L’dor Vador

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We will speak Your greatness,

Forever and ever, Forever and ever
Your Holiness we shall sanctify,
Your Praise, our God, shall never leave our lips.

Because You are a great God and Ruler
Great and Holy are You.

Praised are You, the Holy God.

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1. לְדוֹר וָדוֹר בָּגִּידָנָּה, נַגִּידָנָּה.

2. הַלֵּךְהָא בִּקְדֻשָּׁתְךָ בְּכָדִישָּׁה.

3. עַשֵּׁבוּה, אֵלֹהֵינוּ, מִפְּרוּנָּה לֹא יָמוּשׁ.

4. לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד, כּ י אֵל מֶלֶךְ.

5. גָּדוֹל וְקָדוֹשׁ אָתָּה.

6. בָּרוּךְ אָמְתָּה יְיָ, הָאֵל הַקָּדוֹשׁ.
Big idea: from generation to generation...

L’dor Vador means “from generation to generation”. This prayer says that from generation to generation we will praise God, and will declare God holiness.

This prayer is part of the K’dusha, which is the third part of the Amida prayer. The word K’dusha literally means “holiness”.

Did you know?

In many B’nai Mitzvah services it is customary to pass the Torah from a grandparent, to a parent and then to the child who is celebrating becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

This custom reminds us that the Torah and its teachings have passed on to us for thousands of years - many generations.

Key words:

- רְדֵּוַר - generation
- נֵצַח נְצָח ים – forever and ever
- קְדֻשָׁת – Your holiness
- לְעֹלָם וָעֶד - forever and ever
- אֱלֹהֵינוּ - our God
- אֵל - God
- מֶלֶך – king / ruler
- גָּדוֹל – large / great
- קָדוֹש - holy