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WE SEEKERS of God, how do we find You?
 In good deeds and in the study of Torah.
 And Your search for us?
 You find us
 in the bending of the knee,
 in the rigor of study,
 in the honesty of commerce,
 through a good heart, through decency,
 in respect, true fellowship, companionship and love,
 through truth and peace,
 in the No that is really No, and
 the Yes that is really Yes.

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 Baruch atah, Adonai, ham'lameid Torah l'amo Yisrael.

FROM THE COWARDICE that shrinks from new truth,
 from the laziness that is content with half-truths,
 from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth,
 O God of truth, deliver us.
 Blessed is Adonai, Teacher of Torah to Your people Israel.

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Six Torah episodes are to be remembered each day, to refine our direction:

- יְצִיאַת מִצְרַיִם** *Y'tziat Mitzrayim*: Recall the Exodus from Egypt — depart from whatever enslaves.
- עַמְלֵק** *Amalek*: Recall Amalek who attacked from behind — be on guard against evil.
- הַר סִינַי** *Maamad Har Sinai*: Recall standing at Sinai — make Torah part of your daily life.
- הַזָּהָב** *Maaseh Eigel HaZahav*: Recall the Golden Calf — keep material desires in check and be wary of heresy.
- קִרְח** *Korach*: Recall Korach's rebellion — prevent ego from misleading and destroying your way.
- שַׁבָּת** *Shabbat*: Recall the first gift, Shabbat — welcome Shabbat holiness each week.

Whether modern Jews believe that it is actually the word of God or some distillation of numerous ancient texts, Torah — the study of it, the interpretation of it, the struggle with it — is what committed Jews continue to base their faith upon. No moment in a Jew's life — not a *brit milah*, not a sunset, not the descent into death itself — is without its accompanying text, which in turn has its ultimate basis in the original text itself, the Torah. *Adam Sol*

We seekers of God . . . adapted from Seder Eliyahu Rabba 23

BARUCH atah, Adonai
 Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
 asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav
 v'tzivanu laasok b'divrei Torah.

BLESSED ARE YOU, Adonai our God,
 Sovereign of the universe,
 who hallows us with mitzvot,
 commanding us to engage with words of Torah.

V'HAAREV NA Adonai Eloheinu
 et divrei Torat-cha b'finu,
 uv'fi amcha beit Yisrael,
 v'nih'yeh anachnu v'tze-etza-einu,
 v'tze-etza-ei amcha beit Yisrael,
 kulanu yodei sh'mecha,
 v'lomdei Toratecha lish'mah.
 Baruch atah, Adonai,
 ham'lameid Torah l'amo Yisrael.

O ADONAI, our God,
 let the words of Torah be sweet in our mouths
 and the mouths of Your people Israel,
 so that we, our descendants and the descendants of all Your people Israel
 may know You, by studying Your Torah for its own sake.
 Blessed are You, Adonai, who teaches Torah to Your people Israel.

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“Descendants” includes men and women who embrace the Jewish people and faith.

The two blessings above (derived from *B'rachot 11b*) are both Torah blessings and introduce the study which follows on pages 205, 207, 209, and 211.

לְעִסוּק *Laasok . . . to engage . . . אֵלוֹ דְּבָרִים* *Eilu d'varim . . . These are things . . .* The traditional placement of these prayers differs. Here they are linked to emphasize the study of Torah and its influence on our daily ethical behavior.

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אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ לְעִסוּק בְּדִבְרֵי תוֹרָה.

- בְּרוּכִים הַבָּאִים
- מוֹדֵה / מוֹדֵה אָנִי
- שִׁירֵי שַׁבָּת
- צִיצִית
- מַחֲטָבוֹ
- אֲשֶׁר יָצָר
- אֱלֹהֵי נְשָׁמָה
- נִסִּים בְּכָל יוֹם
- לְעִסוּק
- וְהִעָרַבְנָא
- אֵלוֹ דְּבָרִים
- קִדְּיֵשׁ דְּרַבָּנָא

וְהִעָרַבְנָא יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ
 אֶת־דִּבְרֵי תוֹרַתְךָ בְּפִינוּ,
 וּבְפִי עַמְּךָ בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל,
 וְנִהְיֶה אַנְחֵנוּ וְצִאָצְאֵינוּ,
 וְצִאָצְאֵי עַמְּךָ בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל,
 כְּלָנוּ יוֹדְעֵי שְׁמֶךָ,
 וְלוֹמְדֵי תוֹרַתְךָ לְשִׁמָּה.
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 הַמְלַמֵּד תּוֹרָה לְעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

