



NOAHIDES AND PRAYER

1. Isaiah 56:7

<p>I will bring them to My sacred mount And let them rejoice in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices Shall be welcome on My altar; For My House shall be called A house of prayer for all peoples.”</p>	<p>והביאתים אל-הר קדשי ושמתים בבית תפילתי עולתיכם ונדחתם לרצון על-מזבתי כי ביתי בית-תפילה יקרא לכל- העמים:</p>
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2. Exodus 23:25

<p>And you shall serve the L-rd your G-d, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.</p>	<p>ועבדתם את ה' אלקיכם וברך את-לחמך ואת-מימך וחסרתי מחלה מקרבך:</p>
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3. Deuteronomy 11:13

<p>And it shall come to pass, if you hearken diligently to my commandments which I command you this day, to love the L-rd your G-d, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul</p>	<p>והיה אם-שמעו תשמעו אל-מצותי אשר אנכי מצוה אתכם היום לאהבה את-י' אלקיכם ולעבדו בכל-לבבכם ובכל- נפשכם:</p>
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4. TB Ta'anit 2b

<p>From where do we derive that (rain must be mentioned) in prayer? It is taught in the beraita, “to love the L-rd your G-d and to serve him with all your hearts, etc.” Which is the service of the heart? We must say, “prayer”.</p>	<p>ומנא לן דבתפילה — דתניא: “לאהבה את ה' אלקיכם ולעבדו בכל לבבכם”, איזו היא עבודה שהיא בלב — הוי אומר: זו תפילה</p>
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5. Rambam, Laws of Prayer and Birkat Kohanim 1:1

<p>It is a positive Torah commandment to pray every day, as [Exodus 23:25] states: "You shall serve G-d, your L-rd." Tradition teaches us that this service is prayer, as [Deuteronomy 11:13] states: "And serve Him with all your heart" and our Sages said: Which is the service of the heart? This is prayer. The number of prayers is not prescribed in the Torah, nor does it prescribe a specific formula for prayer. Also, according to Torah law, there are no fixed times for prayers.</p>	<p>מצות עשה להתפלל בכל יום שצאמר (שמות כג כה) "ועבדתם את ה' אלקיכם". מפי השמועה למדו שעבודה זו היא תפילה שצאמר (דברים יא יג) ("ולעבדו בכל לבבכם" אמרו חכמים אי זו היא עבודה שבלב זו תפילה. ואין מגזין התפלות מן התורה. ואין משנה התפילה הזאת מן התורה. ואין לתפילה זמן קבוע מן התורה :</p>
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6. Hasagot HaRamban on Sefer HaMitzvot 5

<p>The whole concept of prayer is not an obligation at all; it is simply the kindness of the Creator, may He be Blessed, that He bestows upon us that He listens to and answers us any time we call upon Him.</p>	<p>ודאי כל ענין התפלה אינו חובה כלל אבל הוא ממדת חסד הבורא יתברך עלינו ששומע ועונה בכל קראנו אליו</p>
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7. Rambam, Laws of Fasts 1:1-2

<p>It is a positive Torah commandment to cry out and to sound trumpets in the event of any difficulty that arises which affects the community, as [Numbers 10:9] states: "[When you go out to war... against] an enemy who attacks you and you sound the trumpets...." [This commandment is not restricted to such a limited scope; rather] the intent is: Whenever you are distressed by difficulties - e.g., famine, plague, locusts, or the like - cry out [to G-d] because of them and sound the trumpets.</p>	<p>מצות עשה מן התורה לזעק ולהריע בהצוצרות על כל צרה שתבוא על הצבור. שצאמר (במדבר י ט) (על הצר הצרר אתכם ונהרעתם בהצוצרות". כלומר כל דבר שיצר לכם כגון בצרת ודבר וארבה וכיוצא בהן ועקו עליהן ונהריעו :</p>
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