

Structure and Order of Daily Prayers

Vocabulary:

Zmanim זמנים: times	Shacharit שחרית: the morning prayer service. From the word “shachar” meaning “dawn”	Shevach שבח: praise	Tefillah תפילה: prayer
Bracha/Brachot ברכה/ברכות: blessing(s)	Mincha מנחה: afternoon prayer service. From the word “gift”	Hodaya הודיה: thanksgiving	Tehillim תהילים: Psalms
Hakochavim הכוכבים: the stars	Maariv מעריב: the evening prayer service. From the word “erev” meaning “evening”	Bakasha בקשה: petition or supplication	Korbanot קרבנות: offerings or sacrifices

The rabbis said Jews should attempt to say 100 blessings everyday. With that in mind, there are blessings for nearly everything that one may encounter in daily life: from the mundane blessing before eating, or washing hands, to a blessing for seeing an exceptionally strange or beautiful looking person. Daily life is demarcated by three major prayer services (Shacharit, Mincha, and Maariv), but there are opportunities to say blessings before and after all of them. Jewish prayers fall into three categories: Shevach (praise), Hodaya (thanksgiving), Bakasha (supplication) and mostly follow a fixed formula. The formulaic nature of the prayers contributes to memorization and ceremonial aspects of communal worship. The zmanim, or times, are also significant to the performance of the mitzvot of prayer, for instance, one may not recite the shema until there is enough light to recognize an acquaintance from the distance of four cubits (about seven feet). Similarly, the end of Shabbat is only recognized when three stars are visible in the night sky. Often, Mincha and Maariv are said sequentially. Given the communal nature of Judaism there are several prayers that require a minyan (10 Jewish adults, only men in many communities).

Service/Unit	Description	Text	Category	Minyan?
Shacharit				
Birkhot HaShachar				
Modeh Ani	A brief prayer recited immediately upon waking to thank God for restoring the soul.	I give thanks before You, living and eternal sovereign for You have returned within me my soul, with compassion;	Hodaya (הודאה)	

		Your faithfulness is great.		
Netilat Yadayim	The ritual washing of the hands performed after waking to prepare spiritually for the day.	Blessed are you adonai our God, sovereign of the universe Who sanctifies us with commandments and commands us concerning the washing of the hands		
Asher Yatzar	A blessing thanking God for the proper functioning of the human body, recited after using the restroom.	Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, sovereign of the universe, who has formed us in wisdom, and created within us numerous orifices and cavities. It is revealed and known before the Throne of Your Glory that if but one of them were to be blocked, or one of them were to be opened, it would be impossible to exist even for a short while. Blessed are You, Lord, who heals all flesh and performs wonders.	Hodaya (הודאה)	
Tzitzit	Blessing for putting on tzitzit (tallit katan)	Blessed are You, God, sovereign of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us regarding the commandment of fringes.		
Tallit	Blessing for putting on prayer shawl	Blessed are You, God, sovereign of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to wrap ourselves with fringes.		
Tefillin	Blessing for donning tefillin			

Elohai Neshamah	A prayer thanking God for returning the soul each morning.	The soul that You, my God, have given me is pure. You created it, You formed it, You breathed it into me, You protect it within me, and You will some day take it from my body and return it to me in the world-to-come. As long as my soul is within me, I give thanks to You Adonai, my God and the God of my ancestors, Master of all Creation, Lord of all souls. Praised are You, Adonai, Restorer of souls to bodies that have died.	Hodaya (הודאה)	
Birkhat HaTorah	Blessing for engaging in Torah	Blessed are you adonai our God, sovereign of the universe Who sanctifies us with commandments and commands us to engage in words of Torah.		
Hanoten LaSechvi Vinah	A blessing thanking God for giving the rooster understanding to distinguish day from night.	Blessed are you, God, Sovereign of the universe, who has given the rooster understanding to distinguish day from night.	Hodaya (הודאה)	
Shelo Asani Goy	Blessings thanking God for one's covenantal obligations and identity in traditional Jewish practice.	Blessed are you, God, Sovereign of the universe, who did not make me a Gentile.	Hodaya (הודאה)	
Shelo Asani Aved	Blessings thanking God for one's covenantal obligations and identity in traditional Jewish practice.	Blessed are you, God, Sovereign of the universe, who did not make a slave.	Hodaya (הודאה)	
Shelo Asani Ishah	Blessings thanking God for one's covenantal obligations and identity in traditional Jewish practice.	Men say > Blessed are you, God, Sovereign of the universe, who did not make me a woman Women say > Blessed are you, God, Sovereign of the universe, who made me according to Your will	Hodaya (הודאה)	
Pokeach Ivrim	A blessing thanking God for giving sight to the blind.	Blessed are you, God, Sovereign of the universe,	Shevach (שבח)	

