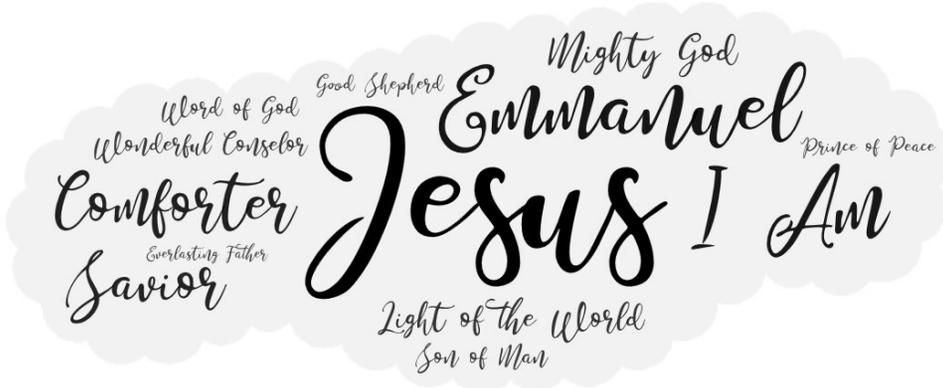


What's in a Name?

Daily Readings
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Day 1 - December 2

NAME OF GOD: Jehovah El Emeth, *LORD God of Truth*

Verse: “Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have ransomed me, O Lord (Jehovah), God (El) of truth (Emeth).” Psalm 31:5

Prayer: Thanksgiving

Jehovah El Emeth thank you for the perfect purity of truth. Thank you that there is no confusion in truth. Truth is your viewpoint on a matter, and thank you that you have not sought to hide your truth or make it difficult for me to grasp. Your truth is readily available to me in your Word. Thank you for giving me the ability to read, Jehovah El Emeth, and for giving me the ability to discern your truth from what the world tries to paint as truth, but rather is a lie from the devil. Thank you for the power of your truth that makes life's choices easier to make when aligned under your truth.

Day 2 - December 3

NAME OF GOD: Jehovah El Gemuwal, *The LORD God of Recompense*

Verse: “For the destroyer is coming against her, against Babylon, and her mighty men will be captured, their bows are shattered; For the Lord (Jehovah) is a God (El) of recompense (Gemuwal), He will fully repay.” Jeremiah 51:56

Prayer: Confession

Jehovah El Gemuwal forgive me for when I try to take my own revenge. Forgive me for when I fear that you won't. Forgive me for those times when I am angry and fearful because I am being bullied or wronged, and I forget to trust in your great name Jehovah El Gemuwal. You see all. You know all. You leave no stone unturned. I don't need to go and tell everyone else when I am wronged, rather I only need to look to you because you will repay. You will not be mocked. Forgive me for forgetting this far too often.

Day 3 - December 4

NAME OF GOD: Jehovah Elohim Tsaba, *LORD God of Hosts*

Verse: “You, O Lord (Jehovah) God (Elohim) of hosts (Tsaba), the God of Israel, Awake to punish all the nations; Do not be gracious to any who are treacherous in iniquity.” Psalm 59:5

Prayer: Thanksgiving

Jehovah Elohim Tsaba thank you that you are the Lord God of hosts. Thank you that you have made your strength available to me through my relationship with you. I'm grateful to you for each and every time in my past that you have shown up to right a wrong, or to defend me in a situation where I had been wronged. I have seen your powerful hand in history and I trust I will continue to see it in the days ahead. Thank you for your presence as I face trials and troubles in my life.

Day 4 - December 5

NAME OF GOD: Jehovah Elohim Yeshua, *LORD God of My Salvation*

Verse: "O LORD (Jehovah), the God (Elohim) of my salvation (Yeshua), I have cried out by day and in the night before You." Psalm 88:1

Prayer: Adoration

Jehovah Elohim Yeshua, you are the Lord God of my salvation. You reign from heaven and rule on earth. You rescue those in need and bind up the broken-hearted. You save not only eternally but in time and history. You save me from making wrong choices or going down the wrong path through the wisdom of your Word. You save me from living a life of misery and regret through the compassion of your healing forgiveness and grace. You save me from worry knowing that I can trust in you. You save me from confusion when I seek your truth and kingdom agenda in my life. I praise you because you are Jehovah Elohim Yeshua, the Lord God of my salvation.

