

Supplications by Bahá'u'lláh

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He is the All-Glorious

Recite this supplication every morn and eve

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Greatest Name, whereby the Daystar of Thy Cause hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy Revelation, to deny us not the fragrant breezes that waft from the direction of Thy loving providence. Make us, then, O my God, devoted unto Thee and detached from all else beside Thee, and gather us, moreover, among Thy servants whom the wayward suggestions of men have failed to prevent from turning toward the vision of divine unity.

Shelter us, O Lord, neath the wing of Thy bounteous beneficence; protect us from such of Thy servants as have denied Thy Name, the All-Glorious; let us drink from the streams of the wine of Thy loving Providence; and grant that we partake of the sweet nectar of Thy grace and loving-kindness. Thou shalt verily fulfill whatsoever be Thy will. Thou art, in truth, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Make us steadfast, O Lord, in Thy love amid all that Thou hast created, for this is Thy greatest gift unto Thy creation. Of all who show mercy, Thou art the Most Merciful.

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My God, my God! I testify that Thou hast created me that I may know Thee, and hast called me into being that I may serve Thee and Thy loved ones. Thou seest me, O Lord, holding fast to Thee and such as hath been revealed from Thee. I beseech Thee by the joy of Thy beloved One, the Prophet Muḥammad, at the moment of His ascension unto Thee, and by the rapture of the Primal Point at the mention of Thine all-glorious name, and by that splendid and radiant Light shining forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy Revelation, to enable me, under all conditions, to speak forth in Thy name, look toward Thy horizon, be animated with Thy purpose and cling unto the hem of Thy robe.

O Lord, Thou seest me ablaze in the fire of Thy love! I beseech Thee to assist me to perform such deeds as are befitting of Thy Manifestation and Thy days. Thine is the power to do as Thou wilt. None other god is there but Thee, the Sovereign Ordainer, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

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O Lord my God! All with eyes to see bear witness to Thine omnipotence and majesty, and all with ears to hear testify to Thy power, Thy might and Thy supreme authority. Thou hast, O God of all names and Creator of the heavens, entrusted within all things the tokens of Thy handiwork and the revelations of Thy grace and providence, and they all affirm with the tongue of their inmost being Thy oneness and Thy singleness, that Thou alone art God and that there is no god beside Thee.

O Lord, Thou seest one who hath recognized what the tongue of Thy grandeur hath uttered and what hath been revealed from the heaven of Thy will. He hath heard and hath answered, opening his heart to Thy most exalted horizon—wherein Thou hast called aloud in Thy most sweet voice—and he hath turned toward the Manifestation of Thy mysteries and the Orient of Thine inspiration, on a day when most of mankind hath denied Thy proof, opposed Thy Cause, disbelieved in Thy verses and grace, declared war against Thine own Self, and disputed what hath been sent down from the kingdom of Thine utterance.

O Lord, I beseech Thee by Thy most resplendent signs and what hath flowed from Thy Most August Pen, and by that which is hidden pearl-like in the shells of Thine unerring protection and concealed in the ocean of Thy mercy, to write down for him such as shall bring him ever nearer to Thee under all conditions and shall enable him to drink of the Kawthar of Thy providence at morn and eventide. Thou art, verily, the Self-Sufficing, the Transcendent. None other god is there but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

O Thou Who art my God and the God of all the earth, my Desire and the Desire of the nations! Shed Thy blessings upon them whom no book of this world hath prevented from accepting Thy most sublime Book, whom the ascendancy of no nation hath hindered from turning toward the splendors of Thy countenance, O Thou King of eternity.

O Lord, illumine their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge, then set them ablaze with the fire of Thy love. The doubts of them that have opposed Thee, and the clamor of them that have protested against Thee, are impotent to subvert Thy sovereignty. Thou doest what pleaseth Thee in Thy dominion, and Thou art, indeed, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Lord my God! Glory be unto Thee for having guided me to the horizon of Thy Manifestation, for having illumined me with the light of Thy grace and Thy mercy, for having enabled me to celebrate Thy praise, and for having opened mine eyes to behold the traces of Thy pen. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Sovereign of the kingdom of names and Creator of heaven and earth, by the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntahá, and by Thy most sweet utterance whereby the inmost realities of all things have been enraptured, to exalt me in Thy name amidst Thy servants.

I am he who, night and day, hath sought to stand at the door of Thy grace and be present before the seat of Thy justice. O Lord, forsake him not who hath clung to the cord of Thy nearness, and withhold him not who hath directed his steps unto Thy most exalted station, that most lofty summit and furthest height, wherein the very atoms call aloud in the most eloquent of words, “Kingship and sovereignty, grandeur and majesty belong unto God, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the Beneficent!”

