memory – Psalm 139**

Eternal One of All Being, You have searched me and You have known me always. You know my actions and my thoughts. You know my journey, and all the paths that I have taken. You are acquainted with all my ways. There is not a word on my tongue that You, Holy One of Being, do not know completely.

You are with me always; on all sides Your Presence touches me.  
Yet full knowledge of You is too wonderful for me.  
It is too much, and I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from Thy Spirit? Or where shall I flee Thy Presence?  
If I ascend the highest heights, You are there;  
If I descend to the darkest depths, there, too, You are.

If I take the wings of the morning,  
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;  
Even there it is as if Your hand leads me, holds me.

Sometimes I think the darkness shall totally cover me,  
But even that night is as light in Your Presence.  
What I perceive as darkness does not conceal me from You,  
For even that night shines as the day:  
The darkness and the light I know are both one to You.

You know me, and You have known me always.  
So I will praise You, Eternal One of Being, for I am wondrously made.  
Your works are marvelous; my soul knows that with certainty.

So search me, O God, and know my heart.  
Try me, and know my thoughts.  
And see if there be destructive ways in me,  
That You might lead me in the Way that is Eternal.

**Psalm 23**

The Eternal is my Shepherd, I shall not want.  
God invites me to lie down in green pastures;  
And leads me beside the still waters.  
God restores my soul,  
And guides me in straight paths for that is God's Way.  
Even when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff bring me comfort.  
You prepare a table before me even in the presence of my enemies;  
You have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and lovingkindness shall follow me all the days of my life;  
So I can dwell in the house of the Eternal forever.

**El Molay Rachamim**

(Based on the Reconstructionist Rabbi's Manual)

May the Source of Life, the Fountain of all Being, open our hearts to compassion and our eyes to wisdom, that we might glimpse with perfect peace the way of all things. May our sadness and our grief awaken us to the preciousness of the Life we share. May the memory of those who have died be for the world a blessing, and may we never let the light of their life and the light of their love grow dim in our hearts.

May all their worthy deeds, even all their human struggles, be remembered now with love, that their memory be forever bound up in the bond of Life. God is our Source and our Destination, our beginning and our end. May the deaths that have been awaken us to this truth, that the bonds of love shared be not severed in sorrow. May all be held in Healing. May all be held in Peace. And let us say: Amen.

**Mourner's Kaddish**

יְתַגְדֵּל וְיִתְקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעֶלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ, וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ, בְּחַיִּיכוּן  
וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעַגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

*Yit'gadal v'yit'kadash sh'mei raba, b'alma dee v'ra chi'rutei v'yam'lich mal'chutei*

*b'cha-yeichon uv'yo-meychon uv'chayey d'chol beyt Yisrael, ba-agala uviz'man kariv v'im'ru: Amen.*

Extolled and hallowed be God's great Name throughout the Creation willed by the Eternal. May the Kingdom be established in your lifetime and during your days, and within the lifetime of the entire House of Israel, speedily and soon, and let us say: Amen.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמֵי עֲלְמֵיָא.

*Y'hei sh'mei raba m'vorach l'alam ul'al'mey al'maya.*

May Your presence be for blessing forever and ever.

יְתַבְרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח, וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקָדְשָׁא  
בְּרִיךְ הוּא, לְעֵלְא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא, תְּשַׁבַּחְתָּא וְנַחֲמַתָּא, דְאָמְרִין בְּעֵלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ  
אָמֵן.

*Yit'barach v'yish-tabach v'yit'pa-ar v'yit'ro-mam v'yit-nasei v'yit'hadar v'yit'aleh v'yit'ha-lal sh'mei  
d'kud'sha b'reech hu, l'eilah min kol bir'cha-ta v'shi-ra-ta tush'becha-ta v'neh-cheh-ma-ta  
da-amee-ran b'al'ma v'im'ru: Amen.*

Blessed, praised, glorified and exalted, extolled and honored, upraised and lauded be the Name of the Holy One of Blessing, beyond all the blessings and songs, praises and consolations, that are ever uttered in the world, and let us say: Amen

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

*Y'hei sh'la-ma raba min sh'maya v'chayyim aleynu v'ahl kol Yisrael v'imru: Amen.*

May there be abundant peace from Heaven, and life upon us and upon the whole household of Israel, and let us say: Amen

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמֵי הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, [וְעַל כָּל יִשְׁבֵי תִבְל]  
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

*Oseh shalom bim'romav hu ya-aseh shalom aleynu v'ahl kol Yisrael [v'ahl kol yosh'vey teiveil] v'imru:  
Amen.*

May the One Who creates harmony above, make peace for us, for all the household of Israel, [and for all the peoples of the world]. And let us say: Amen.