ESTABLISHING IN THE WORLD THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE ALMIGHTY.

Beginning in the 19th century, this phrase was interpreted as a call to universal justice, similar to Isaiah's call to Israel to be "a light unto the nations." In this vein, the phrase 'l'taken olam was understood to mean "to repair the world," to be partners with God in achieving a world filled with peace and righteousness. Even earlier, Maimonides (12th century) had argued that the single most important characteristic of messianic times would be an end to one people's dominating another (Mishneh Torah, Hilkhot Melakhim 12:2).

ADONAI WILL REIGN FOREVER AND EVER.

From the Song at the Sea, Exodus 15:18.

ON THAT DAY ADONAI SHALL BE ONE.

Zechariah 14:9. When the Sh'ma was recited earlier, we declared that God is one. Now, at the end of the service, we express our hopes that through our prayer, we have brought the created world a little closer to oneness with the One God.

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