

Barechu (Blessing)

This is the formal "call to worship" that signals the start of the central communal part of the service.

English Phrase [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]	Hebrew & Pronunciation	Key Concepts & Explanation
<p>Our Divine Source and Supernatural Power the great IAM.</p>	<p>אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מְקוֹר הַחַיִּים וְגִבּוֹרָה עֲלֵיוֹנָה, אֶהְיֶה אֲשֶׁר אֶהְיֶה הַגָּדוֹל. (<i>Eloheinu, mekor ha-chayim u-gvura el-yona, Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh ha-gadol</i>)</p>	<p>Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh: This is the "I AM THAT I AM" from Exodus 3:14, representing God as eternal, present existence. Mekor Ha-Chayim: Literally "Source of Life," a traditional Hebrew term for the Divine Source.</p>
<p>We thank you for your compassion, mercy, generosity and loving kindness towards us.</p>	<p>מוֹדִים אֲנַחְנוּ לָךְ עַל חֲנִינָה, רַחֲמִים, גְּדִיבוּת וְחֶסֶד עִמָּנוּ. (<i>Modim anachnu lach al chanina, rachamim, nedivut v'chesed imanu</i>)</p>	<p>Chesed (Loving-kindness): A central attribute in Hebrew spirituality, representing God's overflowing, unearned love. Rachamim (Mercy): Related to the word for "womb" (<i>rechem</i>), implying a motherly, nurturing compassion.</p>
<p>We thank you for your principles, laws and promises that give us power over all materiality including ourselves.</p>	<p>מוֹדִים אֲנַחְנוּ עַל חֻקֶיךָ וְהַבְטָחוֹתֶיךָ הַנּוֹתְנִים לָנוּ מִמְּשַׁל עַל הַחֹמֶר וְעַל עַצְמָנוּ. (<i>Modim anachnu al chukeycha v'havtachotecha hanotnim lanu mimshal al ha-chomer v'al atzmenu</i>)</p>	<p>Mimshal (Dominion/Power): Uses the same root as "rule" or "govern," referring to spiritual authority over the physical world (<i>chomer</i>).</p>
<p>We thank you most of all for your character,</p>	<p>מוֹדִים אֲנַחְנוּ עַל מִדּוֹתֶיךָ, וְאֲנַחְנוּ אוֹהֲבִים אוֹתְךָ, וְטַבְעֶךָ.</p>	<p>Midot (Character/Attributes): In Jewish ethics, <i>midot</i> refers to</p>

<p>attitude and nature, we love you.</p>	<p><i>(Modim anachnu al midotecha v'tiv'acha, v'anachnu ohavim otach)</i></p>	<p>character traits. We thank God for His perfect nature.</p>
<p>We thank you that you have created in us a clean heart and renewed in us the right spirit...</p>	<p>מודים אנחנו שבראת בנו לב טהור וחדשת בקרבנו רוח נכון <i>(Modim anachnu she-barata banu lev tahor v'chidashta b'kirbeno ruach nachon)</i></p>	<p>Psalm 51:10: A direct quote from King David's prayer of repentance and renewal. "Right spirit" (<i>ruach nachon</i>) implies a steadfast, stable consciousness.</p>
<p>...so that the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart might be acceptable in your sight, our Lord, our God and our Redeemer.</p>	<p>יהיו לרצון אמרי פינו והגיון לבנו לפניך, יהוה, צורנו ונוצלנו. <i>(Yihyu l'ratzon imrei finu v'hegyon libenu l'fanecha, Adonai, tzurenu v'go-alenu)</i></p>	<p>Psalm 19:14: This is the traditional closing verse of the <i>Amidah</i> (silent standing prayer). It asks that both spoken prayers and inner thoughts align with Divine will.</p>
<p>We thank you that you guide us upon the right path, the path of those upon whom you hast bestowed favor.</p>	<p>מודים אנחנו שאתה מדריךנו בנתיב הישר, דרך אשר חננתה <i>(Modim anachnu she-ata madrich-enu b'nativ ha-yashar, derech asher chananta)</i></p>	<p>Nativ Ha-Yashar: The "Straight/Upright Path." This echoes the request for guidance found in many Psalms (e.g., Psalm 23:3).</p>
<p>We thank you that you order our steps and decisions in your word.</p>	<p>מודים אנחנו שאתה מכין מצעדנו והחלטותינו בדברך <i>(Modim anachnu she-ata mechin mitz-adeinu v'hachlatoteinu bi-dvarecha)</i></p>	<p>Mitz-adeinu (Our Steps): Refers to Psalm 37:23, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord."</p>

<p>We thank you that you guide and protect us under the shadow of the most high...</p>	<p>מודים אנחנו שאתה שומרנו עליך... בקטר (<i>Modim anachnu she-ata shomer-enu b'seter elyon</i>)</p>	<p>Seter Elyon (Secret Place of the Most High): From Psalm 91, referring to a place of spiritual protection and intimacy with God.</p>
<p>Almighty God our Divine Source... may your Science be given and received by all living things...</p>	<p>אל שדי ... תנתן חכמתך וימדעך לכל חי... (<i>El Shaddai... Tinaten chochmatcha u-madacha l'chol chai</i>)</p>	<p>Mada (Science/Knowledge): In modern Hebrew, <i>Mada</i> means science, but traditionally it means "knowledge" or "consciousness" of Divine laws.</p>
<p>Now unto you who has kept us from falling...</p>	<p>לך השומר אותנו ממכשול... (<i>Lecha ha-shomer otanu mi-michshol</i>)</p>	<p>Jude 1:24: "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling." <i>Michshol</i> means a stumbling block or obstacle.</p>
<p>...be the kingdom(our mind), the power (our decisions) and the glory (the success of our lives before others), forever.</p>	<p>לך הממלכה, הגבורה והתפארת לעולמי עולמים. (<i>Lecha ha-mamlacha, ha-gvura v'ha-tiferet l'olmei olamim</i>)</p>	<p>The Three Sefirot: This aligns with the Kabbalistic tree of life—<i>Malkhut</i> (Kingdom), <i>Gevurah</i> (Power/Judgment), and <i>Tiferet</i> (Beauty/Glory).</p>
<p>By the power of all that is in the IAM vibration (heaven) and in Divine Mind (which is Christ) Ase Amen IAM</p>	<p>בכח התהודה של אהיה אשר אהיה ובכינה העליונה של המשית. אסה, אמן, אהיה אשר. (<i>B'koach ha-tehuda shel Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh u-va-bina ha-elyona shel ha-Mashiach. Ase, Amen, Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh</i>)</p>	<p>Tehuda (Vibration/Resonance): Used to translate "vibration." Ase: A Yoruba term meaning "So be it" or "Power to make manifest," kept as a loan word alongside Amen. Mashiach: The Hebrew word for "Messiah" or "Christ" (Anointed One).</p>