

DEAR G-D,

MY TORAH PORTION DISCUSSES THE RITUAL OF THE BURNT OFFERING OR SACRIFICE. TODAY WE USE PRAYERS INSTEAD OF BURNT OFFERINGS. BUT SACRIFICE ALSO MEANS TO GIVE UP SOMETHING OR ACT UNSELFISHLY. I PRAY THAT I MAY BE UNSELFISH WHEN DEALING WITH OTHERS AND THAT I MAY BE GENEROUS ENOUGH TO GIVE UP WHAT I WANT FOR THOSE I LOVE. PLEASE HELP ME TO GROW AND DEVELOP TO BE A GOOD PERSON, A GOOD JEW AND A CREDIT TO MY FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU, G-D, FOR BLESSING ME WITH PARENTS WHO CARE, AND WHO HAVE MADE MANY SACRIFICES OVER THE YEARS FOR ME. THEIR LOVE AND GUIDANCE HAVE HELPED ME PREPARE FOR THIS DAY AND FOR LIFE. THEY HAVE GIVEN THEIR TIME WILLINGLY AND I TRULY APPRECIATE IT. PLEASE BLESS MY SISTER, TEDDI, FOR EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE OUR DIFFERENCES, SHE'S STILL THE BEST SISTER ANYONE COULD HAVE. GRANDPA, YOU ARE VERY SPECIAL TO ME. YOU HAVE GIVEN ME LOVE AND ENCOURAGEMENT AT THE CRUCIAL TIMES IN MY LIFE AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL.

I AM VERY SORRY THAT MY OTHER GRANDPARENTS ARE NOT HERE TO SHARE THIS DAY WITH ME AND MY FAMILY. WE ALL MISS THEM.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND MY GRATITUDE TO MY OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS FOR SHARING THIS SPECIAL OCCASION WITH ME. PLEASE BLESS THEM ALL WITH HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

AMEN