

וְהָאֵר עֵינֵינוּ

Letter Meaning – ב or ב

At the beginning of the word it means – On, in, or with as a preposition.

Words in the prayer with the same first letter meaning are בְּתוֹרָתְךָ בְּשֵׁם
בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ בִּישׁוּעָתְךָ

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is found just before the Shema and after the Barchu. It is generally sung by all in the congregation, although it need not be. The tune used is usually upbeat and created to match the words of the Hebrew.

It speaks of the yearning of the Jewish people to be part of the world of the Torah. We ask to be connected to the Mitzvot, to the Jewish people and to God. When we sing we remind ourselves that to do and be our best we must be directly connected to God and the Torah.

Vocabulary and Translation

Our Eyes – עֵינֵינוּ

Your Name - שְׁמֶךָ

Not, never - וְלֹא

Our Hearts – לְבָבוֹ

To Your Mitzvot – בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ

Past Roots

ב – א father

מ – א mother

י – י – ה life/live

ר – ה – ב choose

כ – ר – ב bless

ל – א root of the names of G-d

Prefixes

ל – to, from

ו – and

Translation

Light up our eyes with Your Torah, and cause our hearts to cling to Your mitzvot. Unite our hearts in love and to revere Your name. Then we shall never be ashamed, ever. For having trusted in Your holy, great, and awesome holiness, we will celebrate Your salvation with joy.