

צוֹר יִשְׂרָאֵל

Root – ל – א – ג

Meaning – Save

Words in the prayer with the same root גְּאֻלָּנוּ, גְּאֻל

צוֹר יִשְׂרָאֵל is the prayer we say just as we are rising for the beginning of the Amidah. It is used to separate the previous section from the Amidah.

צוֹר literally means rock, but here it is used as a reference to God. Just as a rock is a support, so is God. The meaning here is that God is unchanging and dependable, immovable and imposing. God can neither be changed nor defeated by our enemies. God is today what God was in the past and what God will be in the future. We can always count on God.

Vocabulary and Translation

Rock – צוֹר

Judah - יהוּדָה

Israel – יִשְׂרָאֵל

Our Savior - גְּאֻלָּנוּ

Rise up – קוּמָה

Hosts - צְבָאוֹת

In help of – בְּעֶזְרָת

His Name - שְׁמוֹ

And Redeem – וּפְדָה

Redeemer - גְּאֻל

According to the speech of – כְּנִאמְרֵי

Past Roots and Suffixes

ר – ח – ב – Choose

כ – ר – ב - Bless

י – י – ח – Life, live

ל – א – Root of the names of God

ב – א - Father

מ – א – Mother

מ – י – ש – Place, Put

ל – ד – ג – Great large

נ – ת – נ – Give

ר – ב – ג – Hero, power

ר – ב – ד - Speak

ל – To, For

ו – And

ב – In, on, with

Translation

Rock of Israel, arise in help of Israel, and redeem us according to (the words) of Judah and Israel.

Our Savior, God of hosts is God's name, Holy One of Israel.

Blessed are you Adonai, Redeemer of Israel.