



Observing Yom Kippur
A Messianic Yom Kippur Service 2022
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Names

Moshe – Moses

Shaul – Paul

Ya'akov – James

Yeshua – Jesus (in Hebrew it means "Salvation")

Yĕhōvâh – God's real name forever (Exodus 3:15)

Yochanan – John

Welcome to our observance of Yom Kippur on this solemn occasion. Yom Kippur is one of God's feasts, but it is not a celebration, instead it is a solemn occasion when we confess our sins.

What do we regard in life? What do we seek, what are we excited about? There is a story in the Book of Jasher about the dividing up of Isaac's estate to Jacob and Esau after Isaac died. The Book of Jasher is not considered to be inspired by God, but it is quoted in the Bible. Jacob tells Esau that he can choose whether to have the land of Canaan or all the riches and belongings of Isaac their father. Esau chooses all the riches and Jacob is satisfied with the land of Canaan because it was promised to the descendants of Abraham and Isaac by God.

Are we satisfied with the things of this world or do we value what God says? Jacob's descendants ended up with the land of Canaan and the promises of God. The Messiah Yeshua was born through the lineage of Jacob and all the world knows about this tiny country and about Yeshua. Esau is just a name that no one knows much about. He desired what is worldly. We cannot take our riches with us. This teaches us that God's promises are true and good. God promises us a future eternal life for following Him and His word. Let us be people like Jacob who sincerely trust in God's promises.

On Yom Kippur, we are confessing our sins to God; it is not a personal confession but done as a group. We will be confessing Daniel's prayer and a standard set of prayers. Ours is a Messianic set of prayers because we believe in the Messiah Yeshua.

Let us begin with a prayer and a song reflecting the gravity of this time.

Yom Kippur is a required observance in the Bible. God's feasts are required to be kept; it is a commandment of God. It says in Leviticus 23:2 NKJV, "The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts." Perhaps we think of them as Jewish feasts. They may have been, but it clearly says they are God's feasts and not just Jewish feasts. We observe July 4th and Labor Day in the United States as holidays (holy days), but many disregard keeping God's feasts, and it is to their disgrace.

Yom Kippur is the God appointed time for repentance and forgiveness. Yochanan said, "If we acknowledge our sins, then, since he is trustworthy and just, he will forgive them and purify us

from all wrongdoing;" 1 John 1:9 CJB. Some people say the Old Testament has been done away with and they miss the obvious connection with this verse and Yom Kippur. It says "sins" in the plural. Usually when we sin, we ask God for forgiveness for the single sin we commit. Also, Yochanan was Jewish and so were all the disciples of Yeshua. They observed all of God's commanded feasts. Since Yeshua also is Jewish, He was Jewish and still is Jewish, He observed God's feasts. We Bible says we are to imitate Yeshua.

We will read from the Torah, Leviticus 16:29-34, at this time.

Leviticus 16:29-34 NKJV

This shall be a statute forever for you: In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you. For on that day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD. It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls. It is a statute forever. And the priest, who is anointed and consecrated to minister as priest in his father's place, shall make atonement, and put on the linen clothes, the holy garments; then he shall make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tabernacle of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. This shall be an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for the children of Israel, for all their sins, once a year." And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

We will now read from the New Testament portion, Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:14.

Hebrews 9:24-28 NKJV

For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another — He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Hebrews 10:14 NKJV

For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

We will often observe some sort of ritual for God's feasts along with observing the applicable commands in the Bible. For Yom Kippur (the day of atonement), the obvious way to observe it is by some sort of confession of sin. Also, it says we are to deny ourselves in some way.¹ We do not do this the way the pagans do by the self-infliction of pain or self-abasement. Shaul said this is of no value against fleshy desires in Colossians 3:23. Fasting or denying oneself can be accomplished in a number of ways and not necessarily the way commanded through the extra laws of Judaism.

