Halleluyah (Psalm 150)

Halleluyah. (4) Hallelu El Bekodsho; Halleluhu Birkia Uzo Helleluhu Bigvurotav; Helleluhu Kerov Gudlo. Halleluhu Beteika Shofar; Halleluhu Beneivel Vechinor. Halleluyah. (8) Helleluhu Betoph U'Machol; Halleluhu Beminim Veugav. Helleluhu Betziltzilei Shama; Halleluhu Betziltzilei Teruah. Kol Haneshama Tehallel Yah (2) Halleluyah. (8)

Translation:

Hallelujah. Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in the firmament of His power. Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His abundant greatness Praise Him with the blast of the horn; praise Him with the psaltery and harp Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and the pipe. Praise Him with the loud-sounding cymbals; praise Him with the clanging cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah.

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Notorious! Hallelujah!



Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg



Our prayer is characterized by silence \sim

Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word. God is present in all our lives. God cares for us, and our life experiences are a source of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence we share from our hearts.

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To Ponder:

If you want to be a true professional, you will do something outside yourself. Something to repair tears in your community. Something to make life a little better for people less fortunate than you. That's what I think a meaningful life is – living not for oneself, but for one's community. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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Since RBG is Jewish, the proper thing to say about her passing is "May her memory be for blessing." Jewish tradition does not focus on the afterlife. We work to be good humans to others and ourselves because justice and peace are their own rewards. The pursuit of justice is one of the highest callings of Judaism.

It is said that a person who passes on Rosh Hashona is a Tzedek/Tzaddeket, a good and righteous person. Correcting injustice, balancing the scales, evaluating the distribution of power and creating equity is tzedakah, the work of righteousness. When we say that Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a tzaddeket, we're saying she was a thoughtful person who worked tirelessly to create a more just world. One that would perpetuate equality and access, one that wasn't reliant on charity, one that was better for people she did not know, without the expectation of praise or fame.

When we say "may her memory be for blessing", the blessing implied is this: May you be like Ruth. Jewish thought teaches us that when a person dies, it is up to those who bear her memory to keep her goodness alive. We do this by remembering her, we do this by speaking her name, we do this by carrying on her legacy. We do this by continuing to pursue justice, righteousness, sustainability.

May her memory be for blessing. May her memory be for revolution. May we become a credit to her name.

Reading Nan C. Merrill Psalms for Praying

Psalm 150

Praise to the Beloved! Praises be to You in earth's sanctuary; praises be to You the almighty firmament! Praise the might works of Love; Praise the glory and extol the greatness of Love Divine!

Give praise with trumpets; give praise with lute and harp. Give praise with timbrel and dance; give praise with string and reed. Give praise with booming drums; give praise with crashing cymbals. Let everything that breathes praise the Beloved with their lives. May it be so now and forever, Amen.

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