

Blessings on Natural Phenomenon

Oseh Ma'aseh Veraishit

*Upon seeing spectacular mountains, deserts, lightning, earthquakes,
hurricanes, astronomical phenomena, and impressive bodies of water:*

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה Båruch Atå Adonoy,
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, Eloheinu Melech Hå'olåm,
עֹשֶׂה מַעֲשֵׂה בְּרֵאשִׁית. oseh ma'aseh vereishit.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe,
Who forms the work of Creation.

She'kocho Oog'vuraso Malay Olam

Upon hearing thunder:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה Båruch Atå Adonoy,
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, Eloheinu Melech Hå'olåm,
שֹׁכְחוֹ וְגִבּוֹרָתוֹ מְלֵא עוֹלָם. she'kocho oog'vuråto målay olåm.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe,
Whose strength and glory fills the universe.

She'asa Et Ha'yam Ha'gadol

Upon seeing the ocean:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה Båruch Atå Adonoy,
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, Eloheinu Melech Hå'olåm,
שֹׁעֲשֵׂה אֶת הַיָּם הַגָּדוֹל. she'åså et ha'yåm ha'gådol.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe,
Who made the Great Sea.

Zocher Ha'brit

Upon seeing a rainbow:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה	Båruch Atå Adonoy,
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,	Eloheinu Melech Hå'olåm,
זֹכֵר הַבְּרִית, וְנֶאֱמָן בְּבְרִיתוֹ,	zocher ha'brit, v'ne'emån biv'rito,
וְקַיָּם בְּמַאֲמָרוֹ.	v'kayåm b'ma'amåro.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who remembers the covenant, is trustworthy in His covenant, and fulfills His word.

She'kacha Lo B'olamo

Upon seeing a strikingly beautiful person, animal, bird or tree for the first time:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה	Båruch Atå Adonoy,
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,	Eloheinu Melech Hå'olåm,
שֶׁכָּכָה לוֹ בְּעוֹלָמוֹ.	she'kåchå lo bå'olåmo.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe,
Who has such [beauty] in his universe.

Mishaneh Ha'briyot

Upon seeing impressive, exotic animals:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה	Båruch Atå Adonoy,
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,	Eloheinu Melech Hå'olåm,
מְשַׁנֶּה הַבְּרִיּוֹת.	mishaneh ha'briyot.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe,
Who makes the creatures distinctive.

She'hechiyanu

Upon seeing a close friend or relative after 30 days:

בָּרוּךְ (אַתָּה יְהוָה) Båruch (Atå Adonoy,
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,) Eloheinu Melech hå'olåm,)
שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ she'hecheyånu vi'kiyimånu
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה. vi'higiyånu laz'man ha'zeh.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this occasion.

Michayei Ha'meitim

Upon seeing a close friend or relative after one year:

בָּרוּךְ (אַתָּה יְהוָה) Båruch (Atå Adonoy,
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,) Eloheinu Melech Hå'olåm,)
מַחְיֵה הַמֵּתִים. micha'yei ha'meitim.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe,
Who brings the dead back to life.

B'rich Racha'mana

Upon seeing a friend who has recovered from a life-threatening illness:

בָּרִיךְ רַחֲמָנָא מַלְכָּא דְעָלְמָא, B'rich Racha'månå Malkå d'ålmaß,
דִּי יַהֲבָךְ לָן, dee yahavåch lån,
וְלֹא יַהֲבָךְ לְעַפְרָא. v'lå yahavåch l'afrå.

Blessed is the Merciful One, King of the Universe,
Who has given you to us, and not given you to the dust.

Chacham Ha'razim

Upon seeing 600,000 Jews at once:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה Båruch Atå Adonoy,
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, Eloheinu Melech hå'olåm,
חֹכֵם הַרְזִים. chacham hå'råzim.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe,
Knower of secrets.

She'natan Mee'kivodo

Upon seeing a non-Jewish ruler who has the power to pardon people sentenced to death:

בָּרוּךְ (אַתָּה יְהוָה) Båruch (Atå Adonoy,
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,) Eloheinu Melech Hå'olåm,)
שֶׁנָּתַן מִכְבוֹדוֹ לְבָשָׂר וָדָם. she'nåtan mee'kivodo l'våsår vå'dåm.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe,
Who imparted [some] of His glory to mortals.

She'chalak May'chach'mato

Upon seeing a Torah scholar with exceptional wisdom and fear of God:

בָּרוּךְ (אַתָּה יְהוָה) Båruch (Atå Adonoy,
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,) Eloheinu Melech Hå'olåm,)
שֶׁחָלַק מִחֲכָמָתוֹ לִירְאָיו. she'chålak may'chåch'måto lee'ray'av.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe,
Who imparted [some] of His wisdom to those who fear Him.

