

Universal Torah Blessing

Before the Torah Reading (boy):

O God of all humanity:

We lift our voices in gratitude that the Torah has come into the world through the Jewish people.

We lift our voices in gratitude for the ideals it teaches: justice, compassion, devotion, and the partnership of mind, heart, and deed.

We lift our voices in gratitude that on this day. _____ takes his place among the people of Israel. We pray that he will do so with pride and joy.

After the Torah Reading:

May you always cherish your precious inheritance. May your heart always be filled with joy, your mind always pursue knowledge, wisdom and insight. May you always speak and act with kindness, and may you be a worthy sustainer of the teachings of Torah, teachings that have given light, meaning and inspiration to all humanity.

Resources:

Salkin, Rabbi Jeffrey K. *Putting God on the Guest List* (Vermont: Jewish Lights Publishing, 1993), 116.