PRAYER

Death of a TWIN

Ephesians 6:10-11, 18 “10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the LORD, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of GOD, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 18 Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (GOD’s consecrated people).”
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These prayers have been written according to personal opinions and convictions, which are gathered from many counseling sessions and our interpretation of the Word of GOD, the Bible.

In no way have these prayers been written to discriminate against any persons, churches, organizations, and/or political parties. We ask therefore that you handle this book in the same manner.

What does it mean to renounce something?

To renounce means to speak of one’s self. If something has been renounced it has been rejected, cut off, or the individual is refusing to follow or obey. Other words that fit with the subject of renunciations include refuse, repudiate, and resist. It is a joy to realize that by the act of our repentance, we can appropriate the finished work of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus). His shed Blood reverses all curses.

Scripture says:

Proverbs 28:13 “13 He who covers his transgressions will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes his sins will obtain mercy.”

We have seen the effect in so many people’s lives of confessing, repenting, and turning away from the idolatry and demonic covenants that have permeated their very existence, unbeknown to them. The fact that this exists is truly an evil demonic plot against the Body of Messiah.

2 Corinthians 4:2 “2 We have renounced disgraceful ways (secret thoughts, feelings, desires and underhandedness, the methods and arts that men hide through shame); we refuse to deal craftily (to practice trickery and cunning) or to adulterate or handle dishonestly the Word of GOD, but we state the truth openly (clearly and candidly). And so we commend ourselves in the sight and presence of GOD to every man’s conscience.”

Y’shua (Jesus) calls us to be actively engaged seeking freedom and wholeness, no matter what our life experiences.

GOD’s Word gives us a promise:

Isaiah 54:17 “17 But no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall show to be in the wrong. This [peace, righteousness, security, triumph over opposition] is the heritage of the servants of the LORD [those in whom the ideal Servant of the LORD is reproduced]; this is the righteousness or the vindication which they obtain from Me [this is that which I impart to them as their justification], says the LORD.”

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Guidelines for using the prayers of renunciation …

The Book of James highlights very clearly for us that there is a two-fold step in order to be released from all bondages.

*James 4:7* “7 So be subject to GOD. Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will flee from you.”

The two-legged renunciation of occultic involvement is:

1. **Confession of involvement.**

To confess involvement, the prayer is read out loud, preferably with one or more witnesses present, as well as with a trained counselor. The reason for this is so that the individual will have a memorial of remembrance of the renunciation prayer. These prayers are similar to proclamations … as such we encourage you to declare them boldly and in faith, covered by the Blood of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus).

*James 5:16* “16 Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].”

Only half of the renunciation process has been completed at this stage. The next part is very important. This is where the counselor is essential.

2. **Warfare … resist the enemy.**

The counselor now comes in agreement with the individual and conducts spiritual warfare against the kingdom of darkness as the Holy Spirit leads to deal with each one of the elements that is contained in the prayer.

In writing these prayers, we have tried to highlight or bold certain key words — such as the powers of darkness involved and the effects of involvement — that we feel are important, and which need to be specially addressed.

The powers are rebuked, bound, uprooted from the bloodline, and commanded to become a footstool to the Messiah Y’shua (Jesus). Remember to also cut the individual loose from the man-made laws and institutions of the organization/s involved.

These prayers are however only a *guideline*.

If there are concepts or sections that the Holy Spirit highlights for you as you pray, then we encourage you to address these, and ask the Holy Spirit to direct you on how to bring the breakthrough.
Remember, He is our Perfect Teacher and Counselor!

**Psalm 110:1** “THE LORD (GOD) says to my Lord (the Messiah), Sit at My right hand, until I make Your adversaries Your footstool. [Matt. 26:64; Acts 2:34; 1 Cor. 15:25; Col. 3:1; Heb. 12:2.]”

**Hebrews 1:13, 10:13** “13 Besides, to which of the angels has He ever said, Sit at My right hand [associated with Me in My royal dignity] till I make your enemies a stool for your feet? [Ps. 110:1.] 13 Then to wait until His enemies should be made a stool beneath His feet. [Ps. 110:1.]”

