



PRAYERS FOR THE CEMETERY

*My help comes from Adonai,
Maker of heaven and earth.*

עֲזָרִי מֵעַם יְהוָה
עֲשֵׂה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ.

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Time passes. Mourning is a process that does not end; rather, we find a way to weave the loss into our lives and move forward. The sense of loss may never leave us; it just hurts a bit less with the passage of time. Many people ask how to accomplish the task of moving forward. This booklet is one piece of the process: a guide to planning an unveiling ceremony (with or without a rabbi) and suggestions of prayers for visiting the cemetery as individuals.

Judaism enriches our lives throughout the life cycle in times of sadness as well as in times of joy. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Jewish approach to death and mourning. Imbued with psychological wisdom, Judaism provides mourners with a unique source of guidance and emotional support. We pray that this little book will reveal some of the wisdom and beauty of Jewish tradition. We pray that this book brings you comfort.

Many of us find that cemeteries bring a sense of connectedness and healing. When we miss our loved ones with an aching sense of loss, we yearn for a particular spot, a meaningful headstone, a place among trees and sky where we feel the presence of our loved one. Cemeteries are places where we quiet our thoughts enough to listen to our own souls.

Near the end of the first year after a death, those who have mourned a loved one meet again at the grave to dedicate the tombstone. The unveiling ceremony may come sooner or later, depending on the ability of the family to gather. It may be facilitated by a rabbi or by the family members themselves. For many, the monument not only serves as a marker for the resting place of the body, but also signifies the beginning of the end of the first year of intense mourning. The unveiling lifts a veil on the tombstone and on the mourner's newly constituted life.

As Jews, we know we are not literally visiting our loved ones when we stand at their gravesides, yet the tangible symbol helps us to feel close to them. Jewish people often come to the cemetery before Rosh Hashanah or other holidays, birthdays and anniversaries or family celebrations. Some just come; they might come often for the sense of peace they gain. Many yearn for a piece of our tradition to mark these visits and wonder what prayers to say.

Visits to cemeteries can be powerful reminders of that which does not die – the values and love, the good and the sweet recalled from the lives of those no longer physically here. We pray that this booklet will help you invest your life with the precious legacy of those you have loved and lost.

The following are some customs to consider when visiting the cemetery:

At the time of *yahrzeit* (anniversary of a death), it is customary to give *tzedakah* in the name of your loved one.

As we read in the different *Yizkor* (memorial) prayers on pages 12-15, we make a pledge to give *tzedakah*, to honor the memory of our loved ones that are no longer living. In doing so, we honor their lives and we honor the ideals that were important to them. Our task is not just to remember our loved ones, but to carry on the ideals and values that were a part of their lives.

When visiting a grave, it is customary to place a small stone on the headstone.

Originally, grave monuments were mounds of stones. We continue to place stones whenever we visit the grave to acknowledge our presence but also to show that we never finish building the monument to the deceased. Whenever we add a new stone, it is as if we are erecting a small, new monument to the deceased. When we place these pebbles on the headstones of our loved ones, we are doing a physical act of remembrance and therefore, ensuring that they are bound up in the bond of life.

When exiting a cemetery, it is customary to wash one's hands.

You may want to keep a small water bottle in your car for this purpose. Jewish law teaches us to wash our hands whenever we come in contact with the deceased. This is especially true when leaving a cemetery, as we symbolically, ritually purify ourselves by washing our hands. The washing of the hands is an affirmation of life after involvement with death.

Psalm 15

מִזְמוֹר, לְדָוִד : יְהוָה, מִי-יִגֹּר בְּאֵהָלֶיךָ ; מִי-יִשְׁכֵּן, בְּהַר קֹדֶשְׁךָ.
הוֹלֵךְ תַּמִּים, וּפְעַל צְדָק ; וְדִבֵּר אֱמֶת, בְּלִבָּבוֹ.
לֹא-רָגַל, עַל-לִשְׁנוֹ לֹא-עָשָׂה לְרַעְהוּ רָעָה ; וְחִרְפָּה, לֹא-נִשְׂאָה עַל-קָרְבוֹ.
נְבֻזָה, בְּעֵינָיו נִמְאָס וְאֵת-יְרֵאֵי יְהוָה יִכְבֵּד ;
נִשְׁבַּע לְהִרְע, וְלֹא יִמַר.
כֶּסֶף, לֹא-נָתַן בְּנִשְׁפָה וְשִׁחַד עַל-נֶקִי, לֹא לָקַח :
עָשָׂה-אֱלֹהֵי לֹא יִמוּט לְעוֹלָם.

