



Humility

A PRAYER TO BEGIN WITH

O God! Make this assemblage radiant. Make the hearts merciful. Confer the bounties of the Holy Spirit. Endow them with a power from heaven. Bless them with heavenly minds. Increase their sincerity, so that with all humility and contrition they may turn to Thy kingdom and be occupied with service to the world of humanity. May each one become a radiant candle. May each one become a brilliant star. May each one become beautiful in color and redolent of fragrance in the Kingdom of God.

O kind Father! Confer Thy blessings. Consider not our shortcomings. Shelter us under Thy protection. Remember not our sins. Heal us with Thy mercy. We are weak; Thou art mighty. We are poor; Thou art rich. We are sick; Thou art the Physician. We are needy; Thou art most generous.

O God! Endow us with Thy providence. Thou art the Powerful. Thou art the Giver. Thou art the Beneficent.

—*Abdu'l-Bahá*

Every soul that walketh humbly with its God, in this Day,
and cleaveth unto Him, shall find itself invested with the
honor and glory of all goodly names and stations.

—*Bahá'u'lláh*

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

—Philippians 2:3-4

For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

—Matthew 23:12

O Son of Man! If thine eyes be turned towards mercy, forsake the things that profit thee and cleave unto that which will profit mankind. And if thine eyes be turned towards justice, choose thou for thy neighbor that which thou choosest for thyself.

Humility exalteth man to the heaven of glory and power, whilst pride abaseth him to the depths of wretchedness and degradation.

—Bahá'u'lláh

True humility is intelligent self-respect which keeps us from thinking too highly or too meanly of ourselves. It makes us mindful of the nobility God meant us to have. Yet it makes us modest by reminding us how far we have come short of what we can be.

—Ralph Washington Sockman

Caring for each other with
patience, tolerance and
humility is part of what it
means to walk a spiritual
path.

—Radhanath Swami



Humble thyself before Me, that I may graciously visit thee.

—Bahá'u'lláh

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but
with humility comes wisdom.

—Proverbs 11:2

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by
his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from
wisdom.

—James 3:13

Forget your own selves, and turn your eyes towards your neighbor. Bend your energies to whatever may foster the education of men. Nothing is, or can ever be, hidden from God. If ye follow in His way, His incalculable and imperishable blessings will be showered upon you.

—*Bahá'u'lláh*

In order to find truth we must give up our prejudices, our own small trivial notions; an open receptive mind is essential. If our chalice is full of self, there is no room in it for the water of life. The fact that we imagine ourselves to be right and everybody else wrong is the greatest of all obstacles in the path towards unity, and unity is necessary if we would reach truth, for truth is *one*.—‘Abdu’l-Bahá

...requires all assume a posture of humility, a condition in which one becomes forgetful of self, placing complete trust in God, reliant on His all-sustaining power and confident in His unfailing assistance, knowing that He, and He alone, can change the gnat into an eagle, the drop into a boundless sea.

—The Universal House of Justice

Wert thou to speed through the
immensity of space and traverse
the expanse of heaven, yet thou
wouldst find no rest save in
submission to Our command and
humbleness before Our Face.

—Bahá'u'lláh

