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The Prayer of Rabbi Yishmael the Kohen Gadol

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To be recited daily, after one has finished the morning service, Shaharit.

Rabbi Yishmael has said, whomsoever should recite this supplication everyday, his face will be bright, his awe will be upon all nature, his dreams will be gracious, Torah will be guarded in his heart for his entire life, the sins of his youth will be forgiven, he will escape from the Yetzer HaRa, from slander, from disease, from wild animals, from thieves, from snakes and scorpions, from an evil spirit, demon or harmful spirit, from all enemies, and from all who would hate him. One will be successful in one's business.

Please, Adonai, G-d of Yisrael, great and awesome King, Sage of secrets, Revealer of the concealed, Speaker of mysteries, Governor of those above, Ruler of those below, He who is close to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth, He who saves the poor from he who is stronger than he, and the poor and destitute from the one who would steal from him, turn to the prayer and supplication of your servant, for I am poor and destitute.

May it be acceptable before You, Adonai, our G-d, and G-d of our fathers that you guard me from all evil, for You are the Guardian of Yisrael. Say to those who trouble me, enough! Save me from every anguish and distress, from all bad tidings, and from shame, and embarrassment, from the wrath of men, and from the disgrace of the people, from every obstacle, from every plague, stumbling block, and from every evil occurrence, from the evil eye, and from slander. Save me from the evil inclination, from violence, from harm, and from all anger, and decrees that are in the world, from every sin, and transgression, and from guilt and evil. Amen, may it be Your Will.

May it be acceptable before You, Adonai, our G-d, and G-d of our fathers that you fight my soul's fight by day, and with the accusers of my soul by night. Take my revenge upon them. Shorten their days, and fill all their sins with evil. May they all in a moment be lost, and speedily and soon be cut off from the world. Send fear, and great darkness, tremendous slumber, panic, insanity, blindness, and loss of heart upon my enemies and those who hate me, and upon all those who trouble, accuse, and denounce me, or the members of my family, be it a man or woman, be it demon, poltergeist, male or female evil spirits, as it is written,

Ti'pol Aley'hem Ey'matah Wa'fahad Big'dol Z'ro'akha Yid'mu Ka'aven. Ka'aven Yid'mu Z'ro'akha Big'dol Wa'fahad Ey'matah Aley'hem Ti'pol. "Let fall upon them awe and fear, by Your great Arm, silence them as is a stone."

May all who rise up against me for evil have their counsel thwarted, and their thoughts destroyed. May your authority and fear be upon them, that they may be silent before me, and protect me if they have placed the evil eye upon me, G-d forbid.

May it be acceptable before You, Adonai, our G-d, and G-d of our fathers that you silence their lips from speaking, blind their eyes from seeing, deafen their ears from hearing, let their thighs continually be weak, let their sword come into their own hearts, and the power of their bows be broken. May they be embarrassed, and not me. May they be pressed, and not me, as it is written,

Kumah Adonai W'ya'futzu Oye'vekha W'ya'nusu M'san'ekha Mi'pan'ekha.

"Rise up Adonai, and let your enemies be scattered, and those that hate You flee from before You." Amen, may it be Your Will.

May it be acceptable before You, Adonai, our G-d, and G-d of our fathers that you send awe and fear on the populace. Decree upon them to do my will as my soul desires, with a pure heart. Fulfill in us that which is written, "And all the people of the land shall see that the Name of HaShem is called upon you, and they shall be in awe of you." It also says, "No one shall stand before you, the fear of you, and your authority will HaShem your G-d place upon all the land that you go there, even as He has spoken to you". Amen, may it be your Will.

May it be acceptable before You, Adonai, our G-d, and G-d of our fathers, G-d of Avraham, Yitzhak, and Ya'akov, that You open my heart to your Torah. Give me knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. Have mercy upon me, and enlighten my eyes with wisdom. In your compassion, teach me the aspects of Your wisdom, let me understand the depths of Your Torah. Reveal to me the hidden secrets, so that with Your help I will not be shamed in the presence of the wise of Your people, or disgraced amongst the pious of Your congregation. Unify the intentions of my heart

with that which I speak, and help me to learn, to teach, to observe, perform, and fulfill all the words of the teachings of Your Torah, with love. Amen, may it be Your Will.

