יִשְׂמְחוּ

יִשְׂמְחוּ בְמַלְכוּתְךָ שׁוֹמְרֵי שַׁבָּת וְקוֹרְאֵי עֹנֶג,
עַם מְקַדְּשֵׁי שְׁבִיעִי, כֻּלָּם יִשְׂבְּעוּ וְיִתְעַנְּגוּ מִטּוּבֶךָ,
וּבַשְּׁבִיעִי רָצִיתָ בּוֹ וְקִדַּשְׁתּוֹ,
חֶמְדַּת יָמִים אוֹתוֹ קָרָאתָ, זֵכֶר לְמַעֲשֵׂה בְרֵאשִׁית.

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יִשְׂמְחוּ

Root: ש—מ—ר

Meaning - guard, protect

Word in the prayer with the root: שׁוֹמְרֵי

יִשְׂמְחוּ is found after the אָבוֹת, גְּבוּרוֹת, קְדֻשָּׁה, the first three prayers of the Amidah. It is generally sung together by the whole congregation. It is in the section of the Amidah known as Kedushat Hashem - The Holiness of the Name.

When we sing יִשְׂמְחוּ we confirm to God that we will honor Shabbat as a special day. By observing Shabbat we are filled with joy. The song reminds us that God created the world. Just as God rested on the seventh day, we celebrate Shabbat as our day of rest.

Vocabulary

shall rejoice - יִשְׂמְחוּ	guardians, keepers, observers- שׁוֹמְרֵי
people - עַם	creation (In the Beginning) - בְּרֵאשִׁית

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	on, in, with ב or בּ	give נ-ת-נ
mother א-מ	father א-ב	hero, power ג-ב-ר
speak ד-ב-ר	love א-ה-ב	holy, sacred ק—ד—ש
ruler מ-ל-כ	good ט-ו-ב	peace ש—ל—מ
praise ה-ל-ל		

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Translation

Those who observe the Shabbat and call it a delight
Shall rejoice in your kingdom.
The people who make the seventh day holy,
Shall all be satisfied and shall delight in Your goodness.
You desired the seventh day, and made it holy.
You called it “beloved of days.”
A reminder of the creation of the world.

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