

PARENTS' BLESSING

Our God and God of all generations, we thank You for the precious gift of new life, and for the privilege of parenthood, which allows us to share with You in the miracle of creation. Eternal God, we ask Your continued blessing: Grant our son length of days and strength of body and mind. Endow us with understanding and love that we may rear him to manhood filled with love of Torah and the performance of worthy deeds. May we be privileged to see him share in the love and joy of his own family, and may all of his heart's desires for goodness be fulfilled. Amen.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר
קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתַיִךְ וְצִוֵּנוּ לְהַכְנִיסוֹ בְּבְרִיתוֹ שֶׁל
אַבְרָהָם אָבִינוּ וְשָׂרָה אֵמֵנוּ.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech haolam, asher kid' shanu b'mitzvotav vitzivanu leh-hach-nee-so bee-vree-to shel Av-ra-ham Ah-vee-nu v'Sah-rah Eee-ma-nu.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who sanctifies us with *mitzvot* and instructs us to bring our son into the Covenant of Abraham our father and Sarah our mother.

FAMILY BLESSING

Note: Please adjust the pronouns in this blessing to include a daughter or a second son if we are naming twins.

Reader 1

Every person born into the world represents someone new and unknown, wonderfully unique and special. It is the duty of each of us assembled here today, as well as all who will encounter this new being to know and consider that *he* is a unique individual. There has never been anyone quite like him.

Reader 2

This *boy* has a future, a destiny that is all *his* own. *He* will not have to face the infinite universe alone, nor worry that *he* will be unprepared, for *he* is surrounded by loving family and friends who care deeply for *him*. Each of us brings our love and our dedication, helping *him* to feel understood, supported and special as *he* goes through life.

Reader 3

We are so thankful for the many joys with which our lives have been blessed. Now this miracle has come to us, a new child, a new life, to hold and to behold.

Reader 4

(Baby's name) may you grow up in health and happiness, to become a blessing to your family, to your friends, and to all who come to know you.

Reader 5

May your parents rear you with wisdom, understanding, and humor, teaching you the ways of righteousness, to lead you to study Torah, to develop your talents, care for the earth, and to practice love and kindness.

Reader 6

And may we be blessed with the joy of watching you develop and grow, helping you along the way as you journey through life. You are the future. May it be one of Shalom, Peace.

GRANDPARENTS BLESSING

Note: Please adjust the language for the number of grandparents reading and whether there is a daughter who is also being named.

Our God and God of all generations, we are grateful for new beginnings, for the bond of new life that links one generation to another.

Thankful for the blessings of family, for the love and care that brings meaning and happiness to our lives, we rejoice with our children at the birth of their child, our grandchild.

May they grow together as a family in health and in strength, in harmony, wisdom, and love - their home filled with words of Torah and acts of kindness.

May we be enabled to share in the joy of seeing this child grow into adulthood, a blessing to his family, his people, and all humankind.

BLESSING

May you see your world fulfilled in your lifetime,
And may the future world hold a place for you,
May your hope last from generation to generation,
Your heart express understanding,
Your mouth speak wisdom,
And your tongue bring forth song;
May your gaze look straight before you,
May your eyes be enlightened by the light of Torah,
And your face shine like the brightness of the heavens;
May your lips utter knowledge,
Your being rejoice in goodness.
And your steps run to hear the words of your heritage.