

God, Sovereign who sits on a throne of mercy, acting with unbounded grace, forgiving the sins of Your people, one by one, as each comes before You, generously forgiving sinners and pardoning transgressors, acting charitably with every living thing: do not repay them for their misdeeds.

God, You taught us how to recite the thirteen attributes of Your name; remember the promise implied in these thirteen attributes, which You first revealed to Moses, the humble one, as it is written: God descended in a cloud and stood beside him, and he called the name ADONAI.

And ADONAI passed before him and called: ADONAI, ADONAI, God, merciful and compassionate, patient, abounding in love and faithfulness, assuring love for thousands of generations, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon.

*Adonai, Adonai, El rahum v'hamnun, erekh appayim v' rav hesed ve-emet. Notzeir hesed la-alafim, nosei avon va-fesha v'hatta-ah v'haakkeih.*

Forgive our transgressions and our sins; claim us for Your own.

*Some customarily strike their heart when asking God to forgive and pardon:*

Forgive us, our creator, for we have sinned; pardon us, our sovereign, for we have transgressed— for You, ADONAI, are kind and forgiving; You act generously to all who call on You.

*S'lal lanu avimu ki hatanu, mi'hal lanu malkeinu ki fashanu, ki atah Adonai tov v'sallah v' rav hesed l'khol kor'ekha.*

Grant atonement and purify us this day, as it is written in the

Torah, "For on this day, atonement shall be made for you to purify you from all your transgressions. In the presence of ADONAI you shall be pure."

Make us joyful in Your house of prayer, as Isaiah prophesied,

"For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people."

מוחל עונות עמו, מעביר ראשון ראשון, מרבה מחילה לחטאים, וסליחה לפושעים, עושה צדקות עם כל-בשר ורוח, לא כרעתם תגמול.

אל, הורית לנו לומר שלש עשרה, וקרית לנו היום ברית שלש עשרה, כמו שהודעת לענו מקדם, כמו שכתוב: וירד יהוה בענן, ותיצב עמו שם, ויקרא בשם יהוה.

ויעבר יהוה על-פניו ויקרא:

יהוה יהוה, אל רחום וחנון, ארך אפים, ורחיטת ואמת. נצר חסד לאלפים, נשא עון ופשע וחסאה, ונקמה.

וסליחת לעוננו ולחטאתנו ונתת לנו.

*Some customarily strike their heart when asking God to forgive and pardon:*

סלח לנו אבינו כי חטאנו, מחל לנו מלכנו כי פשענו, כי אתה אדני טוב וסלח ורב חסד לכל-קוראיך.

כפר חטאינו ביום הזה וטהרנו, כמה שכתוב: כי ביום הזה יכפר עליכם לטהר אתכם, מכל חטאתיכם לפני יהוה חטאתי. שמחנו בבית תפלתך, כמה שכתוב: כי ביתי בית-תפלה יקרא לכל-העמים.

Gods forgiveness of the sin of the Golden Calf is highlighted in the Bible by Gods revealing to Moses the fundamental attributes of God's nature: kindness and compassion. The forgiveness of Israel's terrible sin at the birth of the nation forms the basis of the liturgical appeal for God's forgiveness of the people Israel's sins today.

ONE BY ONE According to the Babylonian Talmud, God counts only one sin at a time (Rosh Hashanah 17a), were all counted together, we might be judged negatively, and so God forgives each sin, one by one.

FOR ON THIS DAY The quotations are from Leviticus 16:30 and Isaiah 56:7.

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