

TEFILAT HADERECH – PRAYER FOR A JOURNEY

Judaism offers us the opportunity to bless both everyday moments and special occasions. Travel is an occasion worthy of a blessing, expressing our hopes for a wonderful time and a safe return home. The Tefilat Haderech, the Wayfarer's Prayer, offers beautiful words for doing just that.

As our Camp and Immersive programs begin to conclude their experiences, *Tefilat Haderech* is a beautiful blessing to bestow upon the community as everyone travels from their shared, sacred summer spaces back to their own homes.

Hebrew Text

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ, שְׁתּוֹלִיכֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם וְתַעֲזָרְנוּ לְהַגִּיעַ לְמַחֲזֵי חַפְצֵנוּ,
לְחַיִּים וְלִשְׂמֵחָה וְלִשְׁלוֹם. וְשָׁמֹר צְאֵתָנוּ וּבֹאֵנוּ וְתִצְלֵינוּ מִכָּל צָרָה וְתִשְׁלַח בְּרָכָה בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׂי יָדֵינוּ,
וּמַעֲשֵׂינוּ יְכַבְּדוּ אֶת שִׁמְךָ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, שׁוֹמֵר עִמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל לְעַד

Transliteration

*Y'hi ratzon milfanecha Adonai Eloheinu v'Elohei avoteinu v'imoteinu,
shetolicheinu l'shalom v'taazreinu l'hagia limchoz cheftzeinu l'chayim ul'simchah ul'shalom.
Ushmor tzeiteinu uvo-einu v'tatzileinu mikol tzarah v'tishlach b'rachah b'chol maasei yadeinu,
umaaseinu y'chabdu et sh'mecha. Baruch atah, Adonai, shomeir Yisrael laad.*

Translation

May it be Your will, our God and God of our ancestors,
that You lead us in peace and help us reach our destination
safely, joyfully and peacefully.
May You protect us on our leaving and on our return,
and rescue us from any harm,
and may You bless the work of our hands,
and may our deeds merit honor for You.
Praise to You, Adonai, Protector of Israel.

Source

From *On the Doorposts of Your House*, Revised edition, copyright (c) 1994, Revised Edition (c) 2010
by the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

<https://reformjudaism.org/beliefs-practices/prayers-blessings/daily-blessings-tfilat-haderech-prayer-journey>