¹ We don't afflict ourselves the way the pagan Christians did by the self-infliction of pain. They used to give themselves lashes and their blood would come in contact with other people and spread disease. They wondered why disease was spreading. It says in Deuteronomy 29:25-26 CJB, "They went and served other gods, prostrating themselves before them, gods they had not known and which he had not assigned them. For this reason, the anger of ADONAI blazed up against this land and brought upon it every curse written in this book." We are not to worship or pray to anything or anyone other than the true God.

Fasting is a biblical concept, and some kind of fasting is recommended. Children and the elderly do not have to fast food and those with medical problems and the infirm are excused from fasting food. Also, fasting can include other ways besides fasting from food. I will often fast food and other activities.

Some of the ritual the Jews observed came from God as instructed in the Bible or were rituals inspired by God. The ritual developed over the years by the Jews can be helpful. After all, the Jews developed their society around the God of the Bible even if they haven't been perfect. Christians have not been perfect either and many do not keep God's commandments. Christianity received their ritual from the pagan religion of the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire made up a religion that was mixed with pagan religion, and they did not believe in the Bible as they should have; they even made it illegal for believers in the Messiah to keep God's commanded feasts.

Do not be fooled by ritual though. Man-made rituals are not God's commandments. Yeshua quoted Isaiah in Matthew 15:9 NKJV and said, "And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." Those who rely solely on man-made ritual are worshiping God in vain. Some ritual is instituted by God and that includes keeping God's feasts.

Some who do ritual actually don't believe in God and the Bible. They will say they believe in the Bible. Ask them if they believe in keeping Shabbat. It was instituted by God in Genesis 2:3; so it is for believers for all time. Also, the Bible is also the Old Testament. So, if they do not believe in keeping the Old Testament, they do not believe in the Bible.

Some believe their man-made rituals are commandments of God. Also, some do not believe in the Old Testament portion and in keeping God's feasts, but they still have meetings for them. **They are just putting on a show.** We are to do what God tells us to do the way God tells us. Two of Aaron's sons died because they were not doing things the right way. This is a spiritual picture for us; we need to keep God's feasts correctly and in faith.

Do people think they will escape the judgment of God by their false ritualistic practice or that their fake show will be accepted by God? God said these are my feasts. They are commanded by God. Unbelievers will not be justified by their faithless ritual. A faithless show will not be accepted by God. Their man-made ritual that they value will count for nothing Yeshua said and Shaul said their faithless actions are sin. Romans 14:23 NKJV says, "Whatever is not from faith is sin."

We must keep God's feasts because **they are God's feasts.** We must believe in them. We have ritual because it is a way to keep God's feasts; God often does not give us a prescribed ritual. We believe we are keeping God's feasts although we practice ritual. Man-made ritual is allowed to vary. We are not putting on a worthless show without faith in what we do; we actually believe in keeping God's feasts. Do you want your confession to be accepted by God? Then get with it and have faith in the whole Bible. Malachi 3:6 NKJV says, "For I am the LORD, I do not change." God has not done away with His feasts or His commandments in the Old Testament.

Since we all sin and none of us are perfect, we need the forgiveness of sins. Yochanan said, "If we claim not to have sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us;" 1 John 1:8 CJB. The Bible says that those who say they do not sin are liars. We need then to have some sort of ritual way to observe Yom Kippur. Remember, ritual made up by man is not binding, but it is not

necessarily bad. The modern observance of Yom Kippur by Judaism is filled with lots of extra ritual though.

A Lot of rituals can be a bad thing because when cast as law, it makes the focus of God's appointed times out to be acts of law;² we miss the point of the feast because of the extra ritual law; and it is a known fact that extra ritual puts heavy burdens on believers in the true God that God never expected to be practiced and drives people away from the true God.

