The Final Confession

From the Code of Jewish Law, Yoreh Deah 338:

When one is moving close to death, the person is told, "Many have confessed and not died, and many did not confess and died. With the reward for your confession, may you live".

All who confess have a share in the world to come.

If one cannot confess verbally, let them confess in their heart.

If they do not know the formula, let them say, "May my death be a *Kapara*, an atonement for my sins."

Translation by Rabbi Joseph S. Ozarowski



שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְ-יָ אֱלֹהֵיְנוּ, יְ-יָ אחָד. בָּרוּדְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Sh'ma Yis-ra-el, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, A-do-nai E-chad. Ba-ruch Shem k'vod mal-chu-to l'o-lam va'ed.





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