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**Manichaean Ritual Practice at Ancient Kellis: A New Understanding of the
Meaning and Function of the so-called 'Prayer of the Emanations'**

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Abstract: The so-called 'Prayer of the Emanations' was first published in 1995 by R.G. Jenkins, with a definitive edition as P. Kell. Gr. 98 in my Kellis Literary Texts II (Oxbow Press, Oxford, 2007). However, recently I have found cause to understand the text better, and in particular its function in terms of ritual practice. This is an important advance which will help to integrate our understanding of the community into the world-wide Manichaean church.