

PEOPLES BLESSING

Dm C7 Dm GmDm
 יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה וְיִשְׁמְרֶךָ.
 Dm C7 Dm Gm
 יֵאָר יְהוָה פְּנֵינוּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְיִחַנֵּנוּ.
 Dm C7 Dm Bb Gm
 יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פְּנֵינוּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, וְיִשֵּׂם לָנוּ שְׁלוֹם.

Dm Gm Dm
 May we find harmony with the Divine
 C7 Dm
 Shelter and light.
 Gm Dm
 May the wonder of the Infinite shine,
 C7 Dm
 Gracious and warm.
 Gm Bb Dm
 And may our holy God be in our heart,
 C7 Dm
 Compassion and peace.

May God bless you and keep you—May we always remember that God’s creation is much richer than we can comprehend, and when we open ourselves to its blessings and commandments our material wants (Rashi) are satisfied. *May God’s face light you and grace you*—Since we are blessed by God with the capacity to understand Torah, may we use that understanding to attain spiritual fulfillment through “insight in God’s management in history and of our own mission and tasks in life” (S.R. Hirsch), so that we may be “gracious to one another and compassionate to one another” (Numbers Rabbah 11:6). *May God face you and give you peace*—May we always exert ourselves to seek the face of God, the divine path of Torah, so that we seek peace beyond ourselves, in our family and community, the reward for which is to be enlightened and liberated from our private anxieties and depression.