3. Restoration with the Kingdom of GOD.

Finally, the individual must choose to submit under the Law of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus).

**Galatians 3:10** “10 And all who depend on the Law [who are seeking to be justified by obedience to the Law of rituals] are under a curse and doomed to disappointment and destruction, for it is written in the Scriptures, Cursed (accursed, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment) be everyone who does not continue to abide (live and remain) by all the precepts and commands written in the Book of the Law and to practice them.”

In conclusion, we leave you with the blessing commanded by the FATHER … May He be your Shield, your Light, and Shalom (Peace). May He grant you the victory in all things, that you may learn of His Ways, and SH’MA¹ (hear and do).

**Blessings!**

¹ For additional study, please see the article “Sh’ma — A Hebraic Concept That Everyone Can Embrace” written by William G. Bullock, Sr., available from the website.
Declaration² of CONFIDENCE in GOD’s Protection

No weapon that is formed against us shall prosper and every tongue, which rises against us in judgment, we do condemn. This is our heritage as servants of the LORD, and our righteousness is from You, O LORD of Hosts. If there are those who have been speaking or praying against us, or seeking harm or evil to us, or who have rejected us, we forgive them and, having forgiven them, we bless them in the Name of the LORD.

Matthew 5:43-45 “43 You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy; 44 But I tell you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 To show that you are the children of your FATHER Who is in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the wicked and on the good, and makes the rain fall upon the upright and the wrongdoers [alike].”

Romans 12:14 “14 Bless those who persecute you [who are cruel in their attitude toward you]; bless and do not curse them.”

Now we declare, O LORD, that You and You alone are our GOD, and besides You there is no other — a just GOD and Saviour, the FATHER, the Son and the Spirit — and we worship You!

We submit ourselves afresh to You this day in unreserved obedience. Having submitted to You, LORD, we do as Your Word directs. We resist the devil — all his pressures, his attacks, and his deceptions, every instrument or agent he would seek to use against us. We do not submit! We resist him, drive him from us and exclude him from us in the Name of Y’shua (Jesus). Specifically, we reject and repel infirmity, pain, infection, inflammation, malignancies, allergies, viruses and every form of witchcraft.

Finally, LORD, we thank You that through the sacrifice of Y’shua (Jesus) on the cross, we have passed out from under the curse and entered into the blessing of Abraham, whom You blessed in all things — exaltation, health, reproduction, prosperity, victory and GOD’s Favour.

Galatians 3:13-14 “13 Christ purchased our freedom [redeeming us] from the curse (doom) of the Law [and its condemnation] by [Himself] becoming a curse for us, for it is written [in the Scriptures], Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree (is crucified); 14 To the end that through [their receiving] Christ Jesus, the blessing [promised] to Abraham might come upon the Gentiles, so that we through faith might [all] receive [the realization of] the promise of the [Holy] Spirit.”

AMEN!

² Written by Derek and Ruth Prince
Sealing-Off Prayer BEFORE Deliverance

Dear Heavenly FATHER, we come to You in the Name of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ) of Nazareth. We thank You that You are GOD Almighty and that You are The Great I AM.

We thank You that You have given us the Holy Spirit to be the Counsellor, Standby, Advocate, Teacher, the Deliverer.

We thank You for Your Presence and for Your Deliverance Anointing — it is the Anointing that will break the yoke.

Come and fill us with Your Spirit, Compassion, Love, Discernment, Word of Knowledge, Wisdom, Interpretation, and Insight.

We as Your children choose to crucify the flesh so that nothing from ourselves will be transferred here. We clothe ourselves with Your Priestly Garments to fulfill the calling You have upon our lives. Open our spiritual eyes and ears FATHER.

Thank You FATHER, that You have given us all the power over the enemy and that nothing shall in any way harm us.

Luke 10: 19 “19 Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]; and nothing shall in any way harm you.”

We forbid any interference with the work of the Holy Spirit.

FATHER, we come against any communication lines (according to Ephesians 6:12) between, the powers, world-rulers, principalities, spiritual hosts, and demonic hosts in the air, earth, heavenlies, and under the earth. We close off all entrances and exits, in the Name of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ).