O Lord, who shall dwell in Your sanctuary? Who shall abide upon Your holy mountain? He who lives with integrity, does what is right, and speaks the truth in his heart; who has no slander upon his tongue, who does no evil to his fellow man, who does not reproach his neighbor. In his eyes, a vile person is despised, but he honors those who revere the Lord. He takes an oath, even to his own harm, and does not change. He does not lend money at usurious interest; he does not take a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things shall stand firm forever.

Psalm 121

שִׁיר, לַמַּעֲלוֹת :
אֲשָׁא עֵינַי, אֶל-הַהָרִים מֵאֵין, יְבֹא עֲזָרִי.
עֲזָרִי, מֵעַם יְהוָה עָשָׂה, שְׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ.
אֶל-יִתְּן לְמוֹט רַגְלֶךָ ; אֶל-יָנוּם, שְׁמֶרְךָ.
הֵנָּה לֹא-יָנוּם, וְלֹא יִישָׁן שׁוֹמֵר, יִשְׂרָאֵל.
יְהוָה שְׁמֶרְךָ ; יְהוָה צִלְּךָ, עַל-יַד מִיִּנְךָ.
יוֹמָם, הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ לֹא-יִכְפֶּה ; וַיְרֵחַ בְּלִילָה.
יְהוָה, יִשְׁמְרֶךָ מִכָּל-רָע : יְשֹׁמֵר, אֶת-נַפְשֶׁךָ.
יְהוָה, יִשְׁמֶר-צֵאתְךָ וּבֹאֲךָ מֵעַתָּה, וְעַד-עוֹלָם.

A Song of Ascents: I turn my eyes to the mountains: from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot give way; your Guardian will not slumber. See, the Guardian of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps! The Lord is your Guardian, the Lord is your protection at your right hand. By day the sun will not strike you, nor the moon by night. The Lord will guard you from all harm. He will guard your life; The Lord will guard your going and coming now and forever.

Psalm 23

מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד : יְהוָה רֹעִי, לֹא אֶחְסָר.
בְּנֵאוֹת דְּשָׂא, יִרְבִּיצֵנִי ; עַל-מֵי מְנַחֹת יִנְהַלֵּנִי.
נַפְשִׁי יִשׁוּבָב ; יִנְחֵנִי בְּמַעְגְּלֵי-צֶדֶק, לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ.
גַּם כִּי-אֶלֶף בְּגִיא צַלְמוֹת, לֹא-אִירָא רַע כִּי-אַתָּה עִמָּדִי ;
שִׁבְטְךָ וּמִשְׁעַנְתְּךָ, הִמָּה יִנְחַמְנִי.
תַּעֲרֹךְ לִפְנֵי, שְׁלַחַן נֶגֶד צָרָרִי ;
דֹּשַׁנְתָּ בְּשֶׁמֶן רֹאשִׁי, כּוֹסֵי רוּחָה.
אֵד, טוֹב וְחֶסֶד יִרְדְּפוּנִי כָּל-יְמֵי חַיֵּי ;
וְשִׁבְתִּי בְּבֵית-יְהוָה, לְאֶרֶךְ יָמִים.

The Lord is my shepard, I shall not want.
He gives me rest in green pastures,
He leads me beside still water,
He restores my soul.
He guides me in straight paths,
for his name's sake.
Though I walk in the valley of the
shadow of death
I shall fear no evil for You are with me;
Your rod and your staff – they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence
of my enemies;
You anoint 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 God forever.

Do not stand at my stone and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glints on snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain;
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft star that shines at night.
Do not stand at my stone and cry
I am not there although I died.

-Anonymous

We Remember Them

At the rising of the sun and at its going down
We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter
We remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring
We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer
We remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn
We remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends
We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live; for they are now a part of us as
we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength
We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart
We remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share
We remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make
We remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs
We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live; for they are now a part of us
as we remember them.

-Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer

Gratitude

(Unison)

Something precious is taken from us,
and we think of it as something we have lost,
instead of something we have had.

