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## Sundry Blessings

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*On awaiting an important phone call, an invitation, or other good news:*

Blessed are You, O Lord, who allows me to live in the brief world of the possible.

*On having someone see in your work something deeper than what you intended:*

Blessed are You, O Lord, who has not made me my only interpreter.

*On being rejected by a school, by an employer, or by voters:*

Blessed are You, O Lord, who has not required me to change my life.

*On hearing of a family burned in a house fire, a massacre, a comet strike, etc.:*

Blessed are You, O Lord, who has created forces beyond your control.

*On not being recognized:*

Blessed are You, O Lord, who has given me another face.

*On standing before a tree that bends with fruit:*

Blessed are You, O Lord, who burdens my heart with joy.

*On being unable to sleep:*

Blessed are You, O Lord, who gives the night legs.

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