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omer Adonai
et v'Yatziv
Chamochah

אֱמֶת EMET, there is no place
where You are not;
even in the wilderness
there is Your word.

אֱמֶת EMET, that pen strokes of lightning,
white fire, black flame,
stir the soul's passion, guide our sacred way.
True and enduring is Torah.

Your truth for us is certain and established,
now and forever more.
Like Moses, Miriam and all Israel,
we sing out and rejoice!

THE ETERNAL TRUTH

is that You alone are God and there is none else.

May the righteous of all nations
rejoice in Your love and exult in Your justice.

Let them beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Let nation not lift up sword against nation
nor learn war any more.

You shall not hate your brother or your sister in your heart.

The stranger that sojourns with you
shall be accepted as your equal,
for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

"Why do you crush My people and oppress the poor?" asks God.

We know that the Eternal One defends the poor
and upholds the rights of the needy.

Praise to God Most High;
blessed is God and deserving of blessing!

אֱמֶת וְיָצִיב Emet v'yatziv true and enduring We join the last words of the *Shema* to *Emet* as a statement of ongoing commitment to the truth. God's word is the promise that we will survive evil and uphold the vision of freedom and peace. This prayer affirms that God is the sole power in the universe and that God has the power to bring about redemption.

אֱמֶת Emet true In Hebrew, the three letters א, מ, ת Alef-Mem-Tav are the first, middle and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Truth is all-inclusive. Elyse D. Frishman

מִמִּצְרַיִם גְּאֻלְתָּנוּ MiMitzrayim g'altanu From Egypt You redeemed us Prayers of thanksgiving, addressed to God, are not meant to imply that God does not work through human channels. Roland B. Gittelsohn