

Jewish Prayer for Rain



When I call out the Name of HASHEM, ascribe greatness to our God.

My Lord, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise!

Blessed are You, HASHEM, our God and the God of our forefathers, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob; the great, mighty, and awesome God, the supreme God, Who bestows beneficial kindnesses and creates everything, Who recalls the kindnesses of the Patriarchs and brings a Redeemer to their children's children, for His Name's sake, with love. O King, Helper, Savior, and Shield!

Af-Bri is designated as the name of the angel of rain;

to thicken and to form clouds, to empty them and to cause rain.

Water with which to crown the valley's vegetation

— may it not be withheld because of our unredeemed debt.

In the merit of the faithful Patriarchs protect the ones who pray for rain.

Blessed are You, HASHEM, Shield of Abraham.

You are eternally mighty, my Lord, the Resuscitator of the dead are You;

abundantly able to save.

May He obligate [the Angel Af-Bri] to give us portions of the

segregated rain, to soften the wasteland's face when it is dry as rock.

With water You symbolized Your might in Scripture

to soothe with its drops those in whom was blown a soul,
to keep alive the ones who recall the strengths of the rain.

Our God and the God of our forefathers:

Remember the Patriarch [Abraham]
who was drawn behind You like water.
You blessed him like a tree replanted alongside streams of water.
You shielded him, You rescued him from fire and from water.
You tested him when he sowed upon all waters.

Congregation: For his sake, do not hold water back!

Remember the one [Isaac] born with the tidings of,
'Let some water be brought.'
You told his father to slaughter him — to spill his blood like water.
He too was scrupulous to pour his heart like water.
He dug and discovered wells of water.

Congregation: For the sake of his righteousness, grant abundant water!

Remember the one [Jacob] who carried his staff
and crossed the Jordan's water.
He dedicated his heart and rolled a stone
off the mouth of a well of water,
as when he was wrestled by an angel composed of fire and water.
Therefore You pledged to remain with him through fire and water.

Congregation: For his sake, do not hold water back!

Remember the one [Moses] drawn forth
in a bulrush basket from the water.

They said, 'He drew water and provided the sheep with water.'

At the time Your treasured people thirsted for water,
he struck the rock and out came water.

Congregation: For the sake of his righteousness, grant abundant water!

Remember the appointee [Aaron] over the Temple
who made five immersions in the water.

He went to cleanse his hands through sanctification with water.

He called out and sprinkled" [blood bringing] purity as with water.

He remained apart from a people of waterlike impetuosity.

Congregation: For his sake, do not hold water back!

Remember the twelve tribes You caused

to cross through the split waters

for whom You sweetened the water's bitter taste.

Their offspring whose blood was spilt for You like water.

Turn to us — for woes engulf our souls like water.

Congregation: For the sake of their righteousness, grant abundant water!

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Af-Bri = Angel of Rain