That is why God commanded us not to make up extra laws that add or subtract from God's commandments, called His *mitzvot* in Hebrew. Deuteronomy 4:2 CJB says, "In order to obey the mitzvot of ADONAI your God which I am giving you, do not add to what I am saying, and do not subtract from it." The multitude of extra ritual commandments make it hard for us; God said His commandments (*mitzvot*) were not too difficult for us – "For this mitzvah which I am giving you today is not too hard for you, it is not beyond your reach;" Deuteronomy 30:11 CJB. God's commandments are not too hard to keep. So do not believe those who say God's commandments are too hard to keep. They are contradicting God.

Messianic Kol Nidrei (optional)

At this time, play the Kol Nidrei or another song of repentance.

Everyone will be asked to repeat after me as we do these readings.

We will say a Messianic Kol Nidrei at this time. It is a prayer of repentance for our failures in communication.

Messianic Kol Nidrei:

All that we have said we would do and have not done it; all that we have put upon ourselves to do from last Yom Kippur to this one; we clear the list and start anew. All that we have said and not done or accomplished we ask for forgiveness. Yeshua the Messiah said, "Just let your 'Yes' be a simple 'Yes,' and your 'No' a simple 'No'; anything more than this has its origin in evil;" Matthew 5:37 CJB. Lord God and Yeshua we ask that you forgive us for making promises and oaths that we did not keep or couldn't keep. Also, we do not disregard any formal agreements, oaths, or promises.

Everyone: Yēhōvāh and Yeshua our Messiah and King/ we now declare ourselves free to live for you/ and begin anew.

We will now recite Daniel's prayer. You can follow along in Daniel 9:4-19 if you like.

Daniel's Prayer

When we do our general confession of sins, many of us think of Daniel's prayer. Daniel's prayer asked God for His favor for the sake of His people whom He had chosen, Israel. God refers to Israel, "You will be a kingdom of cohanim for me, a nation set apart;" Exodus 19:6 CJB. Also, in

² For much of Judaism, Yom Kippur is more about fasting than understanding the original meaning, the forgiveness of sins. Since the Temple was destroyed in 70 AD, it is mostly considered a day of repentance (saying the *Al Cheit* for example) and charity. They take Hosea 6:6 CJB out of context, "For what I desire is mercy, not sacrifices, knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." The next verse in Hosea says they weren't keeping the commandments and doing what is right (Hosea 6:7). God didn't just want sacrifices for sin, but for them to actually do what is right. That was the point.

Deuteronomy 7:6 CJB, "For you are a people set apart as holy for ADONAI your God. ADONAI your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his own unique treasure."

Daniel's prayer is also an appropriate prayer for believers in the Messiah for Yom Kippur. We have also been chosen by God just as Israel was chosen by God. "But you are a chosen people, the King's cohanim, a holy nation, a people for God to possess!" 1 Peter 2:9 CJB. Notice the similarity in language between the Torah and what Kefa (Peter) says. The basis for the New Testament portion is the Tanakh (the Old Testament portion).

We added words to affirm Daniel's prayer to make his prayer a Messianic prayer. Israel stood before God and Moshe and agreed to His commands by saying they will keep them. Today though is a day to be humble and confess our sins. It is a general confession of sins and not all the sins may apply to us, but if they do, we need to be serious now as we speak before God. I am all the prayers of repentance seriously. It is a good idea to tell God that we will not do these things as we go along. Do not be mindless, but be serious and decide you will be faithful to God in all these things.

Ya'akov said in James 4:8-10 NKJV, "Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." These sound like Yom Kippur scriptures. Take what we are doing seriously. We will talk about this more.

Words have been added at various points in our reading and put in brackets in this work to affirm what we are saying. We will pause between longer responses (a forward slash mark is inserted to separate these longer phrases).

God had His people stand before Him and Moshe, so we will stand before God at this time.

**Please stand if you are able and repeat the responses when asked to.
Israel stood before God when they accepted God's commandments.
Let us pray the prayer of Daniel:**

Daniel 9:4-19 NKJV

And I prayed to the Lord my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, 5 we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. 6 Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land. 7 O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day — to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.

