

Rachel Galinne: A New Prayer

You are eternally mighty, Lord.
You give life to the dead and have great power to save.
He causes the dew to fall.
He sustains the living with loving kindness,
and with great compassion revives the dead.
He supports the fallen, heals the sick, sets captives free,
and keeps His faith with those who sleep in the dust.
Who is like you, Master of might,
And to whom can You be compared,
O King who brings death and gives life,
And makes salvation grow?
Faithful are You to revive the dead.
Blessed art You, Lord, who revives the dead.

On Rosh Hashana it is written/ and on Yom Kippur it is sealed:/
How many will pass away and how many will be born;/
who will live and who will die;/ who in his due time and who before;/
who by water and who by fire;/ who by sword and who by beast;/
who of hunger and who of thirst;/
who by earthquake and who by plague;/who by strangling and who by stoning;/
who will rest and who will wander;/who will be calm and who will be harassed;/
who will be at ease and who will suffer;/who will become poor and who will grow rich;/
who cast down and who raised high.
But REPENTANCE, PRAYER and CHARITY
Avert the evil of the decree.

And this is what he (the High Priest) would say:
Please, Lord,/ Your people, the house of Israel, have sinned,
have done wrong, have rebelled before You.
Please, by Your name,/ grant atonement, please,
For the sins and for the wrongs and the rebellions
That they have sinned, and done wrong, and rebelled before You –
Your people, the house of Israel.

God, King who sits upon a throne of compassion,
who acts with loving kindness,
who pardons the iniquities of His people,
passing them before Him in order;
who forgives sinners and pardons transgressors;
who performs righteousness with all flesh and spirit,
do not repay their bad actions in kind.

Forgive us our iniquity and our sin,
And take us as Your inheritance.
Forgive us our Father, for we have sinned.
Pardon us, our King, for we have transgressed.
For you, Lord, are good and forgiving,
Abounding in loving-kindness to all who call on you.

And the Lord said, I have forgiven as you asked.