We remember only how empty our lives are now;
we forget how full and rich they were before.

We forget all the many days and years of happiness we lived
while the beloved one was still with us.

We praise God for our treasures while we have them;
we cease to praise Him for them when they are fled.

But God never gives; He only lends.

What is life itself but a loan?

“Everything,” cry the old sages, “is given in pledge,
to be restored when the Master wills.”

When God claims His own shall we rebel or repine? No.

Instead of murmuring because He takes our precious ones from us,
let us be grateful to Him for having spared them to us so long.

Let us count the past happy days not as a loss, but as a gain.

We have had them; and now they are ended.

Let us turn the loss to glorious gain -
the gain that comes with new courage, with nobler tasks,
with a wider outlook on life and duty.

Morris Joseph

Eishet Chayil

A Woman of Valor, who can find?

She is more precious than corals.

Her husband places his trust in her and profits only thereby.

She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

She seeks out wool and flax and cheerfully does the work of her hands.

She is like the trading ships, bringing food from afar.

She gets up while it is still night to provide food for her household, and a fair share for her staff.

She considers a field and purchases it, and plants a vineyard with the fruit of her labors.

She invests herself with strength and makes her arms powerful.

She senses that her trade is profitable; her light does not go out at night.

She stretches out her hands to the distaff and her palms hold the spindle.

She opens her hands to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

She has no fear of the snow for her household, for all her household is dressed in fine clothing.

She makes her own bedspreads; her clothing is of fine linen and luxurious cloth.

Her husband is known at the gates, where he sits with the elders of the land.

She makes and sells linens; she supplies the merchants with sashes.

She is robed in strength and dignity, and she smiles at the future.

She opens her mouth with wisdom and a lesson of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks after the conduct of her household and never tastes the bread of laziness.

Her children rise up and make her happy; her husband praises her:

"Many women have excelled, but you excel them all!"

Grace is elusive and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears God -- she shall be praised.

Give her credit for the fruit of her labors, and let her achievements praise her at the gates.

On Unveiling a Monument or Memorial

O God, we are but frail vessels into which You have poured Your gracious and all-merciful spirit, and when You take away our soul, the vessel is broken and all that remains of it are the shards. At this time, respectfully, we would honor our dearly beloved and mark the spot of his/her resting place so that we may return to it again and again in sweet and holy visitation. This monument is not needed to recall the cherished name of our beloved, for his/her precious memory is enshrined in our hearts. And so, O God, in setting this memorial of stone, it is from the depth of our heart's gratitude that we mark with some token of performance and inscribe with affection the name of _____.

May his/her memory be a blessing to all of us who cherish it.

(It is customary to share personal memories about loved ones.)

On Visiting Graves

O merciful God, as I stand here on this consecrated soil wherein rest the physical remains of my dear _____, I beseech You, O God, be my comfort and my strength. With sorrowing heart I remember my beloved _____, and I am thankful to You for the privilege granted to me, to have shared life with him/her and to have been blessed with his/her companionship. Endow me with the wisdom and understanding to accept the separation which You in Your infinite wisdom have decreed, and to look forward to that future day when all shall be united in Your Heavenly Kingdom.

Inspire me, O God of our ancestors, to emulate his/her ways, and to uphold the ideals to which he/she dedicated him/herself, and which he/she taught me to respect. Help me to keep always in mind those virtues, traits of character and personality which have always served as my example and which I strive so hard to follow.

Help me understand that the soul of my beloved one, which was the true life, is alive and shall abide with You in peace throughout all eternity.

As I leave this holy place, O God, grant that the memory of my dear one impel me to seek goodness and truth; teach me by my aspirations and daily living to reflect honor upon my beloved _____ who was dear to me in life.

Help me, O merciful God, to serve You, Israel and all humanity. Be ever with me, I pray, with me and with all my loved ones. Amen.

