

Havdalah Prayers For The End Of The Sabbath

Havdalah means "separation." Havdalah is a short ceremony that helps us divide the end of the Sabbath from the beginning of the new week. It helps us transition from the rest, peace and joy of the Sabbath into the regular activity of the new week.

Behold, God is my salvation! I will trust, and will not be afraid! Truly the Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation. Joyfully you will draw from the fountains of deliverance. It is for the Lord to bring help. My God, may Your blessing be upon Your people! The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold! Lord of Hosts, happy is the man who trusts in You! O Lord, save us; may the King answer us when we call! In times past the Jewish people had light and joy, gladness and honor. So may it be with us! I will take the cup of salvation, and will call upon the name of the Lord. (Thoughts to consider: God Himself, and being in a close personal relationship with Him, is essential to salvation. We must trust Him. Then He will make us fearless and happy, and help us in the difficulties in life. We must be His worshipers and His witnesses.)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגָּפֶן.

Baruch Ata Adonai, Elohaynu Melech ha-olam, Boray p'ree ha-gafen. Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine. (Thoughts to consider: the Lord is the source of good things like wine, and the source of our happiness)

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Baruch Ata Adonai, Elohaynu Melech ha-olam, Boray mee-nay v'sa-meem. Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, Creator of the various kinds of spices. (Thoughts to consider: may the pleasures of the Sabbath linger into the coming week, just as the nice smells of the spices linger in our nostrils)

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Baruch Ata Adonai, Elohaynu Melech ha-olam, Boray m'oh-ray ha-esh. Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, Creator of the lights of fire. (Thoughts to consider: God is light, and is the source of all kinds of light. Light represents truth, knowledge, wisdom, victory and salvation. May our lives be full of His light!)

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has made a distinction between that which is holy, and that which is unholy, between light and darkness, between the seventh day and the six working days, between Israel and the other nations, between the saved and the lost. Blessed are you O Lord, who has made a distinction between that which is holy, and that which is unholy!