וְהָאֵר עֵינֵינוּ

וְהָאֵר עֵינֵינוּ בְּתוֹרָתֶךָ, וְדַבֵּק לִבֵּנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ,

וְיַחֵד לְבָבֵנוּ לְאַהֲבָה וּלְיִרְאָה אֶת שְׁמֶךָ.

וְלֹא נֵבוֹשׁ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

כִּי בְשֵׁם קָדְשְׁךָ הַגָּדוֹל וְהַנּוֹרָא בָּטָחְנוּ,

נָגִילָה וְנִשְׂמְחָה בִּישׁוּעָתֶךָ

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Prefix: בְּ or בּ

At the beginning of the word it means: on, in, with (as a preposition)

Words in the prayer with the prefix: בְּתוֹרָתֶךָ בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ בְּשֵׁם בִּישׁוּעָתֶךָ

The וְהָאֵר עֵינֵינוּ is found in the second section, "The שְׁמַע and Its Blessings," after the בָּרְכוּ. It is generally sung by the congregation. The tune used is usually upbeat and created to match the words of the Hebrew.

It speaks of the desire 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. The song reminds us that to do and be our best we should open our hearts to following the mitzvot and embrace the lessons of the Torah.

Vocabulary

our eyes - עֵינֵינוּ	our hearts - לְבָבֵנוּ	Your Name - שִׁמְךָ
and not, and never - וְלֹא	in/with Your commandments - בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ	

Past Roots and Prefixes

bless ב-ר-כ	place, put ש-י-מ	choose ב-ח-ר
root for names of God and also the word "God" א-ל-(ה)		life, live ח-י-(י)
great, large ג-ד-ל	to, for ל	and ו
save, redeem ג-א-ל		

Translation

Light up our eyes in 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.

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