



Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parents' Prayer # 1

Into our hands, O God, You have placed your *Torah*, to be held high by parents and children, and taught by one generation to the next. Whatever has befallen us, our people have remained steadfast in loyalty to the *Torah*. It was carried in the arms of parents that their children might not be deprived of their birthright.

And now, we pray that you, _____, may always be worthy of this inheritance. Take its teaching into your heart, and in turn, pass it on to your children and those who come after you. May you be a faithful Jew, searching for wisdom and truth, working for justice and peace.

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Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parents' Prayer # 2

I pray someday that you, _____, will experience the joy and pride of passing on the *Torah's* lessons to your children. May the God of our people, the God of the universe, bless you. May the one who has always been our guide inspire you to continue bringing honor to our family and the people of Israel.

If lift up my voice in gratitude that the *Torah* has come into the world through the Jewish people. I lift up my voice in gratitude for the ideals it teaches: justice, compassion, devotion, the partnership of the mind, heart and deed. May God inspire you to be a faithful Jew, searching for wisdom and truth, working for justice and peace.

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Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parents' Prayer # 3

May the one who blessed our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel and Leah, bless you, _____, on becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. May you grow with strength and courage, with vision and sensitivity. And may you always be certain of our love.

Our hearts are one on this joyous day as you commit yourself to a life of *Torah*: A life, we pray, filled with wisdom, caring and right action. We pray that you will grow each day in compassion for the needy, in concern for the stranger, in love of all people.

(Continue below with "Concluding Blessing")

Concluding Blessing (together)

For a son: May God bless you and guide you. May God inspire you to live in the tradition of *Ephraim* and *Menasheh*, who carried forward the life of the Jewish people. A noble heritage has been entrusted to you; guard it well. *Amen*.

For a daughter: May God bless you and guide you. May God inspire you to live in the tradition of *Sarah*, *Rivkah*, *Rachel* and *Leah*, who carried forward the life of the Jewish people. A noble heritage has been entrusted to you; guard it well. *Amen*.



Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parents' Prayer # 4

Like so many generations of Jewish parents before me, I stand ready to pass on to you, _____, the teachings of this *Torah*, and symbol of our tradition. May you be worthy of this priceless inheritance. May you live by its precepts and take its teaching into your heart.

I lift up my voice in gratitude that my son/daughter today takes his/her place among the people of Israel. I pray that he/she will do so with pride and joy. As God called Israel to be a light to the nations, so I pray that our son/daughter will be his/her own ray of light to the world.

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Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parents' Prayer #5

May your eyes, _____, shine with the light of *Torah* and your face reflect the brightness of the heavens. May your lips ever speak wisdom and your fulfillment be in righteousness, even as you yearn to hear the words of the Ancient One of Holiness.

May you live to see your world fulfilled, may your destiny be for worlds still to come, and may you trust in generations past and yet to be. May your heart be filled with intuition and your words be rich in understanding. May songs of praise ever be upon your tongue, and your visions clarify a straight path before you.

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Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parents' Prayer # 6

Eternal God, humbly do I give thanks for this day, and for the years of growth and learning which have preceded it. Now as you, _____, step forward to affirm your commitment to the ideals and responsibilities of the Jewish tradition, I express my joy and pride.

I pray that this day's service will long echo in your memory. May it engrave on the tablet of your heart the understanding that this day initiates you into a life more firmly dedicated to the study of *Torah* and the fulfillment of the *mitzvot*, to deeds of justice and kindness, to faithful participation in the household of Israel.

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Concluding Blessing (together)

For a son: May God bless you and guide you. May God inspire you to live in the tradition of *Ephraim* and *Menasheh*, who carried forward the life of the Jewish people. A noble heritage has been entrusted to you; guard it well. *Amen*.

For a daughter: May God bless you and guide you. May God inspire you to live in the tradition of *Sarah*, *Rivkah*, *Rachel* and *Leah*, who carried forward the life of the Jewish people. A noble heritage has been entrusted to you; guard it well. *Amen*.