

I bear witness, O my God, that Thou hast created me to know Thee and to worship Thee. I testify, at this moment, to my powerlessness and to Thy might, to my poverty and to Thy wealth. There is none other God but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: God sufficeth all things above all things, and nothing in the heavens or in the earth but God sufficeth. Verily, He is in Himself the Knower, the Sustainer, the Omnipotent.

Is there any Remover of difficulties save God? Say: Praised be God! He is God! All are His servants, and all abide by His bidding!

O Lord, I have turned my face unto Thy kingdom of oneness and am immersed in the sea of Thy mercy. O Lord, enlighten my sight by beholding Thy lights in this dark night, and make me happy by the wine of Thy love in this wonderful age. O Lord, make me hear Thy call, and open before my face the doors of Thy heaven, so that I may see the light of Thy glory and become attracted to Thy beauty. Verily, Thou art the Giver, the Generous, the Merciful, the Forgiving.

Thy name is my healing, O my God, and remembrance of Thee is my remedy. Nearness to Thee is my hope, and love for Thee is my companion. Thy mercy to me is my healing and my succor in both this world and the world to come. Thou, verily, art the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say God is the Lord and all are worshipers unto Him  
He is the Pure One and all pay homage unto Him  
This is God your Lord Unto Him shall ye return  
Is there any doubt concerning God  
He has created you and all things  
The Lord of all worlds is He

O God, my God, my Beloved,  
my heart's Desire

#### 4. O SON OF JUSTICE!

Whither can a lover go but to the land of his beloved? and what seeker

findeth rest away from his heart's desire? To the true lover reunion is life, and separation is death. His breast is void of patience and his heart hath no peace. A myriad lives he would forsake to hasten to the abode of his beloved.

5. O SON OF BEING!

Love Me, that I may love thee. If thou lovest Me not, My love can in no wise reach thee. Know this, O servant.

3. O SON OF MAN!

Veiled in My immemorial being and in the ancient eternity of My essence, I knew My love for thee; therefore I created thee, have engraved on thee Mine image and revealed to thee My beauty.

11. O SON OF BEING!

Thou art My lamp and My light is in thee. Get thou from it thy radiance and seek none other than Me. For I have created thee rich and have bountifully shed My favor upon thee.

32. O SON OF THE SUPREME!

I have made death a messenger of joy to thee. Wherefore dost thou grieve? I made the light to shed on thee its splendor. Why dost thou veil thyself therefrom?

3. O FRIEND!

In the garden of thy heart plant naught but the rose of love, and from the nightingale of affection and desire loosen not thy hold. Treasure the companionship of the righteous and eschew all fellowship with the ungodly.

20. O SON OF SPIRIT!

My claim on thee is great, it cannot be forgotten. My grace to thee is plenteous, it cannot be veiled. My love has made in thee its home, it cannot be concealed. My light is manifest to thee, it cannot be obscured.

O God, guide me, protect me, make of me a shining lamp and a brilliant star. Thou art the Mighty and the Powerful.

That which God hath ordained as the sovereign remedy and mightiest instrument for the healing of the world is the union of all its peoples in one

universal Cause, one common Faith

The world is but one country and mankind its citizens.... Let not a man glory in that he loves his country; let him rather glory in this, that he loves his kind."

The well-being of mankind, its peace and security, are unattainable unless and until its unity is firmly established.

O Jews! If ye be intent on crucifying once again Jesus, the Spirit of God, put Me to death, for He hath once more, in My person, been made manifest unto you. Deal with Me as ye wish, for I have vowed to lay down My life in the path of God. I will fear no one, though the powers of earth and heaven be leagued against Me

Verily I say, this is the Day in which mankind can behold the Face, and hear the Voice, of the Promised One.

Sorrow not if in these days and on this earthly plane things contrary to you will have been ordained and manifested by God. For days of blissful joy and heavenly delight are assuredly in store for you.

The things of this world ill beseem you, leave them to those who desire them

Had you believed in Me, O wayward generation," were the last words of the Báb to the gazing multitude as the regiment was preparing to fire the final volley, "every one of you would have followed the example of this youth, who stood in rank above most of you, and willingly would have sacrificed himself in My path. The day will come when you will have recognized Me; that day I shall have ceased to be with you.

Kindle the fire of love and burn away all things,  
Then set thy foot into the land of the lovers.

The world is but a show, vain and empty, a mere nothing, bearing the semblance of reality. Set not your affections upon it.

Dost thou reckon thyself only a puny form  
When within thee the universe is folded?

Ere long will God sail His Ark upon thee, and will manifest the people of Baha who have been mentioned in the Book of Names."

Tell Me then: Do the sons recognize the Father, and 15 acknowledge Him, or do they deny Him, even as the people aforetime denied Him (Jesus)?

Ye are the stars of the heaven of understanding, the breeze that stirreth at the break of day, the soft-flowing waters upon which must depend the very life of all men, the letters inscribed upon His sacred scroll

A new life is in this age stirring within all the peoples of the earth...

This is the Day whereon the All-Merciful hath come down in the clouds of knowledge, clothed with manifest sovereignty.

