

Chazzan then congregation:

Please, do not reckon for us as a sin
what we have done foolishly and what we have sinned.

Chazzan then congregation:

We have erred, our Rock; forgive us, our Molder.

Most congregations omit the following prayer and continue with זכור לנו, Remember for us (p. 680).

אל אלהים אלהינו, please cure\* the illnesses of the fruitful vine;\*

shamed, disgraced, and feeble is its fruit;

redeem it from ruin and festering wound,

answer us as You answered our father Abraham on Mount Moriah —

We have erred, our Rock; forgive us, our Molder.

The formations of the people who were redeemed with a bared arm,\*

rescue them from plague and let them not be dismembered;

answer our call, and yearn for Your handiwork,

answer us as You answered our forefathers at the Sea of Reeds —

We have erred, our Rock; forgive us, our Molder.

The merit of the hevon rock [Abraham],\* reveal for us today,

withhold us from anger and guide us on a straight path,

cleanse our contamination and expose our eyes to Your Torah's light,

answer us as You answered Joshua in Gilgal\* —

We have erred, our Rock; forgive us, our Molder.

O God, see the ashes of him [Isaac] who was bound and let a cure sprout for us,

bring an end to plunder, destruction, storm, and tempest,

teach us and make us wise through Your pure word,\*

answer us as You answered Samuel in Mizpah\* —

We have erred, our Rock; forgive us, our Molder.

Shrivel not the roots of [Jacob] who was perfect from the womb,

cleanse us from stain and blemish, and let us not be miserable,

support us and let us be saved, let us benefit from Your kindly ways,

answer us as You answered Elijah on Mount Carmel\* —

We have erred, our Rock; forgive us, our Molder.

Encourage us for the sake of the righteousness of [Moses] who was drawn from the

water, and atone for willful and unintentional sin,

redeem us from panic of death and let us not retreat,\*

order our salvation and let us not disintegrate in our iniquities,

answer us as You answered Jonah in the innards of the fish —

We have erred, our Rock; forgive us, our Molder.

Remember the holiness of Your devout [Aaron] for those [making the pilgrimage to

Jerusalem] with lovely footsteps,\*

arouse Your mercy for we have been doubly smitten,\*

arouse our reverence, and let our shame not be exposed,

answer us as You answered David and his son Solomon in Jerusalem\* —

We have erred, our Rock; forgive us, our Molder.

(1) Numbers 12:11. (2) Cf. Jeremiah 15:9. (3) Job 14:15. (4) Cf. Psalms 119:18. (5) Isaiah 59:7. (6) Cf. Amos 1:14. (7) Cf. Psalms 119:140. (8) Cf. 44:19. (9) Cf. Deuteronomy 33:8. (10) Cf. Song of Songs 7:2.

to suffer a crushing defeat (1 Samuel 7:2-11).

שבעת ימי ירושלים — As You answered

Elijah on Mount Carmel. During the reign of the

wicked Ahab and Jezebel, Elijah challenged four

hundred and fifty prophets of the Baal to prove

that they were true prophets. In the presence of

the entire Jewish people, God proved Elijah to be

the only genuine prophet, and all the others to be

charlatans (1 Kings 18:20-46).

בשבעת ימי ירושלים — We have been doubly smitten. We

have been punished very severely. Alternatively,

both Temples have been destroyed and we have

been twice exiled.

As You answered... in

Jerusalem. David was shown the site of the

future Temple and brought offerings there.

Solomon built the Temple and his prayers were

answered there.

Chazzan then congregation:

אל נא השת עָלֵינוּ חַטָּאת, אֲשֶׁר נוֹאֲלָנוּ וְאֲשֶׁר חָטָאנוּ. 1

Chazzan then congregation:

חָטָאנוּ צוֹרְנוּ, סֶלַח לָנוּ יוֹצְרָנוּ.

Most congregations omit the following prayer and continue with זכור לנו (p. 680).

אל נא רפא. נא מחלואי נפן פוריה. בושא נחפדה ואמלל פריה. 2

גאלנה משחת ונמכה סריה,

עגנו בשענית לאברהם אבינו בהר המוריה. חטאנו צורנו, סלח לנו יוצרנו.

דגל עם פדונו בוריע חשופי, חצל מנגף ואל יהיו לשסוף,

ומענה קראתנו ביריף יחידה. 3

עגנו בשענית לאבותינו על עם סוף. חטאנו צורנו, סלח לנו יוצרנו.

זכות צור הצבי היום לנו תגל, חשכנו מאנף ונתנו בלשר מעגל.

סחר סמאנתנו ולמאור תורהך עינינו גל. 4

חטאנו צורנו, סלח לנו יוצרנו.

יה ראה דשן עקוד ונחצמו לנו תרופה, פלה שוד ונשרב. 5

למרתנו ונחכמנו אמרתך הנצרפה. 6

עגנו בשענית לשנואל במצפה. חטאנו צורנו, סלח לנו יוצרנו.

מתקם נבדקו שרשיו אל מקמל, נקנו מתקם לשמן ולא נאמל,

סעקנו ונשענה וצרות חסדיך נגמל.

עגנו בשענית לאליהו בהר הכרמל. חטאנו צורנו, סלח לנו יוצרנו.

עודדנו בצדק משיי ממנים וכפר דון ומושנה,

פרנו ממחויבות מות ואחורו בל נסונה, 7

צנה שרועתנו ובענותינו אל נחמונתה, עגנו בשענית ליונה במעי התרה.

חטאנו צורנו, סלח לנו יוצרנו.

קדשת איש חסדיך? וזכור ליפת פעמים. 10 רחמיך העורר כי לקינו בכפלים. 8

שובנו תהפך ליקאתך, ולא נחשף שוליים. חטאנו צורנו, סלח לנו יוצרנו.

עגנו בשענית לדוד בירושלמה בנו בירושלמה. 9

Scripture — The hevon rock [Abraham]. It is known as 'Selichos for Children's Illnesses,' and is recited on all fast days in many congregations.

As You answered Joshua in Gilgal. Gilgal was the first place in Eretz Yisrael proper where Israel set foot after crossing the Jordan.

It was there that Joshua supervised the circumcision of the people, where they offered the first Pesach offering in forty years, and where they began the campaign to conquer Eretz Yisrael (Joshua 5:1-9).

As You answered Samuel in Mizpah. The Jews were gathered in Mizpah where Samuel had ordered them to gather and destroy all the idols in their midst.

The Philistines made a major invasion and the Jews were terrified. Samuel prayed to God and a miracle happened, causing the Philistines

The fruitful vine. Scripture (e.g. Psalms 128:3) and the Sages (e.g. Chullin 92a) often liken Israel to various fruits. One of them is the grape vine.

With a bared arm. Although God accomplishes His will effortlessly, He nevertheless likens Himself to a person who rolls up his sleeves when he is about to do strenuous work.