[Everyone: And to us who believe in your Messiah Yeshua, /we have failed to keep Your commandments.]

8 "O Lord, to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. 9 To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him. 10 We have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. 11 Yes, all Israel

[Everyone: And to us who believe in your Messiah Yeshua.]

has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him. 12 And He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great disaster; for under the whole heaven such has never been done as what has been done to Jerusalem. 13 "As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth. 14 Therefore the Lord has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for the Lord our God is righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice. 15 And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as it is this day —we have sinned, we have done wickedly! 16 "O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem,] Your holy mountain;

[Everyone: And from us your Messianic believers in the Messiah Yeshua.]

because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us. 17 Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate.

[Everyone: And on us your believers in the Messiah Yeshua.]

18 O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. 19 O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

[Everyone: We ask you to help us, /restore us for your sake /so that the people of the world /will know that you are our good /and mighty God and King, /the Creator of all that is, /the everlasting God and our Messiah Yeshua. /Amen.]

You may be seated.

Yochanan said that when we confess our sins; God will forgive us. Like I said, he was likely thinking about Yom Kippur. This was the day the sacrifice was made for the forgiveness of sins by the High Priest once a year. The root word for sacrifice is the Hebrew word "karov" which means to draw close. Ya'akov (James) said that we are to draw close to God, "Come close to God, and he will come close to you. Clean your hands, sinners; and purify your hearts;" James 4:8 CJB.

This is an obvious Yom Kippur scripture. As we study the New Testament portion scriptures with the Old Testament portion in mind, we come to realize that the New Testament portion scriptures are based on the Old Testament portion scriptures. Shaul said, "Does it follow that we abolish Torah by this trusting? Heaven forbid! On the contrary, we confirm Torah;" Romans 3:31 CJB. The people who say the Old Testament scriptures are done away with are contradicting Paul and misinterpreting the scriptures.

In Jewish thought, we can ask for forgiveness any time, but Yom Kippur is the God appointed time for forgiveness and repentance. It is the time for believers in the true God to be written in the book of life. Yeshua said in Revelation 3:5 NKJV: "He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life." Some ignore this scripture. Yeshua clearly said in this verse we can lose our salvation. Yom Kippur is a God appointed time of repentance and forgiveness. We are not making this up. We can seek God anytime, but especially on days that **God has appointed** for us to do so.

It was on Yom Kippur in antiquity that a goat and a bull were sacrificed for the sins of the people. The High Priest laid both his hands on the head of another goat and confessed the sins of the people. This goat was sent away in the desert³ and represented their sins being taken away. Part of the red cord that was tied to the goat (that was sent away) was tied to the Temple and would turn white miraculously every year signaling their sins were forgiven. This was a picture of atonement. Isaiah 1:18 says, ""Come now," says ADONAI, "let's talk this over together. Even if your sins are like scarlet, they will be white as snow; even if they are red as crimson, they will be like wool." It is historically recorded that this cord no longer turned white⁴ after the death and resurrection of Yeshua because He is now the sacrifice for sin for believers for all time both in the old and new eras.

It is important that Messianic believers understand that Yeshua said the Gentiles would put Him to death. Yeshua said about Himself, "For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again;" Luke 18 32-33 NKJV. Yeshua is not dead, but has risen from the dead and will return someday. Many saw Yeshua after He rose from the dead. That included some 500 people who saw Him at the same time after He rose from the dead, see 1 Corinthians 15:6.⁵

Yeshua was executed by the Romans the Bible says. Roman soldiers put Him to death, **not the Jews**. Also, Yeshua was probably executed because the leaders appointed by the Romans didn't want to lose their Roman positions by someone who claimed to be the King of the Jews (**both King Herod and the High Priest were appointed by the Romans**). The Roman appointed leaders had Yeshua executed and Roman soldiers put Him to death. Later in history, Constantine and the Romans turned the story around and accused the Jews of putting the Messiah to death even though the Romans had put Him to death. Some say we should not point fingers, but they have wrongly accused the Jews for some 2,000 years!

