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I CAN STAY the tears of others, if I can see myself as diminished of their sorrows.

I can hasten time when everyone will be able to rejoice in freedom,

And if I can see myself as the companion, of those fighting against oppression,

I can honor the struggle of people everywhere to gain dignity and deliverance from bondage.

When I look at myself in the mirror who will I see?

RELIGION EMBRACES both faith and action.

The primary quality is action, for it lays the foundation for faith; the more we do good, the more readily do we grasp the meaning of duty and life and the more readily do we believe in the Divine from which stems the good. Shabbat Morning I

נִסִּים בְּכָל יוֹם NISIM B'CHOL YOM — FOR DAILY MIRACLES

BARUCH atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher natan lasechvi vinah I'havchin bein yom uvein lailah. רָּוּדָּ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֶלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לַשֶּׂכְוִי בִינָה לְהַבְחִין בֵּין יוֹם וּבֵין לֵיְלָה.

PRAISE TO YOU, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has given the mind the ability to distinguish day from night.

PRAISE TO YOU, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who opens the eyes of the blind.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, matir asurim. בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֶלֹהֵינוּ, מֵלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, מַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים. For the ability to stretch

For rising to the

new day

For vision

For awakening

PRAISE TO YOU, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who frees the captive.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, zokeif k'fufim. בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֶלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, זוֹקֵף כְּפוּפִים.

PRAISE TO YOU, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who lifts up the fallen.

אָבָּכָל יוֹם אָבָל יוֹם Nisim b'chol yom ... For daily miracles ... These morning blessings evoke wonder at awakening to physical life: we open our eyes, clothe our bodies, and walk again with purpose; in spiritual life also, we are created in God's image, are free human beings, and as Jews, celebrate the joy and destiny of our people, Israel.

Though they are intended literally, we may perceive each blessing spiritually.

For Daily Miracles — Inspiration for blessings three to five comes from Psalm 146:7–8.

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