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*“The Lord said to Moses,  
‘The tenth day of this seventh month is  
the Day of Atonement.*

*Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves,  
and present a food offering to the Lord.*

*Do not do any work on that day,  
because it is the Day of Atonement,  
when atonement is made for you  
before the Lord your God.’”*

Leviticus 23:26-28

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This week is the holiest day on the Judaic calendar, the Day (Yom) of Atonement (Kippur).

How should we direct our intercession this week to bring America into right relationship with God our Father?

### The Hidden Jewels in “Kippur”

“Kippur” is the Hebrew word for Atonement. There are other Hebrew words that share the same root as *Kippur* and therefore ***provide us a deeper understanding of God’s purposes for the sacred and vital act of atonement.***

The Hebrew word for mercy seat, “*hak-kap-pō-reṯ*,” comes from the root word for atonement. The Hebrew word kaphar means “to cover over,” but

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is often translated as atonement. Atonement is part of God's mercy towards us. Atonement brings God's mercy.

Mercy is part of Atonement.

The literal meaning of “*kippurim*” (Leviticus 23:28) is “cleansing,” as the root *kaper* means “to cleanse.”

Purification is part of Atonement.

The verb *kapar* describes the protective periphery around a vulnerable interior.

God's covering is part of Atonement.

“The noun *koper* describes the price of a human life, i.e. the purchasing price *and* maintenance costs of keeping a person out of slavery. This is not simply a single sum of money but rather an economic protective layer of all sorts of hedges and investments. The noun *kippurim* is in fact a plural of the previous and denotes a massive free-buying *and* free-keeping of many people at once. The noun *kapporet* is the technical term for the cover of the Ark of the Covenant; the Mercy Seat.”¹.

Redeeming (buying back) is part of Atonement.

¹ www.abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Yom-Kippur.html

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“The name Yom Kippur means **Day Of Atonement(s)**, but note that in the ransom business, it's highly unusual that an abductee has to cough up his own ransom. The choice of words of this name seems to suggest that the offering brought on Yom Kippur was not so much for one's own atonement but rather for the others.”<sup>2</sup>

***Ransoming for others is part of Atonement.***

***Dear Heavenly Father,***

**In this week of Atonement, we pray for our country, America, to be bought back and brought back into At-One-Ment with You, through....**

- ◆ Mercy on our country
- ◆ Purification
- ◆ Your covering
- ◆ Redeeming
- ◆ Ransoming back

### **Mercy On Our Country**

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for your mercy on our country, America. We pray that You will accept our repentance, prayers, fasting, petitions and penance as reparations for the sins of our nation.
- ◆ We ask for your forgiveness for betraying You as our first love, as our spiritual founding Father. We petition You with Your Word, which is a promise for atonement.
- ◆ We pray the fulfillment of Acts 3:19 over America: *“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”*

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<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

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- ◆ Heavenly Father, let your mercy triumph over America, according to James 2:13: *“For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.”*
- ◆ We pray 1 John 1:9 that, *If we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* Thank you Abba Father.

Purification

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, a vital part of Atonement is purification; purification from our sins, our flaws and vices. Please convict us of the ways of purification to atonement for our own sins and those of our nation. Please receive our acts of purification as atonement.
- ◆ I proclaim Psalm 51:2 to You Lord God: *“Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!”*
- ◆ I petition Psalm 51:7, Heavenly Father: *“Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.”*
- ◆ I take hold of Isaiah 1:16 and I commit to *Wash myself; make myself clean; remove the evil of my deeds from before Your eyes; and cease to do evil.*
- ◆ I proclaim and release Psalm 24:3-5 over America for those with ears to hear and hearts to receive: *“Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior.”*
- ◆ I pray for your people to be convicted of Hebrews 10:22 in this Atonement season: *“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”*

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- ◆ Heavenly Father, help me to purify my soul; purify the soul of America, as 1 Peter 1:22–23 says: *“Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.”*
- ◆ Abba Father, convict your sons and daughters across our land of the necessity and beauty in purifying themselves as Jesus Christ; just as 1 John 3:3 declares: *“And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.”*

### God's Covering

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, your Atonement brings your covering, which we your people need, which America desperately needs. We ask You for your covering as we atone for our nation.
- ◆ For 2 Timothy 4:18 promises us: *“The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom.”* Lord God, bring us safely into your Heavenly Kingdom.
- ◆ Lord God, cover America with a supernatural protection; that no weapon formed against it shall prosper; that every plan and scheme shall be thwarted and revealed; that all perpetrators shall be caught and brought to justice. As Psalm 32:7 says: *“You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah”*
- ◆ We speak your promises of covering from Psalm 91:4, *“He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.”* Lord God Abba, let your covering over America be a radical testimony of your love and mercy, of the One True God covering His people.

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Redeeming

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, You sent us your only begotten Son to redeem our sins and sin nature. Redeem America as we rise in unison, one Body of Christ in this great Harvest of Souls, to boldly proclaim that Jesus Christ Yeshua is King and Messiah. Halleluia!
- ◆ We present to You Isaiah 44:22 as your promise: *“I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.”* Sweep away the offenses of America, all the sins of our government and its people; all the wickedness that is now being revealed and removed.
- ◆ Heavenly Father, Your Word in Galatians 3:13 establishes that Your people have been redeemed from the curse; so redeem America from the curse: *“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: ‘Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.’”*
- ◆ We declare Psalm 111:9, *“He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever— holy and awesome is his name.”* Thank you Heavenly Father! For the gift of your Redemption!

Paying a Ransom For Others

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I offer my prayers, fasting and sacrifices to ransom my family, my loved ones, my country; to bring them to You. Convict me of any forms of penance, sacrifices and offerings to make in this time of Atonement to ransom them.
- ◆ As King David offered in 2 Samuel 21:3, *“David asked the Gibeonites, ‘What shall I do for you? How shall I make atonement so that you will bless the Lord’s inheritance?’”*
- ◆ Thank you Lord God, Father of Messiah Jesus Christ, for hearing and receiving our atonement petitions; for bringing your loving mercy,

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covering and redemption upon our land and peoples. How great is Thy love and mercy for us!

### SEALING PRAYER

*“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:  
to loose the chains of injustice  
and untie the cords of the yoke,  
to set the oppressed free  
and break every yoke?*

*Is it not to share your food with the hungry  
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—  
when you see the naked, to clothe them,  
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?*

*Then your light will break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing will quickly appear;  
then your righteousness will go before you,  
and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.*

*Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;  
you will cry for help, and he will say:*

*‘Here am I.’”*

Isaiah 58:6-9