The Name of God is Yĕhōvâh (Exodus 3:15 says this will be His name forever!)

We should talk about the name of God because we will be using it. Around 200 AD, the rabbis made it wrong to say God's name because some were being killed for saying God's name. They

³ The goat that was sacrificed and the goat that was sent away was determined by lot. This practice of chance was to allow God to determine what would happen with each goat.

⁴ "Interestingly enough, and according to Tractate Yoma 39B of the Talmud, two unique aspects of Yom Kippur observance ceased to occur around AD (or CE if you prefer) 30 — (1) inability to adequately select via lot the sacrificial goat for the Day of Atonement and (2) the scarlet cord at the Temple never turned white as a sign of the forgiveness of sins." - <https://mysterysolvedwithmessiahjesus.wordpress.com/2010/09/17/judaism-realized/>.

⁵ "For among the first things I passed on to you was what I also received, namely this: the Messiah died for our sins, in accordance with what the Tanakh says; 4 and he was buried; and he was raised on the third day, in accordance with what the Tanakh says; 5 and he was seen by Kefa, then by the Twelve; 6 and afterwards he was seen by more than five hundred brothers at one time, the majority of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Later he was seen by Ya'akov, then by all the emissaries; 8 and last of all he was seen by me;" 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 CJB.

intended to change the commandment back so they could say the true name of God, but they never did. Believers in the Messiah changed it back and we have evidence of that in the Hebrew scriptures preserved by Messianic believers. The Jews used the name of God all the time before saying it was made illegal. For example, Ruth 2:4 says, "When Bo'az arrived from Beit-Lechem. He said to the reapers, 'ADONAI be with you;' and they answered him, 'ADONAI bless you.'" **ADONAI has been substituted for Yĕhōvâh** in the verse by the translators. The Israelites did not say ADONAI, they said Yĕhōvâh. To continue to disregard the name of the true God is disrespectful if you think about it. So we will use the real name of God as found pointed in 2,363 different manuscripts to date as **Yĕhōvâh; as Yehoveh** only once; and **never as Yahweh**.

We will recite a Messianic confession of sins at this time similar to the Al Cheit (pronounced as Āl khāt).⁶

(The Al Cheit is said 10 times during the day in some Jewish congregations.⁷)

Please stand if you are able.

Israel stood before God when they accepted God's commandments.

We thank you **Yĕhōvâh** and Yeshua our God and King. We ask that you forgive us of our sinful nature and the sins we have committed.

Everyone: Blessed be the name of His glorious kingdom forever and ever.

We affirm our commitment to you as our God **Yĕhōvâh** and King.

Everyone: Blessed be the name of His glorious kingdom forever and ever.

We believe in you, **Yĕhōvâh** and trust in you and ask for your forgiveness.

Everyone: Blessed be the name of His glorious kingdom forever and ever.

God of gods and Lord of lords, may our prayer come before You who dwells in the highest heaven. What can we say to You who dwells on high; what shall we relate to You who is the creator of all things? For You know all the hidden and revealed things. You know the mysteries of the universe and the hidden secrets of every living being. You search all our innermost thoughts, and probe our mind and heart; nothing is hidden from You and nothing is concealed in Your sight.

We are not so brazen and obstinate or hardened as to say before You, our God, that we are righteous and have not sinned - rather, truly we and our forefathers have sinned. We have been unmindful of Your covenant and turned away from the keeping of Your good commandments and Your laws. We have walked in our own ways and neglected Your counsel. We have been slothful and negligent in the keeping of Your precepts and exalted our own reasonings above the truth of Your Word and have done evil in Your sight. We have been wicked, we have corrupted this world, we have been abominable, we have strayed and have become guilty in Your sight. We have betrayed, we have robbed, we have spoken slander. We have caused perversion, we have caused wickedness, we have sinned willfully, we have extorted, we have accused falsely. We have counseled evil, we have scorned, we have provoked, we have been perverse. We have rebelled, we have acted wantonly, we have been deceitful, we have persecuted, we have been obstinate and self-centered. We have not set You before our eyes and lived according to Your holy standards.

