

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Rabbi

Our God and God of our fathers, in this hour sacred to memory, when the past and the future merge, we thank Thee for the blessings that have come to us through the love and devotion of our dear ones.

For many of us, this hour recalls the memory of beloved parents whom Thou hast removed from their earthly tasks and called unto Thy self. We are ever mindful of the devotion with which they tended and guided us, the sacrifices they made, the joys and comforts they brought us, the teachings and traditions they sought to impart unto us. They are forever bound to us by undying love.

There are those among us who call to mind a departed husband or wife. They recall the affectionate bonds formed in Thy presence, the faith and understanding, the struggles and hopes, the trials and griefs, the fears and joys they shared together.

There are parents in our midst who mourn a beloved child taken from them in the freshness and vigor of youth, for whom they planned and hoped, upon whom they lavished loving care and affection. There are those who recall a sister or brother, now no longer among the living, with whom they grew up in happy fellowship, and loyal and devoted companions who shared with them the experiences of childhood and youth.

Heavenly Father, we have returned to You to beseech You and we earnestly ask Your favor that You watch over the remnant of Jacob, our imprisoned brethren in the Arab exile and behind the Iron Curtain, that they be not lost. Open a gateway for them to enable them to go up to Your holy land that they may cause its wasteland to blossom. Spread over them and over us all Your tent of peace that all the world may know that You, O Lord, are supreme over all the earth, O Redeemer and Savior of Israel.