

Vidui

A Jewish Prayer on Behalf of Another at End of Life

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(with emendations provided by Rabbi Lynn Liberman, BCC)

(Note: In place of suggested pronoun, feel free to use name of patient.)

Our God and God of our ancestors, we acknowledge that all of life is in Your hands.

We pray for healing for this beloved (man/woman/person.)

May (he/she/they) be filled and embraced by a complete and healing love and forgiveness.

May (he/she/they) always know how precious (his/her/their) life is to those who love (him/her/them).

Protect (his/her/their) beloved family: _____.

Their souls are woven together for all time.

Grant hope and strength to (his/her/their) family and caregivers, guiding their hands and hearts and decisions with wisdom, loving care, and skill.

Ki malakhey yetzaveh lach, lishmorkha b'chol d'rakhekha.

May angels be appointed for (him/her/their), to guard (him/her/their) on all (his/her/their) paths.

In Your hand lies (his/her/their) spirit. In Your Great Name, You hold the life and memories of each soul on earth. You redeem us, Adonai, God of Truth.

**Shema Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Ekhad.*

Hear O Israel: Adonai is our God, Adonai is One. (from Deut. 6:4)

Amen.

*This line is an especially central prayer to those of the Jewish faith. If there is only limited time for prayer, this line alone in the transliterated Hebrew and the English translation is recommended.

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