⁶ The text of the Al Cheit came from:

https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Hebrew_Roots/Holy_Days/Day_of_Atonement/Atonement/Days_of_Awe_Prayers. I modified it with some additional lines and changes that I thought would be appropriate (The Bible doesn't say exactly how we are to ask for forgiveness.). We are to confess to God; God is the one forgiving us.

⁷ https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/6577/jewish/Text-of-Al-Chet.htm

But You are righteous and just, and Your laws are holy and good and all our righteousness amounts to nothing in Your sight. Thank You our God and the God of our fathers, that You forgive all our sins, pardon all our iniquities, and grant atonement for all our transgressions. We ask this in the name of Yeshua the Messiah. Amen.

For it is written: "If we acknowledge our sins, then, since he is trustworthy and just, he will forgive them and purify us from all wrongdoing;" 1 John 1:9 CJB. So we come before You on the basis of the sacrifice of Your beloved Son Yeshua who made atonement for us and we ask Yĕhōvâh our God that You would have mercy on us and that You would forgive us for all our iniquities, and that You would pardon us for all our sins which we confess before You this day. We ask that You would wash us and cleanse us of our sin through the blood of Yeshua, our Messiah. "The blood of his Son Yeshua purifies us from all sin;" 1 John 1:7 CJB. **Everyone: Amen**

And now, the Messianic confession of sin

Forgive us for not keeping of both Your positive and the negative commands; and in the sins which we have committed before You by negligence and carelessness; and whether knowingly or in ignorance; and also for all our sins of omission.

For the sin which we have committed before You under compulsion or without questioning that something that is wrong.

And for the sin which we have committed before You by pursuing what is wrong.

For the sin which we have committed before You by casting off Your commandments to follow our lustful desires.

For the sin we have committed against You by being stubborn.

For the sin which we have committed before You intentionally or unintentionally by being disrespectful.

For the sin which we have committed before You by refusing to seek You with all of our heart.

Everyone: For all these, forgive us and pardon us /through Yeshua's atonement for us.

For that which we have sinned before You by using your name in vain.

For the sin that we have committed before You through insincere confession;

and for the sin which we have committed before You by making vain oaths and vows we have not kept.

For the sin that we have committed before You through denial or false promises;

and for the sin which we have committed before You by lack of proper seriousness.

For the sin that we have committed before You through haughtiness and insincerity.

For the sin which we have committed against You by sinful meditation of the heart including indulging in evil or improper thoughts.

For the sin we have committed by defiling our bodies with impurities.

Everyone: For all these, forgive us and pardon us /through Yeshua's atonement for us.

For the sin we committed in Your sight by being lukewarm, and not loving You with all our hearts and souls.

For the sin which we have committed before You with deceit in order to follow our lustful desires; and for the sin which we have committed before You openly or secretly, in public or in private.

For the sin that we have committed before You in careless living.

For the sin which we have committed before You by following the lusts of our flesh with improper eating and drinking.

For the sin we have committed before You by dishonoring our bodies as a "temple" of the Holy Spirit.

For the sin which we have committed before You by an association with impurity, and for the sin that we have sinned before You through lustful immorality in thought or deed.

Everyone: For all these, forgive us and pardon us /through Yeshua's atonement for us.

For the sin we have committed against You by being disrespectful and for not supporting a good and right society where we can live in peace.

For the sin that we have committed before You by having disrespect for parents and teachers; and for the sin before You by hardening our hearts to Your correction.

For the sin which we have committed before You by neglecting our responsibilities and for the sin of selfishness.

For the sin we committed in Your sight by being proud, and for being fake and outwardly religious without having a true commitment in our hearts to do what is right and keep your commandments.

