

Priority of Learning for Hebrew Prayers

Ideally, the student will learn all of the following prayers from the first two sections and be able to lead most of them with confidence. However, there are some situations in which the student cannot learn everything and must prioritize the prayers. If that is the case, the prayers in the “top priority” section should be learned first. Please do not consider the prayers in the “second priority” section to be optional. Every attempt should be made to learn them, even if the student is not leading them. The prayers in the “third priority” section are optional.

Top priority:

1. Torah blessings before and after, p. 399
2. Haftarah blessings before and after, begin p. 409
3. Tallit blessing, p. 143
4. Barechu, p. 247
5. Shema and Ve'ahavta, p. 277
6. Amidah -- first two blessings (Avot and Gevurot), pp. 295-299 (?)
7. Shema in the Torah service, p. 393
8. Birchot hashachar (first part Heb, second part Eng), pp. 153-161
9. Oseh Shalom, p. 323
10. Adon Olam, p. 459
11. Kiddush (short), p. 465
12. Motzi
13. Mah tovu (we incorporate the feminine in the second round), p. 141
14. Elohai neshamah (first line—what’s transliterated in *siddur*), p. 165
15. Psalm 121 – Esa Eynai (first line—what’s transliterated in *siddur*), p. 215
16. Mi chamocha, p. 291
17. Hatzi kaddish, p. 245
18. Aleynu, p. 445
19. Mourner’s Kaddish (need to learn it; won’t lead it)

Second priority:

18. Ein Kamocha, p. 383
19. Pitchu li
21. Vezot haTorah, p. 407
22. Yehalelu, p. 433
23. Eitz chayim hi, p. 441
24. Baruch She’amar, pp. 177-179
25. Veshamru (Kiddush), p. 465
27. Yotzer (we do a song that’s not in the *siddur*; learn first line of Hebrew), p. 247
28. Nishmat kol chai (first line—what’s transliterated in *siddur*), p. 235
29. Ahava rabbah (short chant), p. 273
30. Ein Keyloheynu, p. 443
31. Shehechyanu (won’t lead it but good to know)
32. Amidah—third blessing (skip p. 301), p. 303-305
33. Veba-eyr eyneynu
34. Or Chadash

Third priority:

33. Barchi nafshi, Shochen Ad, p. 241
34. Orech yamim, p. 199
35. Psalm 150, p. 231
36. Kaddish Titkabal, p. 381
37. Lecha Adonai
38. Sim shalom
39. Kadosh kadosh kadosh
40. Elecha
41. Mah gadlu
42. Tzadik katamar
43. Mizmor shir
44. Vayhi Binso'a, p. 385