Day 5 - December 6

NAME OF GOD: Elohei Chasdi, *God of my kindness, goodness and faithfulness*

Verse: "O my strength, I will sing praises to You; For God is my stronghold, the God (Elohim) who shows me lovingkindness (Chasdi)." Psalm 59:17

Prayer: Confession

Elohei Chasdi, you are my stronghold and the God who shows me lovingkindness. I confess that I do not always look to you as my stronghold but rather attempt to solve my problems on my own. Forgive me for neglecting to make you the focal point when I am facing various trials or heartache. Forgive me for when I have turned to other means to try and find comfort instead of turning to your faithful kindness and goodness.

Day 6 - December 7

NAME OF GOD: Elohim Bashamayim, *God in Heaven*

Verse: "When we heard it, our hearts melted and no courage remained in any man any longer because of you; for the Lord your God, He is God (Elohim) in heaven (Bashamayim) above and on earth beneath." Joshua 2:11

Prayer: Adoration

Elohim Bashamayim, God in heaven who sits above and on earth beneath, you are truly the God in the heavens. You are truly the ruler over all of the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand so that no one can stand against you. You are Elohim Bashamayim who drove out the inhabitants of the land before your people Israel and gave it to the descendants of your friend, Abraham. You have likewise gone before me to open doors I could not open on my own, and lead me in a path that I could not have created on my own. I stand before you and lift up your great name Elohim Bashamayim. I lift up my eyes and look to you.

Day 7 - December 8

NAME OF GOD: El Bethel, *The God of the House of God*

Verse: "He built an altar there, and called the place El-bethel (El Bethel), because there God had revealed Himself to him when he fled from his brother." Genesis 35:7

Prayer: Supplication

El Bethel abide in me. Set up your home in the very depths of my soul. Let your words dwell in me that I may know and live by them and for you. Reveal to me the sin I must confess and turn from that I may be pure and blameless in your sight. Show me how to best honor you through this temple which you have set up within me. Guide me in my eating habits, in my entertainment choices, and even in what I wear so that your house – El Bethel – that is in me may glorify you in all that I do. Grant me the discernment to know how to reflect you well.

Week 2—December 9-15

Day 8 - December 9

NAME OF GOD: Elohe Chaseddi, *The God of My Mercy*

Verse: “My God in His lovingkindness will meet me; God will let me look triumphantly upon my foes.” Psalm 59:10

Prayer : Adoration

Elohe Chaseddi, you know how I am formed. You remember that I am dust. In your lovingkindness, you show mercy. From everlasting to everlasting, your love is with those who fear you, and your righteousness with their children’s children – with those who keep your covenant. Elohe Chaseddi, you showed favor to your people and you have restored the many from captivity. You have forgiven my iniquity and covered all of my sin. In your mercy, you have withdrawn your fury and turned away from your burning anger. Surely your salvation is near to those who fear you that your glory may dwell in our hearts and in our land. Your lovingkindness and truth have met together. Righteousness and peace have kissed each other, and for that I praise your name.

Day 9 - December 10

NAME OF GOD: El Elohe Yisrael, *The mighty God of Israel*

Verse: “Then he erected there an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel (El Elohe Yisrael).” Genesis 33:20

Prayer: Supplication

El Elohe Yisrael I ask you to grant peace to Israel. I ask you to extend your hand of compassion and mercy into the areas of destruction where men, women, and children are being injured and killed, and to rescue them. I pray for your power in the midst of chaos, along with your grace. I lift up to you the government of Israel and pray that your kingdom purposes will be made manifest. Bring the Israelite people to a saving knowledge of you, and protect them. I bless Israel in your name today, El Elohe Yisrael and ask you to bless them as well. And give me your heart for Israel.

Day 10 - December 11

NAME OF GOD: El Emunah, *The Faithful God*

Verse: “Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God (El Emunah), keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.” Deuteronomy 7:9

Prayer: Adoration

El Emunah your faithfulness convinces me that nothing can ever separate me from your love. Death nor life, fear nor worry – not even the powers of hell can separate me from you because you are faithful. I honor and adore you for the faithfulness that you show me even when I am unfaithful to you. I praise you for keeping your covenant of love not only to me, but also to a thousand generations of those who love you and seek you with all of their hearts, minds and souls. I praise El Emunah for the faithfulness that you revealed in writing and recording your Word for my instruction so that through endurance and the encouragement of your Scripture, I might have hope.

