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### ***Dedication***

This document is dedicated *to my father who first taught me to love the Jewish people and to envisage a great destiny for them; may his name be forevermore remembered in Israel.*

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**(What the Jewish People May Feel When They Find their True Messiah)**

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**Zechariah 13:9**

*“And I will bring the third part [of Israel] through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name and I will hear them: I will say, ‘it is my people’ and they shall say, ‘The Lord is my G-d.’”*

**Thought Starter**

*To gain true faith in G-d we must lose faith in ourselves and in our own capacity to please G-d*

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## ***Key to Symbols***

**All:** Congregation and leaders

**P1:** Presiding participant<sup>1</sup>

**P2:** Other participants in worship<sup>2</sup>

**P1-2:** Presiding participant to alternate with other participants

**M:** The Messiah

**N:** Name of person or situation needing prayer

**Q:** Questioning Individual

Any wording within square brackets represents: -

- An optional section of the liturgy, which may be omitted (should time be limited)
- Alternative wording, used to provide variety between different services
- An amplification of a particular Bible passage

### **Note to Publishers**

**Red lettering denotes those contents included in this sample**

**The section titles are designed to describe their contents**

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<sup>1</sup> On Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2008, the term '*leader*' (which had been denoted by the letter 'L') was replaced by the term used here. The descriptive title '*Presiding Participant*' had the advantage of moving away from the usual '*clergy/laity*' divide, (which has been (and still is) a problem with many church liturgies).

<sup>2</sup> On Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2008, the term '*congregation*' (which had been denoted by the letter 'C') was replaced by the term used here. The intention was to prevent any notion that those present were only passive attendees, allowing the Presiding Participant to do everything.