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THE KADDISH

Great Hope in Spite of Loss

The kaddish is a Jewish prayer that is prayed by people in mourning. But it is not a sad prayer. Instead, it expresses great hope and praise for God. Pray the following form of the kaddish with your own gesture—your arms raised, your hands open, and your palms facing upward—to show that you are placing your hope in our powerful Lord.

MOURNER: Magnified and sanctified be God's great Name in the world, which God created according to his will. May God establish his kingdom in your lifetime and in your days, and in the lifetime of all the house of Israel, speedily and at a near time. All say, "Amen!"

ALL: Amen! Let his great Name be blessed forever and ever.

MOURNER: Blessed, praised and glorified, exalted, extolled and honored, adored and lauded, be the Name of the Holy One, blessed be God, beyond, yes, beyond all blessings and hymns, praises, and songs, which are uttered in the world. And all say, "Amen!"

ALL: Amen!

MOURNER: May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life for us and for Israel. And all say, "Amen!"

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MOURNER: May God who makes peace in his high places make peace for us and for all Israel. And all say, "Amen!"

ALL: Amen! May the Lord bless you. Amen!