

(To be read responsively)

O Lord, what is man that thou shouldst notice him?
 What is mortal man that thou shouldst consider him?
 Man is like a breath;
 His days are like a passing shadow.
 He flourishes and grows in the morning;
 He fades and withers in the evening.
 O teach us how to number our days,
 That we may attain a heart of wisdom.
 Mark the innocent, look upon the upright;
 For there is a future for the man of peace.
 Surely God will free me from the grave;
 He will receive me indeed.
 My flesh and my heart fail,
 Yet God is my strength forever.
 The dust returns to the earth as it was,
 But the spirit returns to God who gave it.¹

In memory of a father: (Translation of previous page)

May God remember the soul of my respected father . . . * who has passed to his eternal rest. I pledge charity in his behalf and pray that his soul be kept among the immortal souls of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Leah, and all the righteous men and women in paradise. Amen.

In memory of a mother:

May God remember the soul of my respected mother . . . * who has passed to her eternal rest. I pledge charity in her behalf and pray that her soul be kept among the immortal souls of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Leah, and all the righteous men and women in paradise. Amen.

הם שנהגו להזכיר המתים, לפי שהזכרת המתה שוברת לבו של אדם
 ומכניעה יצרו

In order not to disturb the participants in the memorial service, it is customary to send out those whose parents are still alive.

¹Psalms 144:3-4; 90:6,12; 37:37; 49:16; 73:26; Ecclesiastes 12:7.

*The name of the deceased is supplied.