Day 11 - December 12

NAME OF GOD: Elohei Tehillati, *God of my praise*

Verse: “My God (Elohei), whom I praise (Tehillati), do not remain silent.” Psalm 109:1

Prayer: Adoration

Elohei Tehillati you are my strength and my song. I extol you because you have become my salvation. I give you praise because you are the one, true God. Who is like you among the gods? Who is like you in all of the earth? Who is majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, and continually working wonders? Only you Elohei Tehillati. You are deserving of my praise, and my adoration. Great are you, God, and greatly to be praised. You are to be feared above all else. I ascribe to you the glory that is due your name and come before you in humble prayer to worship you my Elohei Tehillati.

Day 12 - December 13

NAME OF GOD: El Hakabodh, *The God of Glory*

Verse: “The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory (El Hakabodh) thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.” Psalm 29:3

Prayer: Confession

El Hakabodh you are a jealous God who does not share your glory with others. Pardon my sins for when I turn my eyes to humanity thinking that this person or that person was the one who delivered me from a particular trial. Rather, it was you who used them to bring about your intended deliverance. Forgive my short-sightedness in not always seeing your glory through your creation, your works, your word, and your Spirit.

Week 3—December 16-22

Day 13 - December 14

NAME OF GOD: Elohim Chayim, *The Living God*

Verse: “This is how you will know that the living God (Elohim Chayim) is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites.” Joshua 3:10

Prayer: Meaning

Elohim Chayim thank you for being active and engaged in my everyday life. You are not a God who sits far off removed and distant having no say in what happens to me. Just as you drove out the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites from before the Israelites – you are alive and moving in the situations of my life as well. Thank you for your interest, care, concern and loving participation in me, through me and around me.

Day 14 - December 15

NAME OF GOD: El Hayyay, *God of My Life*

Verse: “By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life (El Hayyay).” Psalm 42:8

Prayer: Supplication

El Hayyay – the God of my life – be very close to me. Open my ears to hear you. Soften my heart to discern your Spirit. Help my eyes to recognize when you are weaving something in my life. Turn my frustration and anger away from people who seem to me to be obstacles in my life, El Hayyay, and help me to know that you are sovereign – that nothing happens to me that doesn’t first pass through your hands. Kings see you and bow down. I pray that I will live each moment in that same spirit of honor and humility before the God who knows what steps I should take, and who guides me.

Day 15 - December 16

NAME OF GOD: Elohim Kedoshim, *Holy God*

Verse: “Joshua said to the people, 'You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God (Elohim Kedoshim); he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins.'” Joshua 24:19

Prayer: Confession

Elohim Kedoshim I confess that I know your desire is for me to be holy as you are holy and I seek that with my heart. But I also know that I have fallen short of that in the past, fall short of it in the present and will fall short of it in the future. In my finiteness I far too often sin – whether it be a sin of commission or a sin of omission, it still offends the beauty and purity of who you are. Forgive me for the worry, doubt, fear, anxiety, anger and even lack of love that is in my heart at times and cleanse me in your holiness.

Day 16 - December 17

NAME OF GOD: Elohei Ma’uzzi, *God of My Strength*

Verse: “God is my strong fortress (Elohei Ma'uzzi); And He sets the blameless in His way.” 2 Samuel 22:33

Prayer: Adoration

Elohei Ma’uzzi you are my strong fortress. You are the God of my strength. In you I find all that I need. In you is power, might and force. I praise you for your mighty hand. I lift up your name to give you honor because you are the strongest of all in existence. Your creation testifies to your power. The mountains rise to proclaim your strong arm. The ocean’s depth reveals your force. The moon keeps its place because of your great strength. The sun flames as a result of your own creative prowess. You are to be held in the highest of esteem and I praise you Elohei Ma’uzzi.

Day 17 - December 18

NAME OF GOD: Elohim Machase Lanu, *God Our Refuge*

Verse: “Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God (Elohim) is our refuge (Machase Lanu).” Psalm 62:8

Prayer: Supplication

Elohim Machase Lanu you know what I'm asking you first. My first request is that I won't need a refuge but that you will stand guard in my life and guide me away from trials and tribulations. But I know in your word you say that in this life we will face trials and tribulations, so I know that there will be times where I am in great need. I ask Elohim Machase Lanu that you will do something in those times to get my attention – to remind me – to look to you so that I don't falter out there on my own trying to comfort and protect myself, or in looking to someone else rather than you.

