



# GENEROSITY



*Prayer of Saint Francis*

**L**ord, make me an  
instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let  
me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may  
not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are  
pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born  
to eternal life.

Amen.



**E**ach of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace...—Peter 4:10

**Y**ou don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.—Martin

**L**uther King, Jr.  
Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'—Martin Luther King, Jr.



**R**emember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.—2 Corinthians 9:6-7

**T**here can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to help others without expecting anything in return.—Nelson Mandela

**G**enerosity consists not the sum given, but the manner in which it is bestowed.—Mahatma Gandhi



**S**ervice is the magnet which draws the  
divine confirmations.—Shoghi Effendi

**I**t is more blessed to give than to receive.—Acts 20:35

**T**he reward of goodness is nothing but goodness.

—Al Quran 55:61



**B**riefly, all effort and exertion put forth by man from the fullness of his heart is worship, if it is prompted by the highest motives and the will to do service to humanity. This is worship: to serve mankind and to minister to the needs of the people. Service is prayer. —‘Abdu’l-Bahá

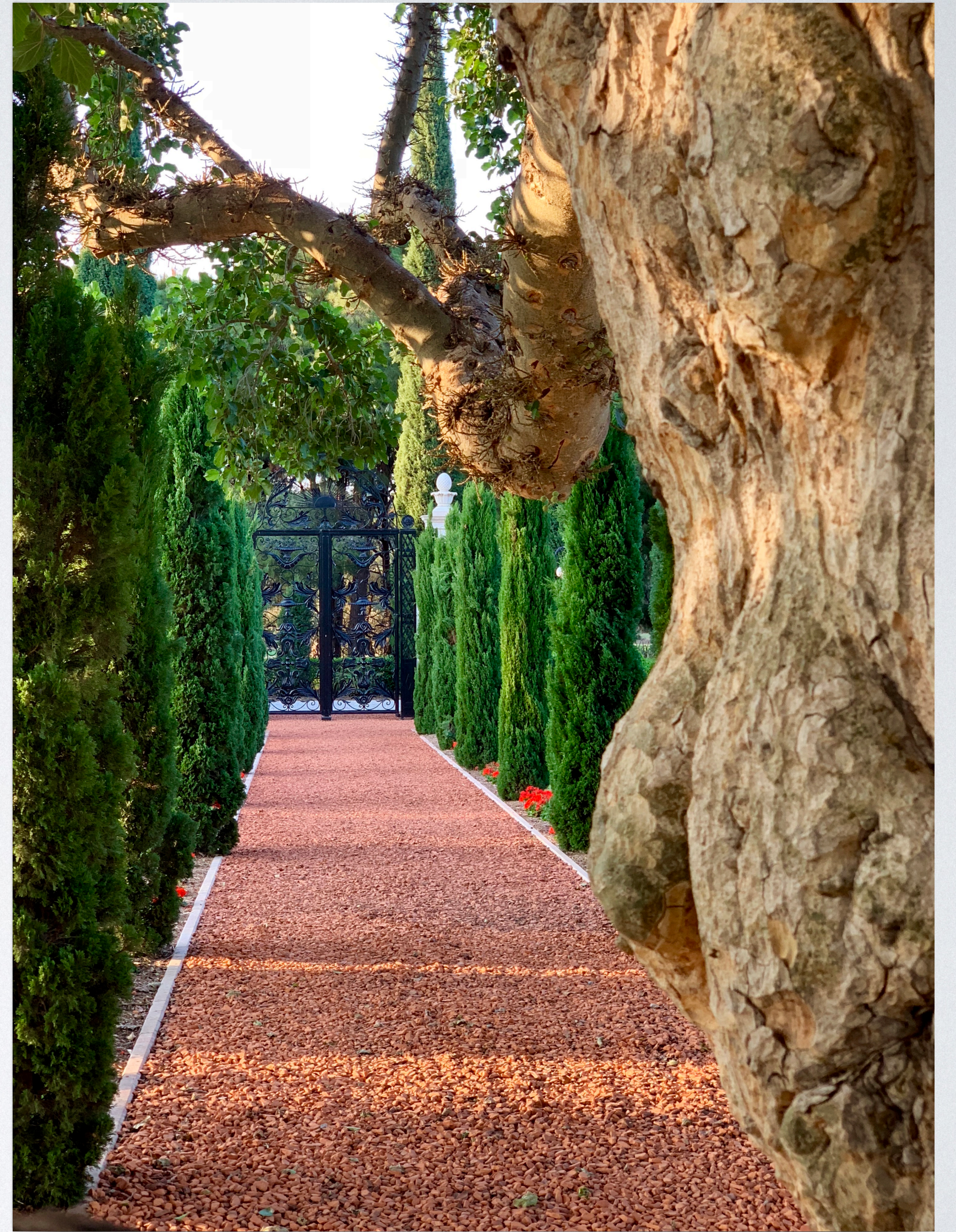




**T**he doors of His generosity are wide, wide open to us; but we must be attentive, alert and mindful, occupied with service to all mankind, appreciating the bestowals of God and ever conforming to His will.

—‘Abdu’l-Bahá

**B**ecause even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many people.—Mark 10:45





**S**trive, therefore, to create love in the hearts in order that they may become glowing and radiant. When that love is shining, it will permeate other hearts even as this electric light illumines its surroundings. When the love of God is established, everything else will be realized.. Endeavor to become the cause of the attraction of souls rather than to enforce minds.. Show what love is, what kindness is, what true severance is and generosity. This is the important thing for you to do.—‘Abdu’l-Bahá

**B**e ye the trustees of God amongst His creatures, and the emblems of His generosity amidst His people.—Bahá’u’lláh



**T**he value of a man resides in what he gives and not in what he is capable of receiving.—Albert Einstein

**W**e make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.—Winston Churchill



**N**o true spiritual life is possible without a generous heart.—Buddha



**N**o one has ever become poor by giving.—Anne Frank

**N**ever worry about numbers.

Help one person at a time and  
always start with the person  
nearest you.—Mother Teresa



**B**elieve, when you are most unhappy, that there is something for you to do in the world. So long as you can sweeten another's pain, life is not in vain.—Helen Keller



It is the heart that does the giving; the fingers only let go.

—Nigerian proverb

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.

—Dr. Seuss





What else will rescue the world but the efforts of countless souls who each make the welfare of humanity their principal, their dominating concern?—The Universal House of Justice

