Hash-ki-vei-nu

Hash-ki-vei-nu Adonai Elohei-nu I'shalom,
v'ha-am-dei-nu mal-kei-nu l'cha-yim,
u-fros alei-nu suk-kat sh'lo-me-cha,
v'tak-nei-nu b'ei-tzah to-vah mi'l'fa-ne-cha,
v'ho-shi-ei-nu l'ma-an sh'me-cha

V'ha-gein ba-ad-ei-nu, v'ha-seir mei-a-lei-nu
o-yev, de-ver, v'che-rev, v'yra-av, v'ya-gon,
v'ha-seir sa-tan mi'l'fa-nei-nu
u-me'i-a-cha-rei-nu,
u-v'tzeil k'na-fe-cha tas-ti-rei-nu.

Ki El shom-rei-nu u-matzli-lei-nu A-tah,
ki El me-lech cha-nun v'ra-chum A-tah.
U'sh'mor tzei-tei-nu u-vo-ei-nu,
l'cha-yim u'l'sha-lom, mei-a-tah v'ad o-lam.
• U-fros alei-nu sukh-kat sh'lo-me-cha.

Hash-ki-vei-nu concludes with the second of two blessings after the Sh'na, asking God to spread over us a protecting sukkah (canopy) of peace.

Lay Us Down In Peace

Lay us down, Adonai our God, in peace,
and awaken us, our Ruler, to life,
and spread over us Your sukkah of peace,
and help us with Your good counsel,
and save us for the sake of Your Name.

Shield us, and remove from us
enemy, disease, and sword, and hunger, and sorrow,
and remove the evil forces from before us
and from behind us,
and in the shadow of Your wings shelter us.

For God, You watch over us and rescue us;
for God, You are a gracious and merciful Ruler.
Watch over our going and coming,
for life and for peace, from now until forever.
• And spread over us Your sukkah of peace.

Shelter Me With Peace

I imagine Your Presence
as the gracious, majestic,
rich-green canopy of a tree
stretching upward, outward,
with me nestled quietly against the sturdy trunk,
resting on sweet smelling leaves and soft moss.

Keep me dry from the rains of sadness.
Save me from the cold winds of doubt.
Protect me from the darkness of the unknown,
so that I may rise and venture forth
and touch Your world.

Your sacred Breath whisks away
all but the purest Presence in me;
Angel wings brush my face.

Watch over me
as a parent peers on a sleeping child.
Be the Presence I feel,
soft, sheltering, strong,
cradling me to safety.
Your canopy over me,
under me,
surrounding me,
sheltering me with peace.

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