

Let us pray.

Dear God,

In these days of return, we call out to You - from our hearts - for the wisdom, courage, and strength to find the place where each and every one of us should stand.

You ask us each day to decide, to choose. Choosing life in Your Way - this is our destiny. And, one day, bayom hahu, this will be the world's destiny.

Yet, we stray. We fall short of Your expectations.

We are blessed that You are a compassionate God, waiting for our return.

May we reach decisive turning points in this season - awakening, renewing, breaking through the routine to decisions that carry us in the day-to-day, heavenward, and here, on the path You've called us to walk.

We have been taught Your expectations. They are neither baffling nor beyond reach, but, rather, close to us, in our mouths and hearts.

So, it's for us to turn Your way, to decide, to intend, and to do. Standing each in our own unique place of return.

We shall be ready, Adonai.

Amen.

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