

## Sabbath Prayer

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You are the Author of Love and Life. You have given us the opportunity to work this past week - the privilege of serving You and Your kingdom in visible and invisible ways. For the work of our hands and heart, we thank You.

We thank You for the things we did out of duty and the things we did out of delight - for projects, demands, chores, sore muscles and acts of kindness - for all that was planned and unplanned. Lord, receive it as our gift to You.

For all that was left undone because of distraction or laziness, forgive us, Lord Jesus. For all that was left undone because we obeyed the Spirit's leading, we recognize Your handiwork and give You thanks.

Now, the Sabbath lies before us and we are ready to cross the threshold.

### LIGHT THE CANDLES

Lord Jesus, You are the Light of the World. You created and crafted this day of Sabbath Rest.

You bless it. You crown it with glory. You call it holy.

Through it, You call us out of darkness into Your love and light. It is to be a day of refreshment and celebration. It is a day of devotion and delight. Set apart since the beginning of time. You alone release us from the bondage of duty and demand.

As Your chosen people, we will embrace this day of Sabbath Rest. In keeping it, we remember You as our Creator and Rescue Redeemer. We do this now, with joy.

Enter our home and hearts today. Almighty God, grant us and all our loved ones true rest on this Sabbath Day. May Your Presence drive out from among us anger and fear, worry and regret. Send Your blessing upon us, that we may be people of the Word.

Heavenly Father, we rejoice in the beauty of Your world, the power of Your Word, the presence of Your Holy Spirit, and the love of family and friends.

It is from You we receive every good and perfect gift. Open our eyes to see. Giver of Love and Life, grant us Your peace this day and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Sabbath Closing Prayer (Havdalah)

Havdalah is Hebrew for “separation” and refers to the verbal declaration made at the end of Shabbat.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You are the Author of Love and Life. You have made a distinction between the holy and the unholy, between light and darkness, between the seventh day and the six days of work. You make the Sabbath holy.

Abba Father, we thank You for this blessed day in Your rest. We thank You for releasing us from work, and for refreshing and restoring us.

Jesus, we thank You for You are the Lord of Sabbath. You alone satisfy the requirements of the Law, so we can cease from our labor.

Holy Spirit, we thank You for dwelling within us. Through You we can have a continual connection with our Father and Jesus.

### LIGHT THE CANDLES

Lord Jesus, You are the Light of this World. May the love and the light which You have imparted to us, radiate through us to the world as we go through this coming week.

We anticipate the coming of the next Sabbath day, and we anticipate the coming of Lord Jesus, who will bring us into our ultimate Sabbath rest.

### Aaronic Blessing

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.

<Numbers 6:24-26 ESV>

Lord Jesus, bless our journey through this coming week.

May its challenges not overwhelm us, circumstances not discourage us.

In all things may we remember You are with us.

Your love our fuel, Your word our guide, today and always.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.