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose name all things are enraptured, in Whose love the hearts of all in the kingdom of names are melted! I beseech Thee by the tears of Thy favored servants who languish in separation from Thee, and by the woeful sighs of them who are devoted to Thee in Thy days, and by the ocean of Thy knowledge, the heaven of Thy bounty, and the sun of Thy grace, to enable me to detach myself from aught else except Thee, cling unto the rope of Thy loving providence, be immersed in Thy remembrance and serve Thy Cause, in such wise that the legions of opposition will be powerless to prevent me from turning unto Thee and holding fast the hem of the robe of Thy munificence.

O Lord, I have advanced toward Thy horizon and turned my face to the light of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee to deny me not what Thou hast written with Thy Most Exalted Pen for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones.

O Lord, make me so ablaze in the fire of Thy love that all the oceans of the earth will be unable to extinguish the flames! Make me, then, so steadfast that neither the scourge of the nations nor the world's armies could cause my resolve to waver. Thou art He by Whose name the Resurrection was realized and the Hour revealed. Nothing can frustrate Thy purpose, nor can the protests and tumult raised by Thine enemies constrain Thee. Thou doest as Thou willest in Thy sovereignty and Thou dost decree whatsoever pleaseth Thee in Thy power and might.

Thou knowest and dost behold my faith, my humility, my self-effacement, my poverty, my powerlessness, and my lowliness. Thou hearest the cries of my sorrow, my wailing, and my lamentation. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy Most Exalted Pen and its melodies in the kingdom of creation, to rain down upon me from the heaven of Thy loving-kindness, as a token of Thy bounty and mercy, such as shall bring me nigh unto Thee and profit me in this world and the world to come. Thou hast complete knowledge of all that pertaineth unto me, whereas I am ignorant of such as is in Thy possession. Thou art, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

I beseech Thee, moreover, O Thou Possessor of all being and King of the seen and unseen, to grant that under all conditions I cleave unto Thy will, be content with Thy behest and celebrate Thy praise. Thou art God Almighty Whose power nothing, whether in the heavens or on earth, can frustrate. Thou art, in truth, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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Praise be unto Thee inasmuch as Thou hast given me to drink by the hand of Thy bounty of the wine of Thy knowledge, hast led me unto Thy path, hast opened mine eyes to behold the traces of Thy Pen, and hast revealed unto me the signs of Thy grandeur from the heaven of Thy munificence. I entreat Thee, O Thou Who art the Creator of the world, by Him Who is the Most Great Ocean, Who paceth in His imprisonment whilst giving utterance to that whereby the sweet fragrance of Revelation and inspiration is diffused amidst Thy creatures, and by the light of Thy visage and the pervasive power of Thine exalted Word—I beseech

Thee to ordain for this handmaiden of Thine the best of this life and the life to come. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Bounteous, the Omnipotent, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

Write down for me, moreover, and for such of Thy handmaidens as have held fast unto virtue, that which shall draw us nigh unto Thee and exalt us amidst Thy servants. Thou seest, O Lord, Thy handmaiden who hath turned unto Thee, severed from aught else beside Thee, clinging unto the hem of the robe of Thy pardon and clemency. I implore Thee to open wide before her face, with the key of Thine All-Glorious Name, the doors of Thy heavenly bounty. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all creation, spanning both the former and latter generations.

May light and glory, remembrance and praise rest upon Thy chosen ones, Thy loved ones and Thy faithful ones, who have not violated Thy Covenant nor Thy Testament, and who have arisen to render Thy Cause victorious with such resolution that the hearts of the doubtful and heedless are sore perplexed. None other god is there beside Thee, the One, the Incomparable, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by the resplendent rays of the Sun of Thy oneness, the first Light of the dawn of Thy transcendence, and by Thy most exalted Word through which Thou hast answered the prayers of all them that are in heaven and on earth, to grant that I be numbered not with those who, although claiming to have faith in the letters which have been created at Thy behest, nonetheless deny and turn away from the most sublime Word, from the One Who created It and Who giveth voice to His revelation thereby.

Grant moreover, O my God, that I make mention of Thy name, give myself unto Thee, and turn my face toward the holy sanctuary of Thy nearness and the Kaaba of Thy presence, that I may repose beneath the sheltering wing of Thy compassion, and rest in the precincts of Thy grace and tender affection. None other god is there but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the Almighty, the Supreme, the Unconstrained.

