

Dear God,

May it be your will that our efforts today and everyday be directed toward helping; helping each other, helping our neighbors, and helping all those without shelter of their own.

God, you taught that we are made at least a little like you: "*b'tzelem elohim barah adam*" - "In the image of *Elohim*, God created human beings." Help us live up to that image, help us as we strive to embody that which brings us near to you.

Give us strength to honor and respect every single person, on every single street corner and in every single soup kitchen line; for if we WERE made in your image, each person has just as much capability and just as much of a God spark in her as each of us here today.

God who lifts up the fallen, clothes the naked, frees the captive and feeds the hungry, may we too be honored with the ability to lift up the fallen, cloth the naked, free the captive, and feed the hungry.

*Baruch atah adonai, shenatan lanu hizdamnut l'takein et haolam.* Blessed are you God, who has given us the opportunity to repair the world.