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3 Y’shua (Hebrew) is Jesus’ real name, which means “Salvation”. We have no problem with the name “Jesus” — it is merely the Greek transliteration of “Y’shua”. Jesus is the name most of us grew up with. Remember though, Y’shua was a Jew, of the Tribe of Judah, not a Greek. It’s sort of like this ... when you come to know someone’s real name, you want to use it, hence the use of Y’shua instead of Jesus. Another powerful reason to use Y’shua is that every time you say His Name, you are proclaiming “Salvation”. You will also note in some places, we have used the real Name of the FATHER, YHVH. The Name is made up of the Hebrew letters, Yod-Hey-Vav-Hey, and is most commonly pronounced “Yahweh” or “Jehovah”. Again, we have chosen to use this, as YHVH is the FATHER’s Name.
We ask that all spiritual cameras and recorders be smashed in Name of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ). We come against any witches, witch doctors, magicians, and wizards in the Name of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ). We cut off all communication with satan himself and close the doors in the Name of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ).

We forbid any spirit from the outside to enter this place for whatever reason, and we forbid any evil spirit to be sent to any other place or person as a result of what happens here.

We now forbid any reinforcement of power from the side of satan in the Name of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ). FATHER, we ask for confusion into the enemy’s camp.

FATHER we ask You to set up Your warring angels in this room and arrest any human spirit, dead human spirit, spirit guide, familiar spirit … and remove them to become the footstool of our King Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ).

We bind every evil spirit in this place and forbid any violence, manifestations, and tormenting in the Name of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ).

We refuse any meditation circles — isolate any power of demonic forces from each other in the Name of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ).

We forbid and bind any hypnosis and self-hypnosis, meditation, physic powers in the Name of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ) of Nazareth. We isolate the powers one from another in Name of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ).

We cleanse the four elements — water, air, fire, and earth — with the Blood of Name of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ).

We ask You, FATHER, to cover all mirrors with Your Blood and seal off the gateways in Name of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ).

We come against any spells, rituals, incantations, hexes, sacrifices, curses, or altars raised up against us and the person.

Thank You that You blow out all candles which may have been lit in rituals against us in Name of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ). Thank You that all curses are reversed into blessings.

FATHER, we ask that You seal off this room with Your Precious Blood, that You will hide us in the Spirit and declare this room as holy ground.

FATHER, we ask You to send Your ministering angels to come and minister to us in Name of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ) according to:
Hebrews 1:14 “14 Are not the angels all ministering spirits (servants) sent out in the service of God for the assistance of those who are to inherit salvation?”

We surrender to You, Holy Spirit of God, because we know that it is not by might, nor by power, but by Your Spirit (Zechariah 4:6) says the Father!

We ask that You cover our loved ones and we place all circumstances under Your Control and Protection (our finances, marriages, relationships, ministries). We now bind satan’s kingdom here on earth just as it is bound in heaven.

We ask You Father to prepare the heavenly courtroom and that all the demons and familiar spirits come and take their places.

We ask You Father to be the Judge, Y’shua (Jesus) the Advocate, and the Holy Spirit the Witness.

Thank You for Your Word:

Revelation 12:11 “11 And they have overcome (conquered) him by means of the blood of the Lamb and by the utterance of their testimony, for they did not love and cling to life even when faced with death [holding their lives cheap till they had to die for their witnessing].”

… we have overcome the enemy by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony!

In the Name of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus),

AMEN!
Twins in the Womb: Chimera Twins
Vanishing Twins, and Spirit/Soul Mates
(Better Relationships with Martyn Carruthers)

The idea of vanishing twins may have began in ancient Greece. Plato wrote that we are born perfect, and then split in half by Zeus. He described human loneliness, our desire for lost perfection and our search for a twin soul ... sometimes called a twin flame.

“... and when one of them meets the other half, the actual half of himself, the pair are lost in an amazement of love and friendship and intimacy and one will not be out of the other's sight even for a moment ...” (Plato)

If a multiple conception results in one living child, that child might feel that an important person is missing ... and search for a missing soul twin or soul mate. The search for a soul mate is common amongst people who believe that finding an ideal counterpart will bring happiness and fulfilment.

