

Renew Our Days as of Old – A #ShowUpForShabbat Prayer

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From the depths we cry out to You¹, dear God, for
You are with us in our straits.²

*Hear the blood of our brothers and sisters as they shout out to us,
to You, from the ground.*³

A year has passed, but the pain subsists. We are not the same.

*Dear Pittsburgh, we are with you in your sorrow. We are
responsible one for the other.*⁴

Comfort the mourners who grieve the loss of their loved ones,
their friends, those who unite to establish synagogues for
prayer and those who enter them to pray.⁵

*Joyce Fienberg, Richard Gottfried, Rose Mallinger, Jerry Rabinowitz, Cecil
Rosenthal, David Rosenthal. May our memory of them be for a blessing.*

Bernice Simon, Sylvan Simon, Daniel Stein, Melvin Wax, Irving Younger.
May our memory of them be for a blessing.

*God, Creator, brighten us with the light of the First Day
and dispel this darkness.*⁶

Renew within us our Divine image of the Sixth Day, which
fashioned and governs our humanity.⁷

*Teach us to banish evil and know good, our distinction from
the beasts, acquired in the Garden of Eden.*⁸

Care for the wounded of body and spirit. Enable them, us, to heal
and regenerate as Adam and Eve did in the face of unbearable loss.⁹

*Restore the American Jewish innocence lost, that America could be
different, that America will be different. Mend our fractured nation.*

Bless those who did not stand idly by while their neighbor's blood
was shed, who ran toward and not away.¹⁰

*Bless those who showed up for Shabbat, now and then. Their presence
allows the good of the many to prevail over the evil of the few.*

Yea, though we walked through the valley of the shadow of death,
we will fear no evil, for Thou art with us.¹¹

*Renew our days as of old.*¹²

¹Psalms 130:1

²Psalms 91:15

³Genesis 4:10

⁴Shevuot 39b

⁵Shabbat prayer book

⁶Genesis 1:2-4

⁷Genesis 1:27

⁸Genesis 2-3

⁹Genesis 4:24

¹⁰Leviticus 19:16

¹¹Psalms 23:4

¹²Lamentations 5:21