

Avinu Malkenu, Holy One: We stand here together in front of this most precious of gifts, the Torah, the Answer Book of Questions. May we take what we learn here, and also see your Torah written in the parade of wildflowers, the scorching heat of August, the admonishment of a friend, the blessed chill of the springs, the agony of losing someone we love, our children and our grandchildren. We are surrounded by Torah, may we always be aware.

Remind us that we are responsible today and every day for writing your Torah's commentary. Our actions – our kindness and impatience, tolerance and unkind words, everything we do and say reflects what we know of You. Give us the patience and strength to live your Torah so that we can bring the day when justice and peace will kiss.

And let us say, amen.

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