

תפילת אנה - TEFILAS ANA

In some communities, this beautiful tefilah is said by the members of the chevra kadisha before going into the tahara room:

Please Hashem, G-d of kindness and mercy, Whose ways are all kindness and truth, Whose Torah is entirely kindness and truth, Who created the world with kindness and truth, Who deals with His creations with kindness and truth, and Who commanded us to engage in kindness and truth, and bury the deceased with kindness and truth, as it is written: "Because you shall surely bury him." May it, therefore, be Your will, Hashem my G-d, to give me fortitude and strength to perform my work - a holy work, caring for those deceased with kindness and truth, through their purification, their dressing, and their burial. Although I do not know all the proper intentions to have in mind, may it be as if I had them in mind. Guard me that I not stumble in the work of my hands, and may [the promise that] "No wrongdoing will befall the righteous" be fulfilled in me, because who can really discern one's errors? Guard me from all harm and fault, fulfilling in me the verse "He who observes a mitzvah shall not know any evil." May the merit of the mitzvah of kindness and truth, stand by me and my family, filling our lives with goodness, pleasantness, to a good old age. May only goodness and kindness pursue me all the days of my life, and may I dwell in the house of Hashem for the length of my days. Amen.

אָנָּה ה' אֱלֹקֵי הַחֶסֶד וְהַרְחָמִים שְׁכָל
אֲרָחוּתֶיךָ חֶסֶד וְאֱמֶת וְתוֹרָתְךָ כֶּלֶה
חֶסֶד וְאֱמֶת וּבִרְאֵת הָעוֹלָם בְּחֶסֶד וְאֱמֶת
וּמִתְנַהֵג עִם בְּרִיּוֹתָיו בְּחֶסֶד וְאֱמֶת
וְצוֹיָתָנוּ לְהִתְעַסֵּק בְּחֶסֶד וְאֱמֶת וְלִקְבֹּר
הַמֵּתִים בְּחֶסֶד וְאֱמֶת כְּמוֹ שְׁפָתוֹב כִּי
קִבּוּר תִּקְבְּרֵנוּ וּבָכּוֹ יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ
ה' אֱלֹקֵי שְׁתֵּאֲמַצְנִי וְתַחֲזִקְנִי לַעֲשׂוֹת
מִלְּאֲכָתִי מִלְּאֲכָת שָׁמַיִם לְהִיּוֹת עֹסְקִי
בְּמֵתִים בְּחֶסֶד וְאֱמֶת בְּעִסְקוֹת הַמֵּתִים
בְּטַהֲרָתָם וּבִלְבִּישָׁתָם וּבִקְבוּרָתָם וְאִף
שֶׁלֹּא יִדְעָתִי כּוֹנוֹתָן לָכוֹן בָּהֶן יִהְיוּ כְּאִילוֹ
נִתְכּוֹנָתִי בָּהֶן וְתִשְׁמְרֵנִי שֶׁלֹּא אֶכְשֹׁל
בְּמַעֲשֵׂה יָדַי וְתִקְּיָם בִּי לֹא יֵאָנֶה לְצַדִּיק
כָּל אֶוֹן כִּי שְׂגִיאוֹת מִי יָבִין וְתִשְׁמְרֵנִי
מִכָּל נֹזֶק וְתִקְלָה לְקִיָּם בִּי מִקְרָא שׁוֹמֵר
מִצְוָה לֹא יִדַּע דָּבָר רָע וְתַעֲמוֹד לִי וְלִכָּל
בְּנֵי בֵּיתִי זְכוֹת מִצְוֹת גְּמִילוֹת חֶסֶד וְאֱמֶת
לְמִלְּאֵת יָמֵינוּ בְּטוֹבָה וּבִנְעִימִים בְּשִׂיבָה
טוֹבָה וְאֵד טוֹב וְחֶסֶד יִרְדְּפוּנִי כָּל יְמֵי חַיִּי
וְשִׁבְתִּי בְּבֵית ה' לְאֶרֶךְ יָמִים אָמֵן.



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