

Patience



A PRAYER TO BEGIN WITH

O Thou kind Lord! Thou hast created all humanity from the same stock. Thou hast decreed that all shall belong to the same household. In Thy Holy Presence they are all Thy servants, and all mankind are sheltered beneath Thy Tabernacle; all have gathered together at Thy Table of Bounty; all are illumined through the light of Thy Providence.

O God! Thou art kind to all, Thou hast provided for all, dost shelter all, conferrest life upon all. Thou hast endowed each and all with talents and faculties, and all are submerged in the Ocean of Thy Mercy.

O Thou kind Lord! Unite all. Let the religions agree and make the nations one, so that they may see each other as one family and the whole earth as one home. May they all live together in perfect harmony.

O God! Raise aloft the banner of the oneness of mankind.

O God! Establish the Most Great Peace.

Cement Thou, O God, the hearts together.

O Thou kind Father, God! Gladden our hearts through the fragrance of Thy love. Brighten our eyes through the Light of Thy Guidance. Delight our ears with the melody of Thy Word, and shelter us all in the Stronghold of Thy Providence.

Thou art the Mighty and Powerful, Thou art the Forgiving and Thou art the One Who overlooketh the shortcomings of all mankind.

—‘Abdu’l-Bahá

Patience does not mean to passively endure. It means to be farsighted enough to trust the end result of a process. What does patience mean? It means to look at the thorn and see the rose, to look at the night and see the dawn.

—Attributed to Shamsi-i-Tabrizi

It behooveth whosoever hath set his face towards the Most Sublime Horizon to cleave tenaciously unto the cord of patience, and to put his reliance in God, the Help in Peril, the Unconstrained.

—*Bahá'u'lláh*

Oh you who believe! Seek help with patient perseverance and prayer, for God is with those who patiently persevere.

—*The Qu'ran*

We must not only be patient with others, infinitely patient, but also with our own poor selves, remembering that even the Prophets of God sometimes got tired and cried out in despair!

—*Shoghi Effendi*

All of us suffer from imperfections which we must struggle to overcome, and we all need one another's understanding and patience.

—The Universal House of Justice

Change is an evolutionary process requiring patience with one's self and others, loving education and the passage of time...

—*The Universal House Justice*

Victories are won usually through a great deal of patience, planning and perseverance, and rarely accomplished at a single stroke.

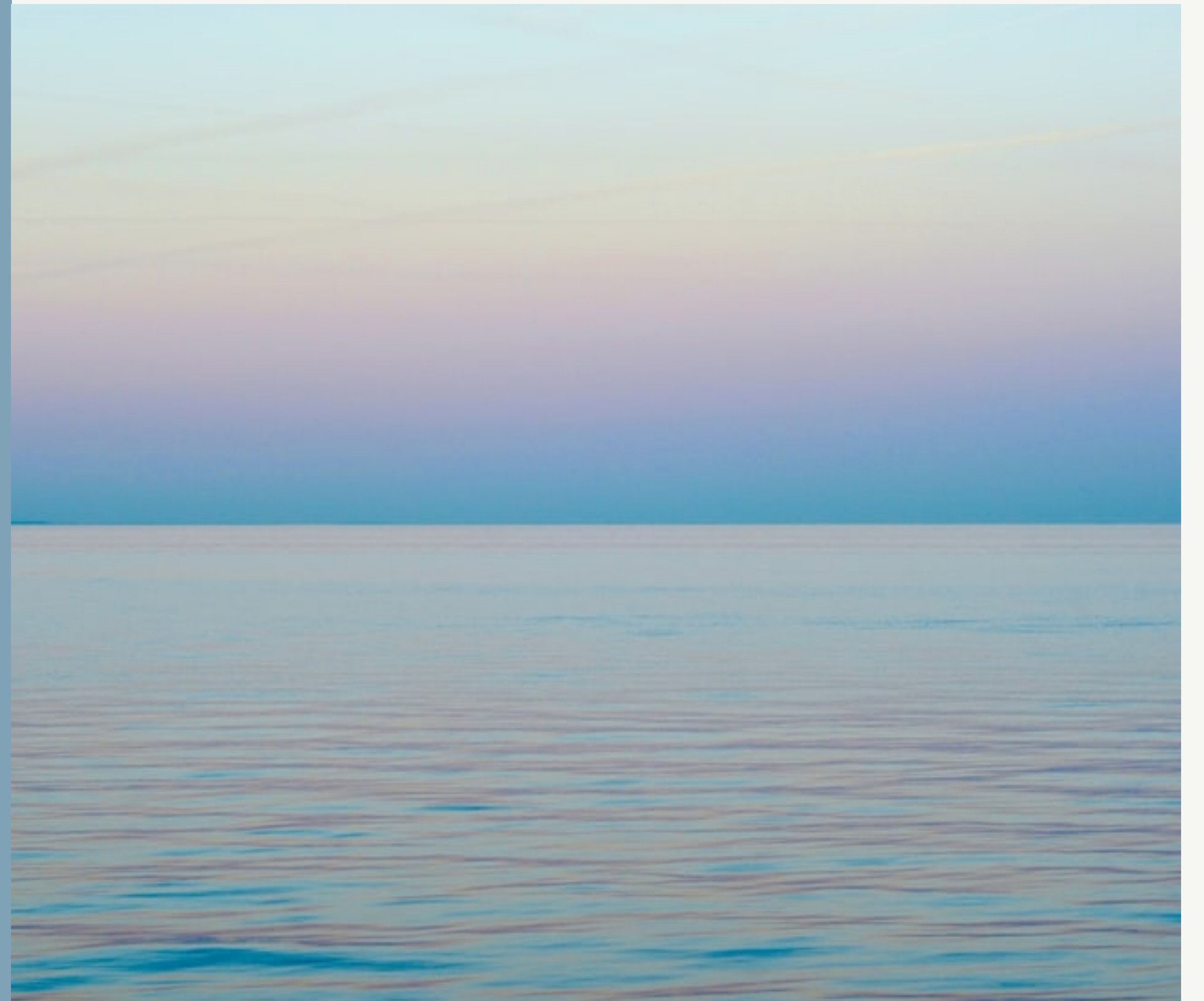
—*Shoghi Effendi*

Have patience, wait but do not sit idle; work
while you are waiting...

—*Abdu'l-Bahá*

Let us not become weary
in doing good, for at the
proper time we will reap a
harvest if we do not give up.

—*Galatians 6:9*



Patience attracts happiness; it brings near that
which is far.

—*Swahili Proverb*

Little by little, through
patience and repeated
effort, the mind will
become still in the self.

—*The Bhagavad Gita*



One moment of patience may ward off great disaster. One moment of impatience may ruin a whole life.

—*Chinese Proverb*

Cultivating and gathering the crop require hard work, time, patience, and sacrifice, but through the bounties of God, an abundant harvest is assured. You remain confident that just as the seed, which through the outpourings of the rain and the exertions of the gardener gradually grows into a mighty and fruitful tree, so too your selfless efforts and the labours... yield wondrous fruits; hearts will be enlightened, this darksome earth illumined, and the oneness of humanity ultimately realized.

—The Universal House of Justice