During this search, a sequence of potential perfect partners may be found - and, after some time, each is rejected as inadequate. This transference of a missing or imaginary twin onto real people, and the subsequent rejection of those same people, can cause suffering for self and others.

Human twins are famous for a closeness that seems to begin in their mother's womb. Although twins may forget their early intrauterine experience, twins appear to have strong bonds throughout life.

NOTE ON DID/SRA: We have thought to add this information because of the many medical experiments that have been done on twins (Joseph Mengele) and the occultic beliefs around this subject. It is also very common to find that the survivor was one of a twin where the twin was sacrificed in the womb to enforce specific curses on the surviving twin. It can also happen that one of the twins will be removed by the programmers at birth, and then raised for satan. Cross-programming takes place between the twins at rituals – they will continue to long for the other twin although they don’t know each other in the natural. The same can happen when more babies (two, three, four, etc.) are formed out of ONE conception – the babies are separated from one another, and given to chosen parents who are also part of the satanic cult. Each baby is then programmed according to the plan that satan has for that child’s future in his kingdom. They will remained connected to each other in the spirit and cross-programming will also take place between them.
In the event of the loss of a twin in the womb, the surviving twin may experience consequences sometimes called vanishing twin syndrome.

Although ultrasound technology can identify twins early in pregnancy, many doctors don't tell the mothers, and may not record the twins' existence. Doctors may prefer to avoid triggering feelings of grief and loss in mothers whose later ultrasound scans will show mostly singletons.

When a twin disappears, the surviving twin may develop emotional problems, even if the child is not told that a twin vanished. Dr. William Baldwin, wrote in "Spirit Releasement Therapy" that a dead twin attaches its spirit to the surviving twin. Dr. Alice Rose wrote in "Coping with Eating Disabilities" that some eating disorders are the result of a twin dying in the womb due to competition for nourishment.

Dr. Michael Newton, author of "Destiny of Souls" disagrees with the concept of twin souls (spirits). He reports that his clients have "primary soul-mates" rather than twin souls.

### In Vitro Fertilization (IVF)

The term in-vitro is from Latin, meaning "in glass." Couples who cannot conceive naturally may have ova from the woman fertilized in vitro in an IVF laboratory, usually with the husband's sperm. A few of the embryos are then implanted in the woman's uterus. Most of these embryos die or are discarded - very few are allowed to develop into a foetus and eventually into a new-born baby.\(^5\)

Unwanted embryo are often garbage, and although their stem cells may be extracted for research, hundreds of thousands of embryo die in IVF clinics. (After we have coached people created in vitro, we will publish methods for recognizing and resolving any emotional and behavioral consequences of IVF.)

### Vanishing Twins

Vanishing twin syndrome was described by Dr. Stoeckel in 1945 as multiple gestation with subsequent disappearance of one or more foetus. Vanishing twin syndrome is more often diagnosed if ultrasound was used during early pregnancy. Some twins die or vanish in the womb before birth and some twins die during or shortly after birth. Perhaps 30% of all single births were once twins.

\(^5\) There are also known cases where two, three, four, five, six, etc. babies are conceived and then born to parents. We often hear about these large families, and there are even TV programs made about their family life.
The death of a foetal twin is a high risk factor for cerebral palsy. When a fraternal twin dies in the womb, the prevalence of cerebral palsy in a surviving twin is increased by a factor of 40 (8%, compared to an overall prevalence of 0.2%), apparently due to variations in the foetal blood supply.

**Missing twin syndrome** (aka *Twin Embolization Syndrome*) is a common occurrence during the early stages of a multiple pregnancy. One foetus may be resorbed by the mother, or assimilated by the other foetus, possibly creating a chimera. Or the dead foetus may remain as a small cluster of dead tissues (*fetus papyraceous*, a paper-like foetal remnant). Occasionally, remains of the resorbed foetus are found within the surviving twin, as a *tertoma tumor*, containing bone, hair, teeth and other foetal tissues; or a baby's skeleton is seen on an x-ray of an adult. Whichever way, the vanishing twin has ... vanished.