Day 18 - December 19

NAME OF GOD: *Eli Maelekhi, God My King*

Verse: “Your procession, God, has come into view, the procession of my God (Eli) and King (Maelekhi) into the sanctuary.” Psalm 68:24

Prayer: Thanksgiving

Eli Maelekhi I come before you with thanksgiving and I extol you with praise. You are the king, the great God – the great king above all. I enter your courts with thanksgiving and into your presence with a heart of gratitude as well. Thank you that you have chosen me as your heir to your kingdom, that I am a child of the king and by virtue of my relationship with you through your son Jesus Christ, I am entitled to all of the spiritual blessings that you have for me in your kingdom. Thank you for your abundant favor.

Day 19 - December 20

NAME OF GOD: *Huios tou Theou, The Son of God*

Verse: “Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Christ the Son (Huios) of the living God (Theou).’” Matthew 16:16

Prayer: Adoration

Huios tou Theou, you are the Christ, the son of the living God. I worship you, for you have come to take away the sins of the world. After God spoke long ago through the prophets, He chose to speak to us through you, Huios tou Theou, whom He has made heir of all things. It is also through you that He made the world. You are the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of Him in every way. I lift up your name as you have sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High having inherited a more excellent name than any other. In Christ's name, amen.

Day 20: December 21

NAME OF GOD: *Elohenu Olam, Our Everlasting God*

Verse: “For this God is our God (Elohenu) for ever and ever (Olam); he will be our guide even to the end.” Psalm 48:14

Prayer: Confession

Elohenu Olam I confess that in my finite mind I have difficulties sometimes even grasping what my life may be like in five years, or ten. To comprehend a God who exists before time and will experience no end is beyond what I'm able to do. Forgive me for not fully appreciating your power, intellect and just who you are. The world is simply a pebble in your hand and yet I get so consumed by what I hear on the news, or see at the workplace, or experience in my relationships. A God who is Elohenu Olam is not easily overwhelmed because you have seen it all and will see it all. You know how it began and you know how each situation will end. You know that you will be there as the everlasting God. Forgive me for worrying rather than trusting in your wisdom and power.

Day 21 - December 22

NAME OF GOD: *Elohim Ozer Li, God My Helper*

Verse: “Surely God (Elohim) is my help (Ozer Li); the Lord is the one who sustains me.” Psalm 54:4

Prayer: Supplication

Elohim Ozer Li I ask for your help. Many things are weighing me down but you know the one that is heavy on me the most and I ask you to intervene. Please guard me from responding to this situation inappropriately. Guard me from turning to my own ways and human wisdom. Remind me by showing me your hand that you are near, and you are my sustaining help, and do help me this very day Elohim Ozer Li for I am dependent upon you in every way.

Week 4—December 23-31

Day 22 - December 23

NAME OF GOD: El Rai, *God Seest Me*

Verse: “She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: 'You are the God (El) who sees (Rai) me,' for she said, 'I have now seen the One who sees me.'” Genesis 16:13

Prayer: Adoration

El Rai this is one of your names which reveals your heart more than any other. As you saw Abraham on the mountaintop and witnessed his trust in you, you provided a ram as Jehovah Jireh. Likewise, as El Rai you see where I am, you respond. It is in your seeing that I am truly known. To be known by you – to not be forgotten – is one of my greatest needs and it is this name which comforts me greatly. I praise you because you are not a distant God who sits far off and does not commune with those you have made, but you see me. You care, you see, and you are there.

Day 23 - December 24

NAME OF GOD: El Sali, *God, my Rock*

Verse: “The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock (El Sali); and exalted be God, the rock of my salvation.” 2 Samuel 22:47

Prayer: Thanksgiving

El Sali you deserve my gratitude. You stay steady when all else around me crumbles and falls. Thank you for the power of your strength – thank you that you are my rock, you are the God of my salvation. Thank you for Jesus Christ and his sacrifice for my sins. Thank you that you not only save me for eternity but you offer me salvation while on earth. Accept my humble words and heart of prayer as I bow before you to thank you for all that you have done for me.

Day 24 - December 25

NAME OF GOD: El Shaddai, *Almighty God*

Verse: “When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, 'I am God Almighty (El Shaddai); walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.'” Genesis 17:1-2

Prayer: Supplication

El Shaddai show me how to honor you with my faith like Abraham did throughout his life. I want to be a person of great faith who gets to experience you as El Shaddai in my life. At times Abraham did not exhibit the faith that he did in later days yet in so doing he delayed the oath of the covenant coming to him from you. Help me not to cause delays in my destiny but rather to walk upright in faith starting even from today. Strengthen the muscles of my heart and my soul to be willing to risk all to show my dedication and commitment to you as my King and to your kingdom agenda on earth.

