



## RITUAL AND REMEMBRANCE

### **Kaddish**

The mourners' Kaddish is a very familiar prayer within the Jewish community, recited daily for eleven months following a death and on the annual anniversary of the death and on prescribed holy days. Traditionally the prayer is said by a group of mourners, a Minyan, but also can be recited privately. It is important to notice that there is no mention of death in the prayer, but the theme of Kaddish is, rather, the greatness of God, who is present in the entire universe, and especially in each individual human being. This is also a prayer for peace -- peace between nations, peace between individuals, and peace of mind.

Kaddish is a great comfort, reminding the mourner of the presence of God in the universe and that no soul is ever forgotten.

### **Mourner's Kaddish - A Modern Translation**

*Glorified and sanctified be God's great name throughout the world which God has created according to his will. May God establish his kingdom within you and in the whole world within your lifetime and during your days, speedily and soon. Amen.*

*May God's great name be blessed forever and to all eternity.*

*Blessed and praised, glorified and exalted, beautified and uplifted, adored and lauded be the name of the Holy One, blessed be he, beyond all the blessings and hymns, praises and consolations that are ever spoken in the world. Amen.*

*May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life for us all. Amen.*

*May the spirit that brings cosmic peace bring peace for us and all Israel. Amen.*