May it be acceptable before You, Adonai, our G-d, and G-d of our fathers, G-d of the merkava that you save me from hunger, thirst and nakedness. Provide for me my daily portion of bread. Sustain me with ease and not difficulty, by that which is permitted, and not by that which is forbidden, in abundance, and not with constraint. Fill me which the richness that comes from Your Hand. Send me blessing, and prosperity in my business, interests, and all the works of my hands that I might have. May I find love, grace, compassion and mercy in your eyes, and in the eyes of all that see me, acknowledge me, and know me. Amen, may it be Your Will.

May it be acceptable before you, ministering angels, holy and pure, that you do for me, and my family a great mercy. For the sake of the holiness of Adonai, and for the sake of His holy and pure Torah, and for the sake of your holiness, may you stand before Adonai, G-d of Yisrael, the King who sits upon the throne of Mercy, with requests and supplications to hear my prayer, and my supplication so as to do what I ask and request every single day. May He forgive my sins, transgressions, and blemishes, that I have sinned, transgressed, and blemished before Him, whether I've done so by will, or under pressure, intentionally or unintentionally, hidden or secret, with intention, or without any intention, whether it be in speech or action, thought or idea from now and forever more. Amen, may it be G-d's Will.

I ask of you ministering angels, holy and pure, separate in cleanliness, that you do for me grace, mercy and great compassion in merit of the great holy name Akatrikel who sits amongst the praises of Yisrael, and by the merit of the seventy-two holy and pure Names that you take the supernal keys with the permission of the Holy One, blessed be He, and open for me the gates of grace, mercy, and compassion, the gates of peace, the gates of fulfillment, the gates of knowledge, understanding, wisdom, and enlightenment, the gates of wealth, and honor, the gates of return, and the gates of salvation.

May I find grace and mercy in your eyes and in the eyes of all that see me, acknowledge me, and know me. Prosper me, help me, that all my works may be for good. When I lay down, let me not be afraid, as it is written, "If you lie down, you shall not be afraid, you shall lie down, and your years shall be peaceful."

May my years be sweet as honey, like the best honeycomb. May You be with me, as a help, to enable me, and save me, to lean upon you, as the length of the summer days, and the fullness of the moon. Amen, may it be G-d's Will. May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable before You, Adonai, my rock and redeemer.

May it be acceptable before You, Adonai, our G-d, and G-d of our fathers, that You save me from the evil inclination, and from all sorrow, and grief. May there not be heard crying and yelling in my house. Let me go forth from peace to peace.

May I find grace, and mercy in Your eyes, and in the eyes of all that behold me. Act with me in accordance to Your aspects of mercy, and grace. Have pity on me, and allow me to merit to behold the light of life. May You act towards me with charity, for the sake of Your Name, for the sake of Your covenant, for the sake of Avraham, Yitzhak, and Ya'akov Your servants, for the sake of Moshe, Aharon, David, Shlomo, and Eliyahu, Your chosen one, for the sake of the Throne of Glory, and for the sake of Your Shekhina.

Redeem me from all bad and evil edicts that shall come into the world. Save me in Your great mercy from all trouble, and sorrows. Ordain for me good edicts, and guard me from all evil. Nullify the thoughts of those that hate me, destroy the counsel of my enemies.

Fulfill all my requests for good, as it is written:

"He will give to you, as your heart desires. All your counsel He will establish."

"Save me, Adonai from an evil man, guard me from a man of violence."

"Hear me Adonai, and be gracious to me, Adonai has always been a help to me."

"Be with me as my help, to enable me, to save me, and redeem me."

"Return Adonai, redeem my soul, save me for the sake of Your mercy."

"And you are peace, and your house is peace, and all you have is peace."

"May the words of my mouth, and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable before You, Adonai, my rock, and redeemer."