

SERVICE

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



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

Man’s merit lieth in service and virtue and not in the pageantry of wealth and riches.

—Bahá’u’lláh

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

—Peter 4:10

You 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 Luther King Jr.



By consecrating oneself to the service of others, one finds meaning and purpose in life and contributes to the upliftment of society itself.

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What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.

—*Nelson Mandela*

Service to humanity is service to God.

—*'Abdu'l-Bahá*

Briefly, 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. A physician ministering to the sick, gently, tenderly, free from prejudice and believing in the solidarity of the human race, he is giving praise.

—*'Abdu'l-Bahá*

Service is the magnet which draws the divine confirmations.

—*Shoghi Effendi*

The more we search for ourselves, the less likely we are to find ourselves; and the more we search for God, and to serve our fellow-men, the more profoundly will we become acquainted with ourselves, and the more inwardly assured. This is one of the great spiritual laws of life.

—*Shoghi Effendi*