Day 25 - December 26

NAME OF GOD: El Simchath Gili, *God My Exceeding Joy*

Verse: “Then I will go to the altar of God, to God (El), my joy (Simchath Gili) and my delight. I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.” Psalm 43:4

Prayer: Supplication

El Simchath Gili show me your wonders. Delight me with that which delights you. I know that if I witness the things that make your heart glad, mine will become glad as well. Give me the pleasure of knowing you intimately because in you I will find my joy and my delight.

Help me also to bring joy to other people that I come into contact with. Give me a sweet spirit that radiates your love and pleasure to those around me. Help me to say kind and encouraging words and to always think on things that are pure. As I do that, I will reflect you all the more!

Day 26 - December 27

NAME OF GOD: Elohim, *The plural name of El, referring to the one, true Creator God, Divine, Deity*

Verse: “In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God (Elohim) was moving over the surface of the waters.” Genesis 1:1-2

Prayer: Adoration

Elohim, you are the strong, creator God. In you I find all of the components of all that has ever been created. It is your great imagination which gave the elephant his long trunk and the leopard her spots. It is by your strong arm that the oceans' depth was first measured and the mountains rose.

You chose what color the sky would be and how the earth would feed upon itself, even bringing life through death as a seed dies before towering into a tree. I praise you for the greatness of your creative prowess and ingenuity. I adore you for the fullness of your power. And I honor you for how you have made all things, even the minutia, work together to populate your great creation that we call earth.

Day 27 - December 28

NAME OF GOD: *Jehovah, Lord, master and relational God*

Verse: “This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord (Jehovah) God made earth and heaven.” Genesis 2:4

Prayer: Thanksgiving

Jehovah thank you that you desire to be close to me. Thank you that you are not just a God who is high and lifted up but you are also a God who communes with the lowly and with those who are not of a high stature. Thank you for the goodness and depth of your heart which pours out love time and again in my life, for the grace of your patience which continues to show love even in the face of my many dismissals of you. I often walk in the midst of the beauty of your creation without giving you the praise and credit that is due you so please accept my heart of gratitude right now for all that you have made, and for your desire to know me fully and have me know you as well.

Day 28 - December 29

NAME OF GOD: *Jehovah El Elohim, The LORD God of Gods, the LORD, mighty, powerful, strong One over all*

Verse: “The Mighty One, God, the Lord (Jehovah), the Mighty One (El), God (Elohim), the Lord! He knows, and may Israel itself know. If it was in rebellion, or if in an unfaithful act against the Lord do not save us this day!” Joshua 22:22

Prayer: Supplication

Jehovah El Elohim, teach me to love like you. Teach me to walk in the strength and might of which you are made. As your child, your Spirit lives within me and I can access your strength through your Spirit’s presence. I’m not always strong, especially in the face of health issues or financial issues or even with regard to relational issues – but you are. So I ask you to intervene in my thoughts, heart and mind when these situations arise so that I can then fully manifest your might and power in my life.

Week 5—December 30-31

Day 29 - December 30

NAME OF GOD: *Jehovah Elohim Ab, The LORD God of your forefathers*

Verse: “So Joshua said to the sons of Israel, “How long will you put off entering to take possession of the land which the Lord (Jehovah), the God (Elohim) of your fathers (Ab), has given you?” Joshua 18:3

Prayer: Confession

Jehovah Elohim Ab, the Lord God of my forefathers, I confess to you that I don’t always make a connection between what you have done in the past and what you are doing currently in my own life. I neglect to study where I should be studying to learn your character through how you interacted with those who came before me. I am a child of Abraham and an heir to the covenants you have established with my spiritual forefathers. Yet I confess that I do not even know what all of that entails and all of the birthright that is due me. What I do not know, I cannot ask for. Forgive me for not taking full advantage of what you have established already through your relationship with my spiritual forefathers.

Day 30 - December 31

NAME OF GOD: *Jehovah El Elyon, The LORD, the Most High God*

Verse: “Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have sworn to the Lord (Jehovah) God (El) Most High (Elyon), possessor of heaven and earth.” Genesis 14:22

Prayer: Adoration

Jehovah El Elyon, your name means the LORD, most high God. I praise you for your position. I honor you as you are seated above all else. I lift up your name and bless who you are. You are the possessor of heaven and earth. You are the friend of humanity. You are the highest being in existence. For all of this and more, I lift you up as king. May your kingdom rule be made manifest on earth as you demonstrate your power and might above all.