**El Maleh Rachamim
For a Male**

אֵל מְלֵא רַחֲמִים, שׁוֹכֵן בְּמְרוֹמִים, הַמְצִיא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה עַל
כַּנְפֵי הַשְּׂכִינָה, בְּמַעְלוֹת קְדוּשִׁים וְטְהוּרִים כְּזֹהֵר הַרְקִיעַ
מִזְהָרִים, אֶת נַשְׁמַת _____ שֶׁהִלָּךְ לְעוֹלָמוֹ בְּגוֹן עֶדוֹן
תְּהֵא מְנוּחָתוֹ, לְכֹן בְּעַל הַרְחָמִים יִסְתַּיְרָהוּ בְּסִתְרַ כְּנַפָּיו
לְעוֹלָמִים, וְיִצְרוֹר בְּצָרוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת נַשְׁמָתוֹ, יְיָ הוּא
נַחֲלָתוֹ, וְיָנוּחַ בְּשָׁלוֹם עַל מְשַׁכְּבוֹ. וְנֹאמֵר אָמֵן.

O God, exalted and full of compassion, grant perfect peace in Your
sheltering Presence, among the holy and pure, to the soul of
_____, who has gone to his eternal home. Master of mercy,
we beseech You, remember all the worthy deeds that he performed in
the land of the living. May his soul be bound up in the bond of life. The
Lord is his portion. May he rest in peace. Let us say: Amen.

**El Maleh Rachamim
For a Female**

אֵל מְלֵא רַחֲמִים, שׁוֹכֵן בְּמְרוֹמִים, הַמְצִיא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה עַל
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מִזְהָרִים, אֶת נַשְׁמַת _____ שֶׁהִלְכָה לְעוֹלָמָהּ בְּגוֹן
עֶדוֹן תְּהֵא מְנוּחָתָהּ, לְכֹן בְּעַל הַרְחָמִים יִסְתַּיְרָהּ בְּסִתְרַ כְּנַפָּיו
לְעוֹלָמִים, וְיִצְרוֹר בְּצָרוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת נַשְׁמָתָהּ, יְיָ הוּא
נַחֲלָתָהּ, וְתָנוּחַ בְּשָׁלוֹם עַל מְשַׁכְּבָהּ. וְנֹאמֵר אָמֵן.

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we beseech You, remember all the worthy deeds that she performed in
the land of the living. May her soul be bound up in the bond of life. The
Lord is her portion. May she rest in peace. Let us say: Amen.

Mourner's Kaddish

Said in the presence of a minyan

יִתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעֶלְמָא דִּי בְרָא
כְּרַעוּתֵיהּ, וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ
וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעַגְלָא וּבְזֶמַן קָרִיב,
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וְלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמֵיָא.

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא
וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְּקֻדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ
הוּא, לְעָלְמָא מִן כָּל (לְעָלְמָא וְלְעָלְמָא מְכַל) בְּרַכְתָּא
וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא, דְּאָמְרוּ בְּעֶלְמָא,
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

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

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ
וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

*Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba b'alma div'ra khir'utei, v'yamlikh malkhutei b'hayeikhon u-v'yomeikhon u-v'hayei d'khol beit yisrael, ba-agala u-vi-z'man kariv v'imru **amen**.*

Congregation and mourner:

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'vorakh l'alam u-l'almei almaya.

Mourner:

*Yitbarakh v'yishtabakh v'yitpa'ar v'yitromam v'yitnasei, v'yit-hadar v'yit'aleh v'yit-halal sh'mei d'kudsha, b'rikh hu l'ela [u-l'ela mi-kol] min kol birkhata v'shirata, tushb'hata v'nehemata da'amiran b'alma, v'imru **amen**.*

*Y'hei shlama raba min sh'maya v'hayim aleinu v'al kol yisrael, v'imru **amen**.*

*Oseh shalom bi-m'romav, hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol yisrael, v'imru **amen**.*

Hallowed and enhanced may He be throughout the world of His own creation. May He cause His sovereignty soon to be accepted, during our life and the life of all Israel. And let us say: Amen.

May He be praised throughout all time.

Glorified and celebrated, lauded and worshiped, acclaimed and honored, extolled and exalted may the Holy One be, praised beyond all song and psalm, beyond all tributes which mortals can utter. And let us say: Amen.

Let there be abundant peace from Heaven, with life's goodness for us and for all the people Israel. And let us say: Amen.

He who brings peace to His universe will bring peace to us and to all the people Israel. And let us say: Amen.

