

# ברכו-Barchu

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- (1) Bless Adonai who is blessed.
- (2) Blessed be Adonai who is blessed for all time.
- (3) Blessed be Adonai who is blessed for all time.

א) Leader: בְּרַכּוּ אֶת ה' הַמְּבָרֵךְ  
ב) Congregation: בְּרוּךְ ה' הַמְּבָרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד  
ג) Leader: בְּרוּךְ ה' הַמְּבָרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

## Words to Know

Blessed  
Forever and ever

בְּרוּךְ  
לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

## Commentaries

This is the leader's invitation to prayer. It is recited while standing. The leader bows when saying the word ברכו and stands straight when reciting the name of God. Similarly, the congregation bows at the word ברכו and stands straight during the recitation of God's name.

**--Adapted from Siddur Lev Shalem, The Rabbinical Assembly**

This prayer marks the call to worship and the formal beginning of the morning service (שחרית) and the evening service (ערבית). Shacharit always includes two central moments: the שמע and the עמידה. The service leader calls the congregation together as a מנין (ten Jewish adults). Then

the congregation responds to acknowledge they have assembled together for prayer.

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### **Discussion Question**

Why do we need a prayer to call people together?

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