**Are you a Chimera?**

A surviving twin may have different genetic structures in different parts of the body. If two eggs are fertilized by two sperm cells, the result is called *fraternal* twins, even if one is female. If these two embryo fuse, then only one baby develops, with body cells from two different people.

A person with **two different sets of DNA** is called a *chimera*. Some cells have the DNA of one twin and the other cells have the DNA of the other twin. *(Chimera such as human/rabbit or human/mouse hybrids are created by merging animal embryos with human stem cells.)*

If a chimera survives, the body cells work together as if they were all from the same zygote. Sometimes a chimera has *patchy skin* or *eyes of different colors*, or (rarely) is *transsexual* or *hermaphrodite*. A *blood chimera* might have blood group AB while being genetically A or B.

A human chimera may experience **a conflict of identity**. If a person has both male and female cells, *sexual confusion* or *disorientation* might be expected. Most chimera look normal - only DNA testing from multiple body parts can prove whether or not a person is a chimera.
Prayer
Father, we bring before You every ritual and curse put in place while the twins were in the womb; we ask You to dismantle every structure and claim of the cult and satan that was put in place over the life of the living twin.

In the Name of Y’shua (Jesus), we come to You and ask Your forgiveness for the deliberate murder of one of the twins in the womb.

The death of the one twin sealed the living twin to loyalty to satan and the cult. We ask You father to break this seal in the Name of Y’shua (Jesus)! We ask You to silence the blood of the dead twin crying vengeance in the spirit with the Blood of the Lamb.

We ask You to reverse every curse uttered and specifically the words:

“Bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh” ... this knitted the twins together in a very powerful way – Father, please break this demonic covenant made between the twins in the Name of Y’shua (Jesus).

We ask You to cut the spirit and soul ties still connecting the living twin with the dead twin.

We ask You to receive the spirit of the dead twin and to separate the two from one another body, soul, and spirit. We ask You to remove everything that belonged to the dead twin -- this caused so much confusion for the living twin as the two were so intertwined together.

Please remove all confusion and restore the living twin to the person You ordained him/her to be from the beginning of time. Untangle their DNA strands that got intertwined in the Name of Y’shua (Jesus).

The living twin must release the spirit of the dead twin to the LORD.

Dead human spirit attaches itself to living baby and lives its life through this baby's body as it does not have a body to express itself through. Person feels confused and does not really know who they are – especially if the twin was the opposite sex.

We ask You to restore any gender confusion if the dead twin was of the opposite sex, in the Name of Y’shua (Jesus). Please restore the balance to my hormones, Father.
Help me to find my true identity according to my DNA as You determined who I would be before the beginning of time. I choose to embrace Your plan for my life.

Deal with spirits of sacrifice, murder and death. Why did the one twin die? Umbilical cord around neck?

We take authority over the spirits of sacrifice, murder and death in the Name of Y’shua (Jesus). We strip you of your assignment, decommission you and send you to the Feet of the KING Y’shua (Jesus)!

Father, we cancel all worship that satan received through the death of the twin in the Name of Y’shua (Jesus).

I choose to forgive our parents and forefathers who were involved in satan worship and the cult, and for dedicating me to satan.

I now choose to release them and to bless them as they did not know what they were doing.

Now that I can choose, I declare that all loyalty to satan and the cult is now broken in the Name of Y’shua (Jesus)! I walk away from the altars of satan and declare a divorce from him and the cult leaders, in the Name of Y’shua (Jesus).

I will serve and worship the God of Israel YHVH ONLY – He and He alone is my God and my KING!

AMEN!
WRAPPING-UP Prayer AFTER Deliverance
(for the counsellor)

Dear Heavenly FATHER,

Thank You for the work being done here today. We pray against any whiplash, backlash, and judgment from the enemy in the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ).

We ask FATHER, that You will cut any un-Godly spirit/soul-ties formed in the spirit because of the deliverance that took place, also any transference that took place between their spirit, soul, and body to my spirit, soul and body. We plant the Cross of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) between myself and the counselee. Thank You that no transference will take place. We take Your Comprehensive Insurance for our families, relationships, and possessions.