He Who hath created you from a single soul

Nothing save that which profiteth them can befall my lovers

The utterance of God is a lamp, whose light is these words: Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. Deal ye one with another with the utmost love and harmony, with friendliness and fellowship

If thine aim be to cherish thy life, approach not our court; but if sacrifice be thy heart's desire, come and let others come with thee. For such is the way of Faith, if in 138 thy heart thou seekest reunion with Baha; shouldst thou refuse to tread this path, why trouble us? Begone!

Man cannot free himself from the rage of the carnal passions except by the help of the Holy Spirit.

By the righteousness of God! The world and its vanities, and its glory, and whatever delights it can offer, are all, in the sight of God, as worthless as, nay, even more contemptible than, dust and ashes. Would that the hearts of men could comprehend it! Cleanse yourselves thoroughly, O people of Baha, from the defilement of the world, and of all that pertaineth unto it. God Himself beareth Me witness. The things of the earth ill beseem you. Cast them away unto such as may desire them, and fasten your eyes upon this most holy and effulgent Vision.

This is the manifest and hidden secret; would that ye might perceive it

Yet so it shall be; these fruitless strifes, these ruinous wars shall pass away,  
and the 'Most Great Peace' shall come

I know not, O my God, what the Fire is which Thou didst kindle in Thy land.  
Earth can never cloud its splendor, nor water quench its flame. All the  
peoples of the world are powerless to resist its force. Great is the  
blessedness of him that hath drawn nigh unto it, and heard its roaring.

Some, O my God, Thou didst, through Thy strengthening grace, enable  
to approach it, while others Thou didst keep back by reason of what their  
hands have wrought in Thy days. Whoso hath hasted towards it and attained  
unto it hath, in his eagerness to gaze on Thy beauty, yielded his life in Thy  
path, and ascended unto Thee, wholly detached from aught else except  
Thyself.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by this Fire which blazeth and rageth in  
the world of creation, to rend asunder the veils that have hindered me from  
appearing before the throne of Thy majesty, and from standing at the door  
of Thy gate. Do Thou ordain for me, O my Lord, every good thing Thou didst  
send down in Thy Book, and suffer me not to be far removed from the  
shelter of Thy mercy.

Powerful art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. Thou art, verily, the All-  
Powerful, the Most Generous

...backbiting quencheth the light of the heart, and extinguisheth the life of  
the soul.

Breathe not the sins of others so long as thou art thyself a sinner.

Speak no evil, that thou mayest not hear it spoken unto thee, and magnify  
not the faults of others that thine own faults may not appear great...

O SON OF BEING!

How couldst thou forget thine own faults and busy thyself with the faults  
of others? Whoso doeth this is accursed of Me.

The world is in travail, and its agitation waxeth day by day. Its face is turned towards waywardness and unbelief. Such shall be its plight, that to disclose it now would not be meet and seemly. Its perversity will long continue. And when the appointed hour is come, there shall suddenly appear that which shall cause the limbs of mankind to quake. Then, and only then, will the Divine Standard be unfurled, and the Nightingale of Paradise warble its melody.

O friends! Be not careless of the virtues with which ye have been endowed, neither be neglectful of your high destiny. Suffer not your labors to be wasted through the vain imaginations which certain hearts have devised.

Soon will the present-day order be rolled up, and a new one spread out in its stead

But a myriad times alas for the wayward who are like unto dried-up leaves fallen upon the dust. Ere long mortal blasts shall carry them away to the place ordained for them. Ignorant did they arrive, ignorant did they linger and ignorant did they retire to their abodes.

The Divine Springtime is come, O Most Exalted Pen, for the Festival of the All-Merciful is fast approaching. Bestir thyself, and magnify, before the entire creation, the name of God, and celebrate His praise, in such wise that all created things may be regenerated and made new. Speak, and hold not thy peace.

Ignite, then, O my God, within my breast the fire of Thy love, that its flame may burn up all else except my remembrance of Thee, that every trace of corrupt desire may be entirely mortified within me, and that naught may remain except the glorification of Thy transcendent and all-glorious Being. This is my highest aspiration, mine ardent desire, O Thou Who rulest all things, and in Whose hand is the kingdom of the entire creation. Thou, verily, doest what Thou choosest. No God is there beside Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Ever-Forgiving.

I swear by the Day Star that shineth above the horizon of Divine power! They that are the followers of the one true God shall, the moment they depart out of this life, experience such joy and gladness as would be impossible to describe, while they that live in error shall be seized with such

fear and trembling, and shall be filled with such consternation, as nothing can exceed.

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He is the King, the All-Knowing, the Wise! Lo, the Nightingale of Paradise singeth upon the twigs of the Trees of Eternity, with holy and sweet melodies, proclaiming to the sincere ones the glad tidings of the nearness of God, calling the believers in the Divine Unity to the court of the Presence of the Generous One, informing the severed ones of the message which hath been revealed by God, the King, the Glorious, the Peerless, guiding the lovers to the seat of sanctity and to this resplendent Beauty.

Do not be content with showing friendship in words alone, let your heart burn with loving kindness for all who may cross your path.