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My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having revealed Thy path amidst Thy servants, and for having called the people to the Orient of Thy Revelation, the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration, and the Fountainhead of Thy laws and precepts. I testify that Thou hast revealed the Way, sent down the token of guidance, and summoned all to such as shall bring them ever nearer to Thee and profit them in every world amongst Thy worlds.

I beseech Thee, O Thou the Possessor of all being, by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the rays of the sun of Thy grace, to aid and assist me under all conditions to make mention of Thy name, to be afire in the flames of Thy love, to have Thy verses ever on my lips, to soar in Thy heaven, to hold fast the rope of Thy favor, and to cling unto the hem of Thy munificence.

O Lord, Thou seest Thy servant advancing toward Thy most exalted horizon, recognizing Thy oneness and unity, and affirming Thy grandeur and sovereignty. I beseech Thee by the One Who hastened to the altar

of sacrifice in longing to behold Thy visage, and Who met the arrows of tribulation for love of Thy beauty, to provide us with the nourishment which Thou hast revealed from the heaven of Thy Cause and the table Thou hast sent down from the kingdom of Thine utterance. Thou art He Whom the hosts of the world and its legions are powerless to hinder. Thou doest as Thou wilt; Thou dost decree what Thou desirest. None other god is there but Thee, the Cherished, the All-Praised.

I beseech Thee, moreover, O everlasting King, by Thy Most Great Name, whereby Thou hast illumined the world, to ordain for me the best of this life and the life beyond. Thou art, in truth, the Lord of all names and the Creator of the heavens. None other god is there but Thee, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Bounteous.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Lord of lords, for that Thou hast burned away the veils with the fire of love; and all praise be unto Thee, for that I have been attracted to the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Orient of Thy Cause, by the fervor inspired by Thy Word, which was uttered by the mouth of Thy good-pleasure, being brought so near as to behold the splendors of the light of Thy countenance and inhale the fragrant breezes of the days of Thy Revelation.

I have lifted up an empty hand, O my God, unto the heaven of Thy bounty and grace, and have turned my face toward the wellspring of Thy providence and gifts. Wouldst Thou deny me, though I have fixed my gaze on the horizon of Thy mercy, awaiting the blessings which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy bestowal? Or wouldst Thou leave me bereft, after having enabled me to hear the melody of Thy Most Exalted Pen, resounding amid heaven and earth? Nay, I swear by Him Who is Thine own Self! This is not my conception of Thee. Rather, I am certain that Thy mercy surpasseth all contingent things and that Thy grace embraceth all beings. Thou art near unto whomsoever should approach Thee, and Thou bestowest Thy bounty unto all who have clung to the rope of Thy beneficence.

O Lord, I am gripped with the thirst of separation. Give me to drink of the Kawthar of nearness and reunion, proffered by the hands of Thy favor, that I may be so overcome by the sweet savor of the wine of Thy mercy, that I rise to champion Thy Cause amidst Thy creation and to pierce the veils of glory which have hindered Thy servants from turning toward the horizon of Thy beauty.

O Lord, all things testify unto my poverty and to Thy wealth, unto my powerlessness and to Thy might. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Possessor of all names and Creator of heaven and earth, by the Word whereby the world is set aflame and the most great ocean doth billow and surge, to so confirm me in Thy love and in Thy Cause that I shine effulgent from the horizon of detachment in Thy name, O Thou Lord of creation.

I beseech Thee, moreover, by Thy Name through which the standards of Thy might have been upraised throughout Thy lands and the ensigns of Thy law erected throughout Thy domains, to grant that I die unto my own desire and forever live in the eternity of Thy countenance, circling Thy throne in every world from amongst Thy worlds. Then enable me, by virtue of Thine everlasting Being, to arise in Thy remembrance amidst Thy people and chant Thy praise throughout Thy realm. Write down for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, who flew through the heaven of Thy nearness, till they were martyred in Thy path. Thou art verily potent to do as Thou wilt and to decree whatsoever Thou dost desire. Forever hast

Thou dwelt in the exaltation of majesty and glory, and eternally shalt Thou abide in the lofty heights of transcendence and sublimity. None other god is there beside Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

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My God, my God! Thou seest Thy servants wandering in the desert of waywardness and error. Where is the light of Thy guidance, O Thou the Desire of them that have recognized Thy truth? Fully aware art Thou of their state of powerlessness. Where is the power of Thy might, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all in the heavens and all on earth?