She'asa Lee Nase

*Upon returning to the spot where you experienced
a miracle and were saved from imminent danger:*

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה	Båruch Atå Adonoy,
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,	Eloheinu Melech hå'olåm,
שָׁעָשָׂה לִי נֵס בַּמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה.	she'åså lee nase bamåkom ha'zeh.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe,
Who performed a miracle for me at this place.

She'asa Nase Bamakom Haze

*Upon visiting a place where a miraculous rescue occurred for either your
parents, ancestors, Torah teacher, or the majority of the Jewish people:*

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה	Båruch Atå Adonoy,
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שָׁעָשָׂה	Eloheinu Melech Hå'olåm, she'åså
לְאָבִי / לְאִמִּי / לְאַבּוֹתַי / לְרַבִּי / לְאַבּוֹתֵינוּ	l'åvee / l'imee / la'avot'eye / l'rabee / la'avotainu
נֵס בַּמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה.	nase bamåkom ha'zeh.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who performed a miracle for
[my father / my mother / my forebears / my teacher / our ancestors] at this place.

Asher Yatzar Et'chem Badin

Upon seeing a Jewish cemetery:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר יָצַר אֶתְכֶם בְּדִין, וְזָן וְכִלְכֵּל אֶתְכֶם בְּדִין
וְהֵמִיט אֶתְכֶם בְּדִין, וְיֹדֵעַ מִסְפָּר כָּלְכֶם בְּדִין
וְהוּא עֹתִיד לְהַחְיֹתְכֶם וּלְקַיֵּם אֶתְכֶם בְּדִין.
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה מְחַיֵּה הַמֵּתִים.

Bâruch Atâ Adonoy, Eloheinu Melech Hâ'olâm,
asher yâtzar et'chem badin, v'zân v'chil'keil et'chem badin,
v'heimit et'chem badin, v'yodeya mispar kool'chem badin,
v'hoo âtid l'hacha'yot'chem ul'kayeim et'chem badin.
Bâruch Atâ Adonoy, m'chayei ha'meitim.

אַתָּה גִּבּוֹר לְעוֹלָם אֲדֹנִי, מְחַיֵּה מֵתִים אַתָּה,
רַב לְהוֹשִׁיעַ. מְכַלְכֵּל חַיִּים בְּחֶסֶד,
מְחַיֵּה מֵתִים בְּרַחֲמִים רַבִּים, סוֹמֵךְ נוֹפְלִים,
וְרוֹפֵא חוֹלִים, וּמַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים,
וּמְקַיֵּם אֱמוּנָתוֹ לִישְׁנֵי עָפָר.
מִי כְמוֹךָ בַּעַל גְּבוּרוֹת, וּמִי דוֹמֶה לָךְ,
מֶלֶךְ מִמִּית וּמְחַיֵּה וּמַצְמִיחַ יִשׁוּעָה,
וְנֹאמָן אַתָּה לְהַחְיֹת מֵתִים.

Atâ gibor l'olâm Adonoy, m'chayei meitim atâ,
rav l'hoshee'a. M'chalkeil chayim b'chesed,
m'chayei meitim b'rachamim rabim, someich noflim,
vrofei cholim, u'matir asurim,
umka'yeim emunâto lee'sheinei âfâr.
Mee chamochâ Ba'al G'vurot, u'mee domeh lâch,
Melech meimit u'm'chayeh u'matzmee'ach yishuâ,
v'ne'emân Atâ l'hachayot meitim.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who fashioned you with justice, nourished and sustained you with justice, took your lives with justice, knows the sum total of you all with justice, and will restore and resuscitate you with judgment. Blessed are You, Lord, Who resuscitates the dead.

You are eternally mighty, my Lord, the Resuscitator of the dead are You; abundantly able to save. He sustains the living with kindness, resuscitates the dead with abundant mercy, supports the fallen, heals the sick, releases the confined, and maintains His faith to those asleep in the dust. Who is like You, O Master of mighty deeds, and who is comparable to You, O King, Who causes death and restores life and makes salvation sprout. And You are faithful to resuscitate the dead.

Dayan Ha'emet

Upon seeing a destroyed synagogue:

בָּרוּךְ דִּין הָאֱמֶת. Bâruch Dayan hâ'emet.

Blessed is the true Judge.

Matziv G'vul Almana

Upon seeing a beautiful synagogue that was restored after being destroyed:

בָּרוּךְ מַצִּיב גְּבוּל אֶלְמָנָה. Bâruch matziv g'vul almânâ.

Blessed is He Who sets a limit for a widow.



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