Shabbat Blessings

For candles, wine, and bread.

Hadlakat neirot: The Blessing over the Shabbat Candles

Kindle the Shabbat candles (typically 2 candles), and chant or recite:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה וְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִנֵּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֵׁל שַׁבָּת.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir shel Shabbat.

We praise you, Eternal God, Sovereign of the Universe, who makes us holy with mitzvot and commands us to kindle the Sabbath lights.

Kiddush :The Blessing Over the Wine*

Lift the cup(s) of wine or juice and say:

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheimu melech ha-olam, borei p'ri hagafen.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Drink the wine or juice.

(* For the full text, see On the Doorposts of Your House, CCAR Press.)

HaMotzi: The Blessing Over the Bread

Uncover the challah and say:

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, hamotzi lechem min ha-aretz.

בַּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם הַפּוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

Cut or break off pieces of challah for each family member to eat.

