

## A PRAYER OF DESIRE

*Printed at the end of most editions of Tikkun HaKlali is a special and unique prayer about desire to serve God. At the top, it is written, "We found this prayer under some other writings – a prayer small in quantity and great in quality." Some claim that it was authored by Reb Noson. Others say they heard from the previous generation of Breslev leaders that it was from Rebbe Nachman himself. Whoever it is from, the most important thing is to say it with kavanah – strong intention.*

Master of the Universe, Cause of all causes, Who brings about all things. Supreme and beyond everything, higher than You there is nothing. No thought can grasp You in any way. Before You, silence is praise, for You are above all blessing and praise.

You, I will search after. You, I will entreat. Break open a wide path leading from You, down through all the worlds, level by level, all the way to my level, in the place where I am standing, as it is revealed to you, Knower of hidden secrets. Through this pathway, shine Your light upon me to restore me in perfect and whole repentance before You in truth – according to Your true Will, according to the True Tzaddikim.

Let me not entertain a single extraneous thought in my mind – not a single thought or confusion which is against Your Will. Let me bind myself with only pure, clear and holy thoughts to Your service in truth, to understanding attained of You and Your Torah. Incline my heart to Your precepts and give me a pure heart to serve You in truth.

Take me out from the depths of the sea to a great light – swiftly and speedily. "God's deliverance comes in the blink of an eye." Let me be illuminated with the Light of Life throughout all of my days on the face of the earth. Let me be worthy of renewing the days of my youth – the days that were passed in darkness – and return them to holiness. Let my departure from the world be like my arrival: without sin.

Let me be worthy of gazing upon Your pleasantness and visiting Your inner palace, where everything declares Your Glory. *Amen. Selah.* ■