SH’MA AND ITS BLESSINGS

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Reader’s Kaddish

O God, You are as near as
the very air we breathe,
yet farther than the farthestmost star.

We yearn to reach You.
We seek the light and warmth of Your Presence.

Though we say You are near,
we are lonely and alone.

O let our desire be so strong
that it will tear the veil that keeps You from our sight!
Let Your light release our darkness
and reveal the glory and joy of Your Presence.

Blessed is Your Name, Exalted God.
Baruch atah, Adonai, hamoariv aravim.

On that night of stars
my childhood sought
the Creator of the universe.

The years that stream like water...
neither pain
not person
can make me forget
distances
that are beyond all distance.

The image of light is a crucial reminder that even in the darkest moments of night, God continues to renew us as just as the sun rises each day. — ELAINE ZIECHER

PRAISED ARE YOU, ADONAI, OUR GOD, RULER OF THE UNIVERSE

Baruch atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech ha’olam,
asher bid’varo ma’ariv aravim,
b’shadona poter-ach sh’arim,
unt’vah m’shaneh irim,
umachatit et ha’az’manim,
um’kavuvê et ha’kachovim
’h’mishm’reteihem bara’akah kirtzona.

Borei yom velashah,
gokel et m’nei choshech
v’koshech mil’nei or,
umaasore yim’uloi kilef,
unamavo bein yem’uloi kilef,
Adonai ‘tzva’ot sh’mo.

El chai v’kayam,
tamid v’yifch elo’enu l’olam va’ad.
Baruch atah, Adonai, hamoariv aravim.

PRAISED ARE YOU, ADONAI, OUR GOD, RULER OF THE UNIVERSE

who speaks the evening into being,
skillfully opens the gates,
thoughtfully alters the time and changes the seasons,
and arranges the stars in their heavenly courses according to plan.

You are Creator of day and night,
rolling light away from darkness and darkness from light,
transforming day into night and distinguishing one from the other.

Adonai T’va’ot is Your name.

Ever-living God, may You reign continually over us into eternity.
Praise to You, Adonai, who brings on evening.

Blessed are You, Adonai, Exalted God.
Baruch atah, Adonai, hamoariv aravim.

Adonai T’va’ot 5612. This is one of the many names that help elucidate God’s attributes. We see God as cosmic designer, creator, and arranger of the universe with order and purpose.