

Bettering Ourselves

MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, RULER OF THE DESTINIES OF MANKIND, AS WE APPROACH THE HIGH HOLY DAYS MAY OUR THOUGHTS BE TURNED TOWARD HOW WE CAN ALL BECOME BETTER PERSONS, HOW WE CAN ALL LEARN TO BE MORE CONSIDERATE AND HELPFUL, HOW WE CAN BETTER FILL THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND MAKE OUR SHUL, COMMUNITY, AND CITY A BETTER PLACE. MAY WE ALL BE GIVEN THE VISION TO SEE OUR FAULTS CLEARLY AND THE COURAGE AND STEADFASTNESS TO CORRECT THEM. MAY WE ALL START OUT THE NEW YEAR WITH RENEWED ZEAL AND DETERMINATION TO MAKE OUR LIVES AND OUR SISTERHOOD BETTER AND TIED MORE CLOSELY TO THEE.

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O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, ALL MERCIFUL AND PERFECT IN ALL WAYS, WHO HAS CREATED MAN WITH THE DESIRE TO PERFECT HIMSELF AND WITH THE DESIRE TO BE MERCIFUL, GRACIOUS AND KIND, GRANT THAT AS WE PURSUE OUR G-D GIVEN DESIRE TO PERFECT OURSELVES, WE WILL NEVER FORGET THAT WE WERE ALSO MEANT TO BE MERCIFUL, KIND, AND NEVER BECOME ARROGANT, SPITEFUL, OR MEAN. BLESS, O LORD, THE WORK OF THE BOY SCOUTS, AN ORGANIZATION WHICH IS TRULY DEDICATED TO EVERYONE'S PERFECTION BUT NEVER AT A COST OF ANYONE'S HUMANITY. GRANT, O LORD, THAT THE BOY SCOUTS EMPHASIS ON NOT ONLY ACHIEVING, BUT ALSO ON FEELING WITH AND HELPING OTHERS, WILL FIND ITS WAY INTO THE HEARTS OF ALL OUR YOUNG MEN. GRANT, ALSO, O LORD, THAT THE YOUNG MEN WHO ARE BEING HONORED HERE TONIGHT WILL CONTINUE TO ACHIEVE AND TO FEEL AND BECOME TRULY AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL. AMEN.