

Lesser Known Brachot: Opportunities to Say a Blessing

The 100 Blessings Project

Blessing Upon Hearing Good News

Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam, hatov v'hameitiv.

Blessed are you, HaShem, our God, King of the Universe, the Good and the Doer of good.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם הַטוֹב וְהַמְטִיב.

Blessing Upon Hearing Bad News

Baruch dayan ha'emet
Blessed is the true judge

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי,
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
דֵּין הָאֱמֶת:

Blessing Upon Seeing a Rainbow

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melech zoher habrit vne'eman bivrito v'kayam b'ma'amaro.
Blessed are You, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who remembers the covenant, and is

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, זוֹכֵר הַבְּרִית
וְנֶאֱמַן בְּבְרִיתוֹ וְקַיָּם בְּמֵאֲמָרוֹ:

Blessing When the World Shakes (ie with Thunder)

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha'olam shekohcho u'gvuratom mahlay olam.
Blessed are You, G-d our L-rd, King of the universe Whose power and might fill the world

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שְׂפָחוֹ וְגִבּוֹרָתוֹ
מִלֵּא עוֹלָם:

Blessing Upon Seeing Lighting or a Shooting Star, or Other Natural Wonder

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu
melech ha'olam oseh ma'aseh
bereshit.

Blessed are You, G-d our L-rd,
King of the universe who
performs the work of creation

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, עֹשֶׂה מַעֲשֵׂה
בְּרֵאשִׁית:

Blessing Upon Encountering a Wise Person

Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu
melech ha-olam, she natan
maychachmatch l'vassar vadam
Blessed are You, LORD, our God,
King of the Universe, who has
imparted wisdom to flesh and
blood.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁנָּתַן
מִחֲכָמָתוֹ לְבָשָׂר וְדָם

Blessing Upon Seeing an Unusual Creature

Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu
melech ha-olam, m'shaneh
habriyot.

Blessed are You, LORD, our God,
King of the Universe, who makes
creatures different.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
מְשַׁנֵּה הַבְּרִיּוֹת

Blessing Upon Seeing Something Beautiful

Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu
melech ha-olam, she kacha loh
b'olamoh.

Blessed are You, LORD, our God,
King of the Universe, who has
such things in his world.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁכַּח לוֹ בְּעוֹלָמוֹ

Blessing Before Taking a Trip

Y'hi ratzon milfanekha A-donai E-loheinu ve-lohei avoteinu she-tolikhenu l'shalom v'tatz'idenu l'shalom (If you intend to return immediately, add: vesachazireinu leshalom) v'tism'chenu l'shalom, v'tadrikhenu l'shalom, v'tagi'enu limhoz heftzenu l'hayim ul-simha ul-shalom. V'tatzilenu mi-kaf kol oyev v'orev v'listim v'hayot ra'ot ba-derekh, u-mi-kol minei pur'aniyot hamitrag'shot la-vo la-olam. V'tishlah b'rakha b'khol ma'a'se yadeinu v'tit'nenu l'hen ul-hesed ul-rahamim b'einekha uv-einei khol ro'einu. V'tishma kol tahanuneinu ki E-l sho'me'a t'fila v'tahanun ata. Barukh ata A-donai sho'me'a t'fila.

May it be Your will, Lord, our God and the God of our ancestors, that You lead us toward peace, guide our footsteps toward peace, and make us reach our desired destination for life, gladness, and peace. (If one intends to return immediately, one adds: and return us in peace). May You rescue us from the hand of every foe and ambush, from robbers and wild beasts on the trip, and from all manner of punishments that assemble to come to earth. May You send blessing in our handiwork, and grant us grace, kindness and mercy in Your eyes and in the eyes of all who see us. May You hear the sound of our humble request because You are God Who hears prayer requests. Blessed are You, Lord, Who hears prayer.

Blessing Upon Smelling Something Fragrant

Baruch atah, Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha'olam, boray minay vesamim.

Blessed are You, God, our Lord, King of the universe, Creator of the different spices.

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְפָּנֶיךָ ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ,
שֶׁתּוֹלִיכֵנו לְשָׁלוֹם וְתַצְעִידֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם.
(וְאִם דַּעְתּוֹ לְחֹזֵר מִיַּד אֹמֵר:
וְתַחְזִירֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם)
וְתַסְמְכֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם. וְתַדְרִיכֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם.
וְתַגִּיעֵנוּ לְמַחֲזֹז חֶפְצֵנוּ לְחַיִּים וְלִשְׂמֻחָה וְלִשְׁלוֹם
וְתַצִּילֵנוּ מִכָּף כָּל אוֹיֵב וְאוֹרֵב וְלִסְטִים
וְחַיּוֹת רָעוֹת בַּדֶּרֶךְ וּמְכַל מִיַּי פְּרַעַנִיּוֹת
הַמְתַּרְגְּשׁוֹת לְבוֹא לְעוֹלָם
וְתִשְׁלַח בְּרָכָה בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׂה יָדֵינוּ,
וְתַתְּנֵנוּ לַחֵן וְלַחֶסֶד וְלִרְחֻמִּים בְּעֵינֶיךָ
וּבְעֵינֵי כָל רוֹאֵינוּ וְתִשְׁמַע קוֹל תַּחֲנוּנֵינוּ.
כִּי אֱלֹהֵי שׁוֹמֵעַ תְּפִלָּה וְתַחֲנוּן אַתָּה:
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', שׁוֹמֵעַ תְּפִלָּה.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא
מִיַּי בְּשָׁמִים.