

**The first birth is the birth of man;
The second birth of God.** *Pir-o-Murshid Hazrat Inayat Khan*

PRAYER

Prayer to God, when spoken or uttered, creates waves in the ether which reaches the ears of those tuned to receive that particular vibration; and the answer is received according to the power of the word and the dynamic force of the faith which causes the utterance.

As the whole Universe and every living being contained in it is part of the life of God, prayer for physical aid may be received and answered by means of a physical instrument, as S.O.S messages are broad-cast but received only by those who are listening, who will hasten to send the help asked for.

God is continually showering blessings upon man; but unless he has the faith to make a vessel into which they can fall he cannot receive them. So many pray to God for something and wonder why their prayer is not answered, not realising that it is because they have not enough faith to make the receptacle by which it can come to them. The consequence is that when God sends the blessing prayed for it passes by them and falls upon the ground.

Those whose eyes are opened to understand the meaning of faith can be used as transmitters of God's blessing to those who cannot understand, as the head of a house may make receptacles to collect the rain which falls for man's bodily refreshment, and pass it on to his household for which he is responsible.

Blessed are they whose faith is steadfast; in helping others they themselves are blessed.

Invocation

Towards the one; the perfection of love, harmony and beauty
The only Being – united with all the illuminated souls who form the embodiment of the Master –
the Spirit of guidance

Prayer for peace

Send us Thy Peace, O Lord, which is perfect and everlasting, that our souls may radiate peace.
Send us Thy Peace, O Lord, that we may think, act and speak harmoniously.
Send us Thy Peace, O Lord, that we may be contented and thankful for Thy bountiful gifts.
Send us Thy Peace, O Lord, that amidst our worldly strife we may enjoy Thy bliss.
Send us Thy Peace, O Lord, that we may endure all and tolerate all in the thought of Thy grace and mercy.
Send us Thy Peace, O Lord, that our lives may become a divine vision,
and in Thy light all darkness may vanish.
Send us Thy Peace, O Lord, our Father and Mother, that we, Thy children on earth, may all unite in one family.

Khatum

O Thou, Who art the Perfection of Love, Harmony and Beauty,
The Lord of Heaven and Earth,
Open our hearts, that we may hear Thy Voice, which constantly cometh from within;
Disclose to us Thy Divine Light, which is hidden in our souls,
That we may know and understand life better.
Most Merciful and Compassionate God, give us Thy Great Goodness,
Teach us Thy Loving Forgiveness, Raise us above the distinctions and differences which divide us,
Send us the Peace of Thy Divine Spirit,
And unite us all in Thy Perfect Being..

Nayaz

Beloved Lord, Almighty God.
Through the rays of the Sun, through the waves of the air,
Through the All-pervading Life in space,
Purify and revivify me, and I pray,
heal my body, heart and soul.

Nazr (bordbønn)

O Thou,
Sustainer of our body, heart, and soul,
Bless all that we receive
In thankfulness.

Prayer for the Universel

O Thou,
Who art the Maker, Molder and Builder of the Universe,
Build with Thy own hands, the Universel,
Our temple for Thy divine message of
Love, Harmony and Beauty.

It is our thoughts and our feelings
which will serve in this temple
as stones and bricks and tiles,
and it is our feelings
which will hold this temple
for centuries to come.

Pir

Inspirer of my mind, consoler of my heart, healer of my spirit.
Thy presence lifteth me from earth to heaven.
Thy words flow as the sacred river.
Thy thought riseth as a divine spring.
Thy tender feelings awaken sympathy in my heart.
Beloved Teacher, thy very being is forgiveness.
The clouds of doubt and fear are scattered
by thy piercing glance.
All ignorance vanishes in thy illuminating presence;
A new hope is born in my heart by breathing
thy peaceful atmosphere.
O inspiring Guide through life's puzzling ways.
In thee I feel abundance of blessing.