For the sin we committed in Your sight by loving the world, and the things in the world over spiritual truth.

For the sin we committed in Your sight by putting other things before You, and for the sin of idolatry.

For the sin we committed in Your sight by not praying, getting to know your scriptures, and ignoring how the scriptures were originally intended to be understood.

For the sin of not being thankful.

For the sin we committed in Your sight by being anxious about the things of this life; and for the sin of not trusting You to provide for all of our needs.

For the sin we committed in Your sight by setting our minds on the worldly things, and not on spiritual verities and truth.

Everyone: For all these, forgive us and pardon us /through Yeshua's atonement for us.

For the sin which we have committed before You by wronging a fellowman; and for the sin which we have committed before You by deceiving and scheming against a fellowman.

For the sin which we have committed before You by stealing what was not rightfully ours to take.

For the sin we have committed against You by desiring our neighbor's goods.

For the sin which we have committed before You by not giving a correct measure or defrauding others.

For the sin we committed in Your sight by not being merciful and having a begrudging eye, and for withholding when we could have given.

For the sin we have committed before You by not loving our neighbor as ourselves and seeking their good.

Everyone: For all these, forgive us and pardon us /through Yeshua's atonement for us.

For the sin that we have committed before You through impure lips;

and for the sin that we have committed before You through idle talk and uncontrolled tongues.

For the sin that we have committed before You in judging our neighbor over small matters.

For the sin we have committed against You in gossip to cause harm and in idle gossip;

For the sin that we have committed before You through scorning and cursing our neighbor;

For the sin which we have committed before You by speech that is harsh and unloving in Your sight.

For the sin which we have committed before You with the idle chatter of our lips;
and for the sin which we have committed before You by foolish talk or inappropriate joking.

Everyone: For all these, forgive us and pardon us /through Yeshua's atonement for us.

For the sin that we have committed before You by harboring hatred in our hearts.

For the sin we have committed against You by contentiousness, argumentativeness, and strife and not letting things go or being unforgiving.

For the sin we committed in Your sight by not being quick to forgive, and for the sin of holding resentments.

For the sin we committed in Your sight by not helping others in need, and for the sin of impatience.

For the sin which we have committed before You by wrong attitudes towards others.

For the sin which we have committed before You with proud looks and a haughty or superior attitude.

For the sin which we have committed before You by false denial and lying, or misrepresenting the truth.

Everyone: For all these, forgive us and pardon us /through Yeshua's atonement for us.

For the sin we committed by not treating others how we want to be treated.

For the sins that we have committed before You with prying eyes with an evil intent.

For the sin we have committed against You by coveting our neighbor's goods and for the sin of greed.

For the sin that we have committed before You by taking that which was not rightfully ours to take.

For the sin which we have committed in dishonest business dealings and not giving the correct value for time, money, and work.

For the sin we have committed by defrauding others.

For the sin that we have committed before You by improper management of finances for ourselves or for others; or by taking advantage of the poor.

and for the sin which we have committed before You by taking or giving a bribe.

For the sin we have committed before You by using coercion (pressure) and manipulation.

Everyone: For all these, forgive us and pardon us /through Yeshua's atonement for us.

For the sin of not seeking righteousness (living right) in our lives;

and for the for the sin of not loving You with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength.

For not being zealous to live according to the example of the life of Yeshua, our Messiah.

We acknowledge that we have missed the mark, we have sinned against Your holy commandments and Your precepts. For all these things, we ask that You would forgive us through the sacrifice of Yeshua, Your dear Son, and for the secret iniquities of the heart that are not revealed, we ask that You would purge and purify and cleanse us from all unrighteousness through the power of the precious blood of Yeshua. For You Yěhōváh are the forgiver of those who believe on Yeshua, our King and Messiah, and the Forgiver of all believers in the true God in every generation; we have no King or God other than you Yěhōváh and Yeshua who forgives and pardons.

