God's Power — God's Presence

2b'alma. You are always [powerful | present].
You give life to [the dead | all that lives].
Your help, Your deliverance, is abundant.

3 From Sh'mini Atzeret until the first day of Pesach:
You cause the wind to blow and the rain to fall.
From the second day of Pesach until the end of Sukkot:
You cause the dew to form.

4 You nourish the living with kindness,
You give life to [the dead | all that lives].
with great compassion.
You support the failing, You heal the sick,
and You release the bound.

5 [You fulfill Your promises to those who are gone.]
Who is like You, source of all power,
and who can be compared to You?
You hold the keys to life and death,
and You generate salvation.

Alternatives

Brackets. You may prefer to assert that “God is present” instead of the traditional “God is powerful” (see the Perspective below).

Brackets. Here and below you may prefer to assert that “God gives life to all that lives” rather than the traditional “God gives life to the dead” that focuses on resurrection. In that case, see also alternative 5 below.

We may add here (or in the Musaf Amidah) the “Prayer for Rain” (p. 134) on Sh’mini Atzeret, or the “Prayer for Dew” (p. 140) on the first day of Pesach.

Brackets. You may choose to omit this line (as in 3.).