בִּרְכוֹת הַתּוֹרָה

Before

בָּרְכוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְבֹרָךְ *The one called to bless*

בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְבֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד: *Everyone responds*

בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְבֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד: *The one called to bless*

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם ,

אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה

After

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם *The one called to bless*

אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נָטַע בְּתוֹכֵנוּ

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָ.

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Root: נ — ת — נ

Meaning: give

Words in the prayer with the root: וְנָתַן נוֹתֵן נָתַן

The Torah blessings are part of קְרִיאַת הַתּוֹרָה, the service for the reading of the Torah. The Torah reading is divided into sections, each known as an "aliyah." Traditionally on shabbat morning, there are seven aliyot. For each aliyah, a person or group is called up to say these two Torah Blessings - one before the Torah section is read, and one after the reading.

The Blessing before the Reading of the Torah thanks God for choosing the Jewish people, from all the people existing on Earth, and for giving the Torah to us with love. We bless God for the divine majesty, and for being our first teacher.

The Blessing after the Reading of the Torah continues the themes of the Blessing before the Reading, and adds our gratitude to God for giving us the Torah of truth. The Torah gives the Jewish people eternal life through the teaching of Torah from *generation to generation*, לְדוֹר וָדוֹר. It is considered a great honor to be asked to say the Blessings over the Reading of the Torah.

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<u>Vocabulary - Blessing before the Torah Reading</u>

choose - בָּחַר	the peoples - הָעַמִּים
giver - נוֹתֵן	to us - לָנוּ

<u>Vocabulary - Blessing after the Torah Reading</u>

Torah of - תּוֹרַת	truth - אֱמֶת
and life of - וְחַיֵּי	

Past Roots and Prefixes

bless ב-ר-כ	place, put שׂ-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	on, in, with ב or בּ	

Translation - before

Praise God, the one to be blessed!
Blessed is God, the one to be blessed, forever and ever.
Blessed is God, the one to be blessed, forever and ever.
Blessed are You, Adonai Our God Ruler of the Universe.
Who chose us from among all the peoples and gave us the Torah.
Blessed are You Adonai, Giver of the Torah.

Translation - after

Blessed are You, Adonai Our God Ruler of the Universe.
Who gave to us the Torah of truth, and planted within us everlasting life.
Blessed are You Adonai, Giver of the Torah.

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