Everyone: Amen.

Finally

Yeshua gave Himself for our sins, but rose again on the 3rd day:

"We all, like sheep, went astray; we turned, each one, to his own way; yet ADONAI laid on him the guilt of all of us;" Isaiah 53:6 CJB.

"For He shall bear their iniquities;" Isaiah 53:11 NKJV.

"He poured out His soul unto death;" Isaiah 53:12 NKJV.

Yeshua died for our sins and not Israel as some say. Not all Israel is dead; we thank you Yĕhōvāh. *Am Yisrael chai* (the people of Israel live).

The Messiah Yeshua still lives and it is proof that someday He can raise us from the dead.

1 John 1:6-9 CJB says:

If we claim to have fellowship with him while we are walking in the darkness, we are lying and not living out the truth. But if we are walking in the light, as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of his Son Yeshua purifies us from all sin. If we claim not to have sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, then, since he is trustworthy and just, he will forgive them and purify us from all wrongdoing.

Yeshua said after His death and resurrection that we are to be faithful:

Revelation 2:10 NKJV: "Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."

Revelation 3:3 NKJV: "Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief."

Revelation 3:5 NKJV: "He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life."

(the scribes would blot out Amalek's name by writing it, scratching it out, and then lifting the ink off the page.)

We ask God at this time to keep us in Him and we commit ourselves to be faithful to Him, and that our names be written in the Book of Life. Yeshua said it is possible to have our name blotted out, removed.

Everyone: Amen

Some of us are wearing white garments on this day remembering the words of Yeshua; in the hope that we will overcome temptation and sin and be clothed in white garments some day in the future by our God; we all earnestly desire to be clothed in white someday by our Yĕhōvāh Elohim and Yeshua.

Shaul said in Philippians 3:12-14 NKJV:

"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

So, we also press forward toward our calling by God and our Messiah Yeshua with the help of the Holy Spirit that we receive through our Messiah.

Everyone:

We accept your forgiveness Yĕhōváh. /We will do all we can to live /a holy and good life this year /and stay committed /to keeping your commandments /and to caring about /what you care about. /We believe in you Yĕhōváh /and in the Messiah Yeshua. /We thank you almighty God / Yĕhōváh and Yeshua our Messiah /for your forgiveness this day. /Amen.

In Closing

At this time we will sing two songs of repentance and then I will close with the Aaronic Benediction.

At the conclusion of the Aaronic Benediction, if you want to remain for a short while to pray quietly, you can. While you leave we ask that you are respectful of this solemn occasion and leave quietly. Thank you.

The Aaronic Blessing, Benediction:

According to Exodus 3:15, Yĕ-hō-váh is God's true name forever. Of course, we should use His name with respect. Yĕ-hō-váh is an acronym formed from the Hebrew verb hayah. Yĕ-hō-váh means, He existed, He exists, and He will exist.

The ancient rabbis say that Yĕ-hō-váh (יהוה) is God's name. 2,363 different manuscripts of the Bible point God's name as Yĕ-hō-váh, once as Yĕ-hō-vĕh, never as Yahweh. The church Fathers said God's name is Yĕ-hō-váh. Yeshua said in Matthew 23:39 NKJV, "You shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'" Yeshua is quoting Psalm 118:26; the word "LORD" in that verse in Psalms is Yĕ-hō-váh (יהוה). Numbers 6:27 says we are to put God's name on His people.

Let us say the Aaronic Blessing from Numbers 6:24-26:

יְבָרֶכֶּךָ יְהוָה, וַיְשַׁמְרֶךָ
 יְאָר יְהוָה פְּנֵי אֱלֹהֶיךָ, וַיַּחַנְךָ
 יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פְּנֵי אֱלֹהֶיךָ, וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹמִים

Yĕ-hō-váh bless you and keep you.

Yĕ-hō-váh make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

Yĕ-hō-váh lift up His face upon you, and give to you peace. Amen.