

What are God's pronouns?

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Modeh/modah/modet ani l'fanecha,
melech chai v'kayam,
She-heche-zarta bi nishmati
b'chemlah, raba emuna-techa.

מוֹדֵה־מוֹדָה־מוֹדֵת אֲנִי לְפָנֶיךָ,
מֶלֶךְ חַי וְקַיִם,
שֶׁהֶחֱזַרְתָּ בִּי נִשְׁמַתִּי
בְּחֶמְלָה, רַבָּה אֱמוּנָתְךָ.

I thank You
living and enduring God
for mercifully reawakening my soul within me,
great is Your trust.

Oseh shalom bimromav, hu ya-aseh
shalom aleinu v'al kol Yisrael,
v'al kol yoshvei teiveil, v'imru Amen.

עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוַמָּיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה
שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל,
וְעַל כָּל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Berachot 17a

May God, who makes peace on high,
Bring peace to us and to all Israel.
And to all who dwell on earth.

Y'vareh-ch'cha Adonai v'yish-m'recha.
Ya-eir Adonai panav eilecha vi-chuneh-ka.
Yisa Adonai panav eilecha
v'yaseim l'cha shalom.

יְבָרֵךְךָ יי וַיְשַׁמְרֶךָ.
יֵאָר יי פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיְחַנְּךָ.
יִשָּׂא יי פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ
וַיַּשֵּׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם.

May God bless you and keep you.
May God make His countenance to shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
May God turn His countenance to you
and give you peace.