Salat

Most Gracious Lord, Master, Messiah and Saviour of humanity,
we greet Thee with all humility.
Thou' art the First Cause and the Last Effect,
the Divine Light and the Spirit of Guidance,
Alpha and Omega.
Thy Light is in all forms, Thy Love in all beings:
in a loving mother, in a kind father,
in an innocent child, in a helpful friend,
and in an inspiring teacher.
Allow us to recognize Thee in all Thy Holy Names and Forms:
as Rama, as Krishna, as Shiva, as Buddha;
let us know Thee as Abraham, as Solomon,
as Zarathustra, as Moses, as Jesus, as Muhammed, and in many more Names and Forms, known and
unknown to the world.
We adore Thy past,
Thy Presence deeply enlightens our being, and we look for Thy Blessing in the future,
O Messenger, Christ, Nabi, the Rasul of God.
Thou whose heart constantly reaches upwards,
Thou comest on earth with a Message, as a dove from above when dharma decayeth,
and speakest the word that is put in thy mouth, as the light filleth the crescent moon.
Let the star of the Divine Light shining in thy heart be reflected in the hearts of thy devotees.
May the Message of God reach far and wide,
illuminating and making the whole of humanity as one single
family in the Parenthood of God.

Saum

Praise be to Thee, Most Supreme God,
Omnipotent, Omnipresent, All-pervading, the Only Being.
Take us in Thy Parental Arms,
raise us from the denseness of the earth,
Thy Beauty do we worship,
to Thee do we give willing surrender Most Merciful and Compassionate God,
the Idealized Lord of the whole humanity,
Thee only do we worship,
and towards Thee Alone do we aspire.
Open our hearts towards Thy Beauty,
illuminate our souls with Divine Light,
O Thou, the Perfection of Love, Harmony and Beauty,
All powerful Creator, Sustainer,
Judge and Forgiver of our shortcomings,
Lord God of the East and of the West,
of the worlds above and below,
and of the seen and unseen beings.
Pour upon us Thy Love and Thy Light,
give sustenance to our bodies, hearts and souls,
use us for the purpose that Thy Wisdom chooseth,
and guide us on the path of Thine own Goodness.
Draw us closer to Thee every moment of our life,
until in us be reelected Thy Grace, Thy Glory, Thy Wisdom, Thy Joy and Thy Peace.

Nabi

A torch in the darkness, a staff during my weakness, A rock in the weariness of life,
Thou, my Master, makest earth a paradise.
Thy thought giveth me unearthly joy, Thy light illuminateth my life's path,
Thy words inspire me with divine wisdom,
I follow in thy footsteps, which lead me to the eternal goal.
Comforter of the broken hearted,
Support of those in need, Friend of the lovers of truth,
Blessed Master, thou art the Prophet of God.

Rasul

Warner of coming dangers,
Wakener of the world from sleep,
Deliver of the Message of God,
Thou art our Savior.
The sun at the dawn of creation,
The light of the whole universe,
The fulfillment of God's purpose,
Thou, the life eternal, we seek refuge in thy loving enfoldment.
Comforter of the broken hearted,
Spirit of Guidance,
Source of all beauty,
And Creator of harmony,
Love, Lover and Beloved Lord,
Thou art our divine ideal.

Prayer for New Year

O Thou who abidest in our hearts,
most Merciful and Compassionate God,
Lord of Heaven and Earth,
we forgive others their trespasses
and ask Thy forgiveness of our shortcomings.
We begin the New Year with pure heart
and clear conscience,
with courage and hope.
Help us to fulfil the purpose of our lives
under Thy divine guidance

Dowa

Save me, my Lord, from the earthly passions and the attachments that blind mankind.

Save me, my Lord, from the temptations of power, fame and wealth, which keep man away from Thy Glorious Vision.

Save me, my Lord, from the souls who are constantly occupied in hurting and harming their fellowman, and who take pleasure in the pain of another.

Save me, my Lord, from the evil eye of envy and jealousy, which fall upon Thy Bountiful Gifts.

Save me, my Lord, from falling into the hands of the playful children of the earth; they might use me in their games; they might play with me and then break me in the end, as children destroy their toys.

Save me, my Lord, from all manner of injury that cometh from the bitterness of my adversaries and from the ignorance of my loving friends.

AMEN