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O SON OF THE SUPREME!

I have made death a messenger of joy to thee. Wherefore dost thougrieve? I made the light to shed on thee its splendor. Why dost thouveil thyself therefrom?

Bahá'u'lláh

Musical selection - prayer
Nessun Dorma

by Puccini

If death could be seen as a beautiful clear lake,
refreshing and buoyant,
then when consciousness moves towards its exit from a body,
there would be a delightful plunge,
and it would simply swim away.

Emmanuel's Book

Do you realize how much you should thank God for His blessings? If you should thank Him a thousand times with each breath, it would not be sufficient because God has created and trained you. He has protected you from every affliction and prepared every gift and bestowal.
Consider what a kind Father He is. He bestows His gift before you ask. We were not in the world of existence, but as soon as we were born, we found everything prepared for our needs and comfort without question on our part. He has given us a kind father and compassionate mother... In brief.
He has supplied all the necessities of life although we did not ask for any of these great gifts. With pure mercy and bounty He has prepared this great table. It is a mercy which precedes asking.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, The Promulgation of Universal Peace, p. 187

O honoured lady!
For a single purpose were the Prophets, each and all, sent down to earth; for this was Christ made manifest, for this did Bahá'u'lláh raise up the call of the Lord: that the world of man should become the world of God, this nether realm the Kingdom, this darkness light, this satanic wickedness all the virtues of heaven—and unity, fellowship and love be won for the whole human race, that the organic unity should reappear and the bases of discord be destroyed and life everlasting and grace everlasting become the harvest of mankind.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, Selections from the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, p. 30

Be always kind to everyone and a refuge for those who are without shelter. Be daughters to those who are older than you. Be sister to those who are of your own age. Be mothers to those who are younger than yourselves. Be nurses to the sick, treasurers for the poor, and supply heavenly food to the hungry.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, 'Abdu'l-Bahá in London, p. 75

Prayer for the Departed

O my God! This is Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and set her face towards Thee, wholly detached from all except Thee. Thou art, verily, of those who show mercy the most merciful. Deal with her, O Thou Who forgivest the sins of men and concealest their faults, as beseemeth the heaven of Thy bounty and the ocean of Thy grace. Grant her admission within the precincts of Thy transcendent mercy that was before the foundation of earth and heaven. There is no God but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.
Repeat six times the greeting "Alláh-u-Abhá," and then repeat nineteen times each of the following verses:

We all, verily, worship God.
We all, verily, bow down before God.
We all, verily, are devoted unto God.
We all, verily, give praise unto God.
We all, verily, yield thanks unto God.
We all, verily, are patient in God.

Bahá'u'lláh

If You Stand Very Still

If you stand very still in the heart of the wood --- you will hear many wonderful things --- the snap of a twig, the wind in the trees and the whirr of invisible wings.
If you stand very still in the turmoil of life and you wait for the voice from within --- You will be led down the quiet ways of wisdom and peace in a mad world of chaos and din.
If you stand very still and hold to your faith you will get all the help that you ask. You will draw from the silence the things that you need: hope and courage and strength for your task.

Patience Strong