We ask that You will cleanse and purify this property and this room with the Blood of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) of Nazareth and Your Holy Fire, that no demon will attach itself to any object and all human and dead human spirits be removed by Your escort angels to the footstool of King Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ). That all defilement be removed and swept away with Your Broom of destruction in Name of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ).

FATHER, we ask that You remove any watchdog and marker demons, that have been assigned by the kingdom of darkness to mark the property in the spirit for a counter attack through astral projection, to the Feet of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ).

We also want to declare the Kingship of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ) of Nazareth over this place and that all openings⁶ are sealed off with Your Blood.

AMEN!

Remember to go before the FATHER and shower yourself with the Water of the Word. You may also want to perform a mikvah⁷ (baptism), to symbolize a cleansing after deliverance. Remember too to enter into praise and worship and fill yourself with the FATHER’s Presence again.

⁶ Openings include telephone and fax lines, computers, water pipes and sewerage, electricity circuits, Wi-Fi networks.

⁷ For additional study, see our book “I2F Understanding Water Baptism And The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit”
In closing, after these curses have been dealt with and broken, it is very important to restore BLESSINGS ... we want to encourage fathers to take this calling seriously, and to begin BLESSING their families according to the Commandment of the LORD that the priests bless with the following blessing ...

The Priestly Blessing ...

Numbers 6:24-26

“24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: 25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: 26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.”
The Priestly Blessing ...

Hebraic Translation\(^8\)

"YHVH will kneel before you presenting gifts, and He will guard you with a hedge of protection, YHVH will illuminate the wholeness of His Being toward you, bringing order, and He will provide you with love, sustenance, and friendship, YHVH will lift up the wholeness of His Being and look upon you, and He will set in place all you need to be whole and complete."

\(^8\) Translation by Jeff A. Benner, for more information, please see [http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/12_blessing.html](http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/12_blessing.html)
The Priestly Blessing

`הברכה יוהו הכהנים:`
and may he guard you the LORD may he bless you

May the LORD bless you^2 and keep you^3 and may he guard you the LORD may he bless you

^2 The name YHVH (יהוה) represents God's attributes of love and mercy (חסד ו(CG), in contradistiction to the name Elohim (אלוה), which represents God's attribute of justice and power as our Creator.

^3 HK' (ברכה). Jewish tradition considers this both material and spiritual prosperity. Pirkei Avot 3:15 says, "If there is no flour, there is no Torah," by which is meant that material benefits are intended to help you pursue study of Torah. The first occurrence of the word "blessing" in the Scriptures pertains to pru urvu (פרע ורעו), "be fruitful and multiply" (Gen. 1:22).

^4 Shamar: To guard, protect, heed, as in the exercise of diligent care. Only God has the power to secure the conferred blessing and keep it from turning sour or from fading away.

^5 The word for "face" (面临的) is plural with the 3rd person singular ending. It is considered metaphorical since God is incorporeal. The plural form is thought by some to indicate God's revealed and hidden attributes in creation.

^6 The hiphil verb (ראה) comes from the word "light" (רה), and is thought to refer to God's wisdom. "May God enlighten you" with His wisdom, i.e., the Divine Light that preceded the work of creation (Gen. 1:3).

^7 May God grant you grace or favor (חסד), i.e., to understand the "breadth and length and height and depth" of God's love (Eph. 3:18). Grace refers to the bestowal of an undeserved gift. The blessing is bestowed even though unearned or unmerited.

^8 Since one's face is an indication of the heart's attitude, Rashi says that this means God will suppress His anger by "looking at you" (if God is angry at you, He "turns His face away" and refuses to admit your presence). The "lifting of face" also pictures God lifting you up as a father might lift up his child in joy. The "showing of face" indicates spiritual intimacy.

^9 All of the other blessings are useless without the establishment of inner peace, and therefore it is the seal of the blessing. Shalom (שלום) is not simply the absence of strife, but a balance and harmony between the finite and infinite, the temporal and the eternal, the material and the spiritual realms. Shalom is a gift from Sar Shalom (שלום השלום), the Prince of Peace.

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