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A Prayer

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Infinite source of Holiness, before Thee we come in silent prayer. From Thee, the source of the soul's inspiration, we seek for betterment—betterment of our material and spiritual conditions.

Father God. Oh listen to the prayers of Thy children seeking Thee, aye, beseeching Thee from out of this earthly life—beseeching Thee, importuning Thee for guidance and help amidst all the discordant elements that surround them!

Life's holy aspirations emanate from Thee, Thou Ineffable Unknowable source of all. The inspiration of the spirit links us to Thee, no matter how tenuously. We perceive, no matter if dimly, that the highest pinnacle of our lives reaches ever invisibly up and up to Thee: away from earth to heaven, away from earth's narrowing cares, from its desires and commonplace longings to the upper, broader, higher, brighter, sublimer visions of the spirit.

To Thee, God, we look for help, for

the inspiration for the uplift of our souls, and to be freed from this murky earth's atmosphere. From adown the dim vista of the ages have men sought Thee: Sought Thee as they felt the intruding spirit of sanctification enter their lives—the hallowed uplift of the silent, calm moments of life. In the Silence do we seek Thee, in the calm, when the roar of the sense world is subdued. Yet slowly do we learn that the seeking of Thee can only be realized by the subduing of the flesh, so as to leave the soul—Thy Divinity within us—dominant over the mutable, the perishable bodily sensations.

Lord God, in deep reverence do we come before Thee, with a submissive spirit do we earnestly seek for more light: more light on this our so limited earthly existence. Lord God grant us these fervent longings; give us the effulgence of the inner light as to strengthening influence for our lives, and as a beacon light to govern, guide and veer us always aright. Amen.

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JEWISH CALENDAR

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Chanukah: Monday, Dec. 19.
Rosh Chodesh Tebeth: Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 24 and 25.
Chanukah: Last day, Monday, Dec. 26.
Asoroh batebeth: Tuesday, Jan. 3.
Rosh Chodesh Shebeth: Monday, Jan. 23.
Chamisho osor bashebeth: Monday, Feb. 6.
Rosh Chodesh Adar: Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 21 and 22.
Fast of Easter: Monday, March 5.
Purim: Tuesday, March 6.
Shushan Purim: Wednesday, March 7.
Rosh Chodesh Nisson: Thursday, March 22.
Shabos Hagodoil: Saturday, March 31.
Pessach: First two days, Thursday and Friday, April 5 and 6.
Pessach, seventh day: Wednesday, April 11.
Rosh Chodesh Aair: Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21.