
Tefillat Ha-Geshem

The Prayer for Rain

O God, who covers up the heavens,
 clothing them with clouds,
 who changes seasons by divine decree,
 please open up your bountiful reserves,
 in order to give life to all that breathes.
 You who makes the wind to blow and rain to fall,
 to you all hopes are turned,
 throughout all corners of the earth,
 all human beings and animals,
 all creatures of the earth.
 You who makes the wind to blow
 at measured intervals,
 who sends the waters onto fields and plains,
 please open up your bountiful reserves,
 in order to give life to all that breathes.
 You who makes the wind to blow and rain to fall,
 on the thirsty and the parched, on wastelands feverishly hot,
 send forth your breath,
 let all become a garden moist,
 for human beings and animals,
 grow awestruck with your good.
 Open your hand,
 let all be saturated with your bounty.

*Please open up your bountiful reserves,
 in order to give life to all that breathes.
 You who makes the wind to blow and rain to fall,
 for all the dry ravines,
 abandoned in their nakedness,
 devoid of sprouting grasses, hay, or grains,
 give them their blossoming,
 enclothe them with embroidery of life.
 Please open up your bountiful reserves,
 in order to give life to all that breathes,
 you who makes the wind to blow and rain to fall.*

Our God, our ancients' God:

*With raindrops of Ancient light, illuminate the earth.
 With raindrops of Blessing divine, please bless the earth.
 With raindrops of Gleeful rejoicing, give joy to the earth.
 With raindrops of Divine exultation, enrich the earth.
 With raindrops of Heavenly splendor, give glory to the earth.
 With raindrops of Wise assembly, let the earth be gathered.
 With raindrops of Song and melody, make music through the earth.
 With raindrops of Healing life, enable earth to live.
 With raindrops of Timeless good, give goodness to the earth.
 With raindrops of Your saving help, redeem the earth.
 With raindrops of Caring nurturance, nourish the earth.*

*For you are THE FOUNT OF LIFE, our God, abundant in your
 saving acts, who makes the wind to blow and rain to fall.*

Congregation, then hazzan:

*For blessing, not for curse.
 For living, not for death.
 For plenty, not for scarcity.*

Congregation:

*Amen.
 Amen.
 Amen.*