

A GRATEFUL PRAYER 11/18/2021

My Heavenly Father, the Omnipotent!
My Holy Mother, the Merciful!
My Lord Master, the Divine!

I place my heart and soul before You to humbly and respectfully express my gratitude for the love You have given me. I have often asked, "Why me?" I know deep down I do not deserve Your blessings. Despite all of my failings and mistakes, You continue to overwhelm me with the divine grace and unconditional love that I cannot fully fathom. My soul is arrogant, sinful and weak. You did not judge nor condemn, but instead You saved and gave me the chance to live with a purpose. You covered me with grace even though I was disobedient. You embraced me with love even though I showed disrespect, hatred and resentment toward You. You opened the door to show me many opportunities to help others even though I was blind and ignorant. You are the Wise Father, the Benevolent Mother and the Divine Master. I light this candle of faith within my heart as a sign of deep gratitude. I devote my mind to use this tiny candle of faith to ignite the flame of Your love and radiate the warmth of Your grace to everybody around me.

I say this prayer with the open heart/mind, truthfulness and humility as a tiny voice in the middle of an overwhelming and turbulent storm that affects the whole world. I know You heard my prayers and responded in many ways to give me the comfort, encouragement, faith and strength at the exact moments I desperately needed. I am just one of Your children and my prayer is a reflection of how much You care and love all living

creatures. There are many people who are drowning or struggling in this dark storm, and they desperately need Your guidance and support. I send my prayer of gratitude as a beacon of hope for others to recognize that You are ready to help anyone who asks with the open heart/mind, truthfulness and humility.

I need to dig deeper to gain a better understanding when something happened unexpectedly. Even though I had total focus and unwavering faith as I tried my best to give encouraging words and sincere prayers, I still fell short. Please show us how to effectively help somebody who is struggling in the darkness of doubt, fear, isolation, pain or torment. I do not doubt Your decisions. I beg You to open my heart and mind so I can understand Your Will and be a better instrument.

I always find comfort and wisdom in Your words. As I was capturing these thoughts to express my prayer, I saw this message and included it here as a profound reminder for myself and others:

"Those who love your teachings will find true peace, and nothing will defeat them." (Psalms 119:165)

You have transformed a disobedient, hateful, ignorant, sinful and weak soul into an effective witness of Your grace and love. The best way I can show my gratitude is to pass on this knowledge and help all the people find Your Presence.

Amen.

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