

A Messianic Erev Shabbat Service

Order of Worship for Erev Shabbat (Evening of the Sabbath)

(Shabbat, or the Sabbath, is celebrated because the Lord commanded us to keep this holy day. Just as He created for six days and then rested on the seventh, we too are to cease from our work on the seventh day of the week. This first gives us time to focus on the Lord and on our relationship with Him. It also reminds us that all of our time belongs to God, and that all that we have comes from His hand. He alone is our provider and He cares for us.)

To prepare for the Erev Shabbat celebration you will need: two candlesticks with candles, a white cloth for the mother to cover her head, wine and/or juice, 2 loaves of Challah or other bread, and your meal/dinner for the evening.)

Prayer for the Lighting of the Shabbat Candles

(The mother covers her head with a white cloth, then lights the candles, and then covers her eyes with her hands and offers the following blessing:)

“Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, Who has sanctified us with his commandments, and commanded us to be a light to the nations, and Who gave to us Jesus our Messiah, the light of the world.”

(Barukh atta Adonai eloheinu meleck ha-olam, asher kideshanu bmitzvotav ve-tsivanu lehiyot or le-goyim v’natan-lanu et Yeshua Meshicheinu ha or ha-olam.)

A reading: Deut. 5:12-13

Blessing over the Children—*Birkat Habanim*

For the Sons: *(Parents say the following blessings over their sons and daughters.)*

Father: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May he cause His face to shine upon you. May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh.

(Yevarechecha Adonai veyeeshmerecha! Yaer Adonai panav eleycha veechoonecha! Yeesa Adonai panev eleycha vayasem lecha ahalom!) (Yesimcah Elohim le Ephrayim vechi Menashe.)

May the Lord always be with you. May He bring you home unto the land prepared for you. May God bless you and grant you long life.

Mother: May the Lord fulfill our Sabbath prayer for you. May God make you good husbands and fathers.

Father: May He prepare and send holy wives for you. May the Lord protect and defend you. May His Spirit fill you with grace. May our family grow in happiness, please hear our Shabbat prayer, Amen.

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For the Daughters:

Father: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May he cause His face to shine upon you. May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah.

(Yevarechecha Adona veyeeshmerecha! Yaer Adonai panav eleycha veechoonecha! Yeesa Adonai panev eleycha vayasem lecha shalom! Yesimech Elohim ke Sarah Rivka Rachel ve Leah.)

May the Lord always be with you. May He bring you home unto the land prepared for you. May God bless you and grant you long life.

Mother: May the Lord fulfill our Sabbath prayer for you. May God make you good mothers and wives.

Father: May He bring you a husband who will love, cherish and care for you. May the Lord protect and defend you. May His Spirit fill you with grace. May our family grow in happiness, please hear our Shabbat prayer, Amen.

A Woman of Valor—*Eshet Chayil*

Husband/men: Lord, I thank You for giving me a wife.

“¹⁰ Who can find a virtuous wife?
For her worth is far above rubies.
¹¹ The heart of her husband safely trusts her;
So he will have no lack of gain.
¹² She does him good and not evil
All the days of her life.
¹⁷ She girds herself with strength,
And strengthens her arms. . .
²⁰ She extends her hand to the poor,
Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.
²¹ She is not afraid of snow for her household,
For all her household is clothed with scarlet.
²² She makes tapestry for herself;
Her clothing is fine linen and purple.
²³ Her husband is known in the gates,
When he sits among the elders of the land.
²⁵ Strength and honor are her clothing;
She shall rejoice in time to come.
²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom,
And on her tongue is the law of kindness.
²⁷ She watches over the ways of her household,

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And does not eat the bread of idleness.
28 Her children rise up and call her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praises her:
29 "Many daughters have done well,
But you excel them all."
30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing,
But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.
31 Give her of the fruit of her hands,
And let her own works praise her in the gates."

May your heart meditate on the power and the glory of the Lord and may your hands perform good deeds, as you do the work of *Yeshua*. Amen.

May you (*insert wife's name*) be blessed as you rise while it is yet night to see about the ways of our household and may you be blessed as you see about the daily care and education of our children. May your mouth be filled with wisdom and kindness.

The Blessed Man

Wife/women: Lord, thank you for giving me a husband.

"1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
3 He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither;
and whatever he does shall prosper.
4 The ungodly are not so,
But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.
5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the ungodly shall perish."

May you (*insert husband's name*) be blessed as you rise and as you labor for the good of our household. And may you be blessed as you lead our family in the ways of the Lord. May your mouth be filled with wisdom and kindness.

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Blessing before the Meal—Erev Shabbat Kiddush

(Before any meal the father is to say a blessing over the wine and the bread.)

Blessing over the wine: Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of the universe,
Who created the fruit of the vine.

(Baruch ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech HaOlam, boreh pri hagafen. Ah-mein.)

Blessing over the bread: Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of the universe,
Who brings forth bread from the earth.

(Baruch ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech HaOlam, hamotzi lechem meen haaretz. Ah-mein.)

Dinner

Grace After Meals

We are commanded to eat and be satisfied and to bless the Lord our God for
the good land which he gave us. *(Deut. 8:10)*

(The entire passage below is said by all, except when the “Father” is designated.)

Psalm 126: A song of ascents.

¹When the Lord will returns our captivity to Zion,
we will be like dreamers.

²Then our mouths will be filled with laughter
and our tongues with glad song.

³Then they will declare among the nations,
“the Lord has done greatly with these.”

⁴The Lord has done greatly with us,
we were gladdened,

⁵O Lord—return our captivity
like springs in the desert.

⁶Those who tearfully sow
will reap in glad song.

⁷He who bears the measure of seeds walks along weeping,
but will return in exultation, a bearer of sheaves.”

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Blessed are you, O Lord God, King of the universe. He gives nourishment to all flesh, for His kindness is eternal. And through His great goodness, we have never lacked, and may we never lack, nourishment for all eternity. For the sake of His Great Name, because He is God Who nourishes and sustains all, and benefits all, and He prepares food for all His creatures which He has created. And it is said: "You open Your hand, and satisfy the desire of every living thing."

Father: Blessed are You, O Lord, Who nourishes all. Amen.

Come my Beloved

Father: The Shabbat is often thought of in tradition as a bride approaching her wedding day. We greet her with great joy as we prepare for the "wedding" celebration. The coming of Shabbat is a foreshadowing of the coming of the Messiah, when we will enter His eternal rest.

A teaching may be added here. Traditionally it is the Torah lection for the Shabbat morning service.

Closing Aaronic Benediction

Father: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May he cause His face to shine upon you. May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. In the Name of Jesus our Messiah, Amen.

*(Yevarechecha Adonai veyeeshmerecha! Yaer Adonai panav eleycha veechoonecha!
Yeesa Adonai panev eleycha vayasem lecha shalom! B'Shem Yeshua Mishikanu, Ah-
mein.*

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Songs (Zimros)

“Shabbat Shalom”

Shabbat Shalom, Shabbat Shalom, Shabbat, Shabbat, Shabbat, Shabbat Shalom. (repeat)

Shabbat, Shabbat, Shabbat, Shabbat Shalom. (repeat)

Shabbat Shalom, Shabbat Shalom, Shabbat, Shabbat, Shabbat, Shabbat Shalom.

“Hevenu Shalom Aleichem” - We Brought Peace Upon You

Hevenu Shalom Aleichem, Hevenu Shalom, Aleichem, Hevenu Shalom Aleichem, Hevenu Shalom, Shalom, Shalom Aleichem

We brought peace upon you, we brought peace upon you, we brought peace upon you, we brought peace, peace, peace upon you.

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