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# A prayer to open with

**I** beseech Thee, O my God, by all the transcendent glory of Thy Name, to clothe Thy loved ones in the robe of justice and to illumine their beings with the light of trustworthiness. Thou art the One that hath power to do as He pleaseth and Who holdeth within His grasp the reins of all things, visible and invisible.

–Bahá'u'lláh

# O SON OF SPIRIT!

The best beloved of all things in My sight is Justice; turn not away therefrom if thou desirest Me, and neglect it not that I may confide in thee. By its aid thou shalt see with thine own eyes and not through the eyes of others, and shalt know of thine own knowledge and not through the knowledge of thy neighbor. Ponder this in thy heart; how it behooveth thee to be. Verily justice is My gift to thee and the sign of My loving-kindness. Set it then before thine eyes.

—Bahá'u'lláh

**T**he light of men is Justice. Quench it not with the contrary winds of oppression and tyranny. The purpose of justice is the appearance of unity among men. The ocean of divine wisdom surgeth within this exalted word, while the books of the world cannot contain its inner significance.

–Bahá'u'lláh

**L**earn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, and please the widow's cause.

–Isaiah 1:17

**H**e has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

–Micah 6:8

**I**f you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.

–The Dalai Lama

**O**nly if you perceive honour and nobility in every human being...will you be able to champion the cause of justice.

–The Universal House of Justice

**B**e not dismayed if your endeavours are dismissed as utopian by the voices that would oppose any suggestion of fundamental change. Trust in the capacity of this generation to disentangle itself from the embroilments of a divided world. To discharge your responsibilities, you will have to show forth courage, the courage of those who cling to standards of rectitude, who champion the cause of justice, whose lives are characterized by purity of thought and action, and whose purpose is directed by love and indomitable faith.

–The Universal House of Justice



**W**hen perfect justice reigns in every country of the Eastern and Western World, then will the earth become a place of beauty. The dignity and equality of every servant of God will be acknowledged; the ideal of the solidarity of the human race, the true brotherhood of man, will be realized; and the glorious light of the Sun of Truth will illumine the souls of all men.

–‘Abdu’l-Bahá

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## uestions for discussion

- How does continuously re-examining our own attitudes, values, and relationships with others relate to justice?
- How does seeing through our own eyes and not through the eyes of others relate to justice?
- How does justice relate to unity?
- How do we need to view each other if we wish to be a champion of justice?