

We invoke the memories of our spiritual and physical mothers and fathers who made us, the fathers and the mothers who made them and the fathers and the mothers who made them.

We are the product of all of our ancestors as we stand here in their light before You who made us all.

Each of them sought You and found You in their lives in different ways. No two of them experienced You the same way. They are the voices behind us.

May we learn from them to value and honor the differences among us in how we seek You.

May we learn from them that no matter how we seek You, it is the same You we are seeking.



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אבות

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ, אֱלֹהֵי
 אַבְרָהָם, אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק, וְאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב, אֱלֹהֵי שָׂרָה, אֱלֹהֵי רִבְקָה,
 אֱלֹהֵי לֵאָה, וְאֱלֹהֵי רָחֵל. הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֲלִיּוֹן,
 גּוֹמֵל חַסְדִּים טוֹבִים, וְקוֹנֵה הַכּוֹל, וְזוֹכֵר חַסְדֵי אֲבוֹת וְאִמּוֹת,
 וּמְבִיא גְאֻלָּה לְבָנֵי בְנֵיהֶם לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה:

Baruch ata Adonai, Ehloheinu, veilohei avoteinu ve-imoteinu: Elohei Avraham, Elohei Yitzchak, vEilohei Ya-akov. Elohei Sarah, Elohei Rivkah, Elohei Lei-ah, vEilohei Racheil. Ha-eil hagadol hagibor vehanora, eil elyon, gomeil chasadim tovim vekonei hakol, V'zocheir chasdei avot v'imahot, Umeivi g'ula livnei V'neihem, lema-an sh'mo, ba-ahava:

A Source of Blessing are you, Adonai our God and God of our Fathers and our Mothers. God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob, God of Sarah, God of Rebecca, God of Rachel and God of Leah. Great God, powerful and awesome, God of the Highest, who bestows kindness and goodness, master of all, who remembers the good deeds of our fathers and mothers and brings redemption to the children of their children for God's sake with love.