Father

יִזְכֵּר אֱלֹהִים נְשִׁמַת אָבִי מוֹרִי _____ שֶׁהִלָּךְ לְעוֹלָמוֹ,
בְּעִבוּר שְׂבִלֵי נֶדֶר אֶתֶן צְדָקָה בְּעֵדוֹ. בְּשִׁכְרֵי זֶה תִּהְיֶה נֶפְשׁוֹ
צְרוּרָה בְּצִרוּר הַחַיִּים, עִם נְשִׁמוֹת אֲבֵרָהֶם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב,
שָׂרָה רַבֵּקָה רַחֵל וְלֵאָה, וְעִם שְׂאֵר צְדִיקִים וְצְדִיקְנִיּוֹת שְׂבִיבֵן
עֵדוֹ, וְנֹאמֵר אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my father, _____, who has gone to his eternal home. In loving testimony to his life I pledge tzedaka to help perpetuate ideals important to him. Through such deeds, and through prayer and memory, is his soul bound up in the bond of life. May I prove myself worthy of the gift of life and the many other gifts with which he blessed me. May these moments of meditation link me more strongly with his memory and with our entire family. May he rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

Mother

יִזְכֵּר אֱלֹהִים נְשִׁמַת אִמִּי מוֹרְתִי _____ שֶׁהִלָּכָה
לְעוֹלָמָהּ, בְּעִבוּר שְׂבִלֵי נֶדֶר אֶתֶן צְדָקָה בְּעֵדָהּ. בְּשִׁכְרֵי זֶה
תִּהְיֶה נֶפְשָׁהּ צְרוּרָה בְּצִרוּר הַחַיִּים, עִם נְשִׁמוֹת אֲבֵרָהֶם
יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב, שָׂרָה רַבֵּקָה רַחֵל וְלֵאָה, וְעִם שְׂאֵר צְדִיקִים
וְצְדִיקְנִיּוֹת שְׂבִיבֵן עֵדוֹ, וְנֹאמֵר אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my mother, _____, who has gone to her eternal home. In loving testimony to her life I pledge tzedaka to help perpetuate ideals important to her. Through such deeds, and through prayer and memory, is her soul bound up in the bond of life. May I prove myself worthy of the gift of life and the many other gifts with which she blessed me. May these moments of meditation link me more strongly with her memory and with our entire family. May she rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

Husband

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נְשִׁמַת זְקֵנִי בְּעָלִי _____ שְׁהִלֵּךְ לְעוֹלָמוֹ,
בְּעִבּוֹר שְׁבִלֵי נֶדֶר אֶתְּנֶן צְדָקָה בְּעֵדוֹ. בְּשִׁכְרֵךְ זֶה תִּהְיֶה נַפְשׁוֹ
צְרוּרָה בְּצִרוֹר הַחַיִּים, עִם נְשִׁמוֹת אַבְרָהָם, יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב,
שָׂרָה רַבֵּקָה רַחֵל וְלֵאָה, וְעִם שְׂאֵר צְדִיקִים וְצִדְקָנִיּוֹת שְׂבִגְנוֹ
עָדוֹ, וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my husband, _____, who has gone to his eternal home. In loving testimony to his life I pledge tzedaka to help perpetuate ideals important to him. Through such deeds, and through prayer and memory, is his soul bound up in the bond of life. Love is strong as death; deep bonds of love are insoluble. The memory of our companionship and love leads me out of loneliness into all that we shared which still endures. May he rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

Wife

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נְשִׁמַת זְקֵנָתִי אִשְׁתִּי _____ שְׁהִלְכָה
לְעוֹלָמָהּ, בְּעִבּוֹר שְׁבִלֵי נֶדֶר אֶתְּנֶן צְדָקָה בְּעֵדָה. בְּשִׁכְרֵךְ זֶה
תִּהְיֶה נַפְשָׁהּ צְרוּרָה בְּצִרוֹר הַחַיִּים, עִם נְשִׁמוֹת אַבְרָהָם
יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב, שָׂרָה רַבֵּקָה רַחֵל וְלֵאָה, וְעִם שְׂאֵר צְדִיקִים
וְצִדְקָנִיּוֹת שְׂבִגְנוֹ עָדוֹ, וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my wife, _____, who has gone to her eternal home. In loving testimony to her life I pledge tzedaka to help perpetuate ideals important to her. Through such deeds, and through prayer and memory, is her soul bound up in the bond of life. Love is strong as death; deep bonds of love are insoluble. The memory of our companionship and love leads me out of loneliness into all that we shared which still endures. May she rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