		who opens the eyes of the blind.		
Malbish Arumim	A blessing thanking God for clothing the naked.	Blessed are you, God, Sovereign of the universe, who clothes the naked.	Shevach (שבח)	
Matir Asurim	A blessing thanking God for freeing the bound.	Blessed are you, God, Sovereign of the universe, who releases the bound.	Shevach (שבח)	
Zokef Kefufim	A blessing thanking God for straightening those who are bent over.	Blessed are you, God, Sovereign of the universe, who lifts up the bent.	Shevach (שבח)	
Roka HaAretz Al HaMayim	A blessing thanking God for establishing the earth upon the waters.	Blessed are you, God, Sovereign of the universe, who spreads out the land over the waters.	Shevach (שבח)	
HaMechin Mitzadei Gaver	A blessing thanking God for directing human footsteps.	Blessed are you, God, Sovereign of the universe, who guides a person's steps.	Shevach (שבח)	
SheAsa Li Kol Tzork	A blessing thanking God for providing all daily needs.	Blessed are you, God, Sovereign of the universe, who provides for all of my needs.	Hodaya (הודאה)	
Ozer Yisrael BiGevurah	A blessing thanking God for strengthening Israel with might.	Blessed are you, God, Sovereign of the universe, who girds Israel with strength.	Shevach (שבח)	
Oter Yisrael BeTifarah	A blessing thanking God for crowning Israel with glory.	Blessed are you, God, Sovereign of the universe, who crowns Israel with splendor.	Shevach (שבח)	
HaMa'avir Sheinah MeEinai	A concluding blessing asking God to remove sleep and grant clarity, Torah, and protection throughout the day.	Blessed are you, God, Sovereign of the universe, who removes sleep from my eyes and slumber from my eyelids	Bakasha (בקשה)	
Korbanot – Daily Offerings	The verses describing the daily offerings are said after alot hashachar, the time when the actual offerings in the Temple could be brought.			
Rabbi's Kaddish	A version of the Kaddish prayer recited after studying Torah or rabbinic teachings. It includes special prayers for rabbis, students,		Shevach (שבח)	Y

	and the Jewish community.			
Pesukei Dezimra	<p>Psalms and praises that prepare the worshipper spiritually before the formal prayers. Hodu:</p> <p>Baruch She'amar: The blessing that formally begins the section of praise.</p> <p>Ashrei: A central psalm of praise emphasizing trust in God's providence.</p> <p>Yishtabach: The blessing concluding the Pesukei D'Zimra section.</p>		Shevach (שבח)	
Half Kaddish	Shorter form of the Kaddish		Shevach (שבח)	Y
Barkhu	Call to prayer		Shevach (שבח)	Y
Shema	Central prayer, statement of faith.		Shevach (שבח)	
Amidah	The silent standing prayer that serves as the spiritual centerpiece of every Jewish service.		Bakasha (בקשה)	Y (repetition)
Tachanun	Supplicatory prayers expressing humility and repentance, recited on most weekdays.		Bakasha (בקשה)	
Torah Reading (Monday, Thursday, Shabbat)				Y
Ashrei	Ashrei is a Jewish prayer of praise centered on Psalm 145, celebrating God's compassion, kingship, and care for all creation.		Shevach (שבח)	
Uva Letzion	Liturgical piece, "redeemer will come to zion"		Shevach (שבח)	
Kaddish Shalem	A sanctification of God's name recited in several forms throughout the service.		Shevach (שבח)	Y
Shir Shel Yom	The psalm designated for the specific day of the week.		Shevach (שבח)	
Aleinu	A concluding prayer affirming God's sovereignty and the hope for universal recognition of Him.		Shevach (שבח)	
Mourner's Kaddish	Doxology recited by mourners in memory of deceased relatives.			Y
Mincha				
Ashrei	Ashrei is a Jewish prayer of praise			

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Half Kaddish	Shorter form of the Kaddish			Y
Amidah	The silent standing prayer that serves as the spiritual centerpiece of every Jewish service.		Bakasha (בקשה)	(repetition)
Tachanun	Supplicatory prayers expressing humility and repentance, recited on most weekdays.		Bakasha (בקשה)	
Aleinu	A concluding prayer affirming God's sovereignty. This is often omitted if followed immediately by maariv.		Shevach (שבח)	
Mourner's Kaddish	Doxology recited by mourners in memory of deceased relatives		Shevach (שבח)	Y
Maariv				
Half Kaddish	Shorter version of Kaddish		Shevach (שבח)	Y
Barkhu	Call to prayer		Shevach (שבח)	Y
Shema	Central prayer, statement of faith			
Hashkiveinu	Prayer for safe sleep		Bakasha (בקשה)	
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Aleinu	A concluding prayer affirming God's sovereignty and the hope for universal recognition of Him.		Shevach (שבח)	
Kaddish	Doxology		Shevach (שבח)	Y
Bedtime Shema	Kriat Shema al Hamitah, is an extended version of the traditional Shema prayer and is recited before going to sleep.		Bakasha (בקשה)	
Hamapil	A bedtime prayer for peaceful sleep and divine protection.		Bakasha (בקשה)	