Kaarah – Volume twenty-four. Kitzur Hilchos Yerushalmi – Halacha derived from Gemara Yerushalmi – Maamarei Mordechai

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It is good to say a short prayer when entering and leaving. *Editor's Note: These tefillas have the commonality that they are asking for correct learning and enhanced spirituality upon arriving and physical safety upon leaving. See Berochos* 4:2 *for details.* 

Tefilla

Prior to Amidah say: אָפָתַי תַּפְתָח וּפִי יַאָּיד תְהֵילָתָד adonai "Master open my lips and my mouth shall speak your praises."

After its conclusion say: יִהְיוּ לְבָי לְפָנֶיךּ יי צוּרי וְגוֹאָלי. "May the sayings of mouth and the thought of my heart be desirable before You, Hashem, my rock and my redeemer."

One who can daven says shemona esrei. One who cannot or is not fluent then he says an abridged version. *Editor's Note: these days knowing how to read Hebrew is 'fluent' because sidorim are commonplace. If one can say an abridged version then one can say the full nineteen blessings. The abridged version is "Baruch Hashem leolam" that is said by Maariv. Because these days everyone says the full shemonah esrei there is no longer a need to say this abridged version that was customary for those that gathered in the outskirts of town to say at night quickly to get home safely before dark.* 

One passing through danger during the time for Amidah says the abridged version and adds: adds: הוֹשִׁיעָה יי אֶת עַמְךּ אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכָל־פָּרִשְׁת הָעִיבּוּר יִהְיוּ צֶרְכֵיהֶם לְפָנֶיךּ. בָּרוּך אַתָּה יי שׁוֹמֵע תְפִילָה וְתחַנוּנִים. "Save, Hashem, Your nation Yisroel, in all passing chapters that they need help before You. Blessed are You, Hashem, the hearer of tefillah."

One should try to supplicate during Tefillah and not just say the words by rote.

On public fast days, the individual says *aneynu* – the tefilla for the fast day – in the brocha of Shomea Tefilla. An individual who decreed his own fast day also mentions it.

Mention of Tisha b'Av is in the avodah tefillah. All future desires are in the Avodah (Tisha b'Av and Yaale v'Yavo). All past occurrences are in Thanksgiving (Al Hanisim). *Editor's note: the Geonim moved the tefillah for Tisha b'Av to the one mentioning Yerushalayim and this became the custom. Both locations seem correct.*