Son

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נְשִׁמַת זְקֵנִי בְּנִי _____ שֶׁהִלְךְ לְעוֹלָמוֹ,
בְּעִבּוֹר שְׂבִלִי נִדְר אֶתֶן צְדָקָה בְּעֵדוֹ. בְּשִׁכַר זֶה תִּהְיֶה נַפְשׁוֹ
צְרוּרָה בְּצִרוּר הַחַיִּים, עִם נְשִׁמוֹת אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב,
שָׂרָה רַבֵּקָה רַחֵל וְלֵאָה, וְעִם שְׂאֵר צְדִיקִים וְצִדְקָנִיּוֹת שְׂבִגוּ
עִדּוֹ, וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my beloved son, _____, who has gone to his eternal home. In loving testimony to his life I pledge tzedaka to help perpetuate ideals important to him. Through such deeds, and through prayer and memory, is his soul bound up in the bond of life. I am grateful for the sweetness of his life and for what he did accomplish. May he rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

Daughter

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נְשִׁמַת זְקֵנִתִי בְּתִי _____ שֶׁהִלְכָה
לְעוֹלָמָהּ, בְּעִבּוֹר שְׂבִלִי נִדְר אֶתֶן צְדָקָה בְּעֵדָה. בְּשִׁכַר זֶה
תִּהְיֶה נַפְשָׁהּ צְרוּרָה בְּצִרוּר הַחַיִּים, עִם נְשִׁמוֹת אַבְרָהָם
יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב, שָׂרָה רַבֵּקָה רַחֵל וְלֵאָה, וְעִם שְׂאֵר צְדִיקִים
וְצִדְקָנִיּוֹת שְׂבִגוּ עִדּוֹ, וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my beloved daughter, _____, who has gone to her eternal home. In loving testimony to her life I pledge tzedaka to help perpetuate ideals important to her. Through such deeds, and through prayer and memory, is her soul bound up in the bond of life. I am grateful for the sweetness of her life and for what she did accomplish. May she rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

Male Relative

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נְשִׁמַת זְקֵנִי / דוּדִי _____ שְׁהִלְדָּ
לְעוֹלָמוֹ, בְּעִבּוֹר שְׁבִלֵי נֶדֶר אֶתְּנֶן צְדָקָה בְּעֵדוֹ. בְּשִׁכַר זֶה תִּהְיֶה
נִפְשׁוֹ צְרוּרָה בְּצִרוֹר הַחַיִּים, עִם נְשִׁמוֹת אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק
וְיַעֲקֹב, שְׂרָה רַבֵּקָה רַחֵל וְלֵאָה, וְעִם שְׂאֵר צְדִיקִים
וְצְדִקְנִיּוֹת שְׁבִגּוֹ עֵדוֹ, וְנֹאמֵר אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my grandfather/uncle, _____,
and of all relatives and friends who have gone to their eternal home. In
loving testimony to their lives I pledge tzedaka to help perpetuate ideals
important to them. Through such deeds, and through prayer and
memory, are their souls bound up in the bond of life. May these
moments of meditation link me more strongly with their memory. May
they rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.

Female Relative

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נְשִׁמַת זְקֵנָתִי / דוּדָתִי _____ שְׁהִלְכָה
לְעוֹלָמָהּ, בְּעִבּוֹר שְׁבִלֵי נֶדֶר אֶתְּנֶן צְדָקָה בְּעֵדָה. בְּשִׁכַר זֶה
תִּהְיֶה נִפְשָׁהּ צְרוּרָה בְּצִרוֹר הַחַיִּים, עִם נְשִׁמוֹת אַבְרָהָם
יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב, שְׂרָה רַבֵּקָה רַחֵל וְלֵאָה, וְעִם שְׂאֵר צְדִיקִים
וְצְדִקְנִיּוֹת שְׁבִגּוֹ עֵדוֹ, וְנֹאמֵר אָמֵן.

May God remember the soul of my grandmother/aunt, _____,
and of all relatives and friends who have gone to their eternal home. In
loving testimony to their lives I pledge tzedaka to help perpetuate ideals
important to them. Through such deeds, and through prayer and
memory, are their souls bound up in the bond of life. May these
moments of meditation link me more strongly with their memory. May
they rest eternally in dignity and peace. Amen.