I beseech Thee, O Lord, by the effulgent rays of the sun of Thy providence, the waves of the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom, and by the Word through which Thou hast subdued the denizens of Thy realm, to grant that I be among them that have attained unto that which they have been bidden in Thy Book. Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for those who have borne Thy trust, who have drunk the wine of Revelation from the brimming cups of Thy bounty, who have hastened to fulfill Thy good-pleasure and have stood faithful to Thy covenant and Thy testament. Thine is the power to do as Thou willest; none other god is there beside Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Lord, do Thou destine for me in Thy generosity such as shall profit me in this world and the world to come and shall draw me ever nearer unto Thee, O Thou Lord of all men. None other god is there beside Thee, the Incomparable, the Peerless, the Cherished, the All-Praised.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou my Well-Beloved, my cherished Desire! I call out unto Thee at this moment after having severed myself from whatsoever dwelleth between heaven and earth, and having turned my face toward Thy sublime and most lofty countenance through Thine all-glorious Manifestation, in this Thy latter Revelation.

Therefore, look upon this poor one clinging to the cord of Thy wealth, this thirsty one hastening toward the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, this needy one holding fast the robes of Thy munificence, and this evanescent mortal yearning to dwell in the stronghold of Thine eternity, drink of the Tasnīm of Thy guardianship, to soar through the heaven of love for Thee, and ascend unto the paradise of reunion with Thee.

Deny me not, O my Beloved, the fruits of the Garden of the All-Glorious, in Thy grace and loving-kindness; and hinder me not from approaching the gate which hath been opened wide before the face of all in the heavens and on earth in Thy bounteousness. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Munificent, the Transcendent, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful, the Generous. Praise be unto God, the Lord on High.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by the lamp which Thou hast kindled with the oil of Thy wisdom and ensconced in the niche of Thy grace, wherewith Thou hast illumined such as are wholly devoted unto Thee amidst Thy creation, to grant that I be severed from aught else beside Thee and hold fast the cord of Thy gracious favors; that I be ablaze in the fire of Thy love and illuminated by the light of Thy countenance; that I ascend unto the heaven of Thine eternal Being and be raised up into the expanse of Thy divinity, in such wise that there shall remain within me no thought save in remembrance of Thee and no praise save praise of Thee, and that I be the author of no deed save that done for love of Thee and for the sake of Thy good-pleasure. Thine is the power to do as Thou wilt in Thy most exalted Word, and Thou encompassst all that Thou dost desire in Thy sovereignty, which standeth supreme over all in heaven and on earth. Thou art verily the Lord, the Transcendent, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the All-Merciful. Praised be God, the King, the Supreme, the Ordainer, the Resurrector, the Holy, the Glorified.

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O Thou Lord, my God, my best Beloved! I beseech Thee by the murmuring breezes of Thy grace, whereby Thou dost breathe life into all created things and enable them to celebrate Thy praise, and whereby Thou dost call all beings into existence and shine upon them with the light of Thy countenance, to grant that I, in this Spring-Time, be not bereft of the robe of Thy grace and munificence, nor be left far removed from the Paradise of attaining Thy presence. Give me, then, to drink of the Kawthar of life eternal—proffered by youths upon the visage of each one of whom are these words inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen, “By the One True God, the Lord Supreme! The Beloved of the worlds is come!”—that I may be wholly severed from all else except Thee and orient myself toward Thy good-pleasure. There is none other god beside Thee, the Help in Peril, the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! Thou seest me oppressed amidst the nations in this, the Most Great Prison, with such tribulations befalling me, at every moment, as have never befallen Thy chosen ones and Thy faithful ones. Thou art fully aware that I have not summoned the people but unto Thy singleness and Thy oneness, and that which shall draw them nigh unto the horizon of Thy grace and the wellspring of Thy gifts. Yet they have turned away from Thy beauty, opposed Thy Cause, disputed Thy signs, and contested Thy sovereignty.

O Lord, I beseech Thee by the King of all names, through Whom the Supreme Horizon was made to shine, to deliver them from all that pertaineth to the self and a corrupt inclination and to draw them nigh unto Thy Most Great, Thine All-Glorious Name. Nourish them with the bounty Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy grace, and give them to drink of the sealed wine whose seal Thou hast opened with the fingers of Thy power and might.

O Lord, they are feeble and know not what would profit them and what would injure them, what would bring them near and what would leave them far removed. Take them by the hand in Thy mercy and deliver them in the embrace of Thy munificence and might. Thou shalt, verily, fulfill whatsoever be Thy will. There is none other god beside Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy name whereby calamities have laid hold on all the tribes of the earth, at which they that dwell in the cities of the world cry out in terror and lamentation, to shelter Thy servants and Thy handmaidens under the wing of Thy grace and tender mercies, lest their own desires hinder them from turning toward the Holy Sanctuary of Thy Cause and Him Who is the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration. Do Thou ordain for each one among them such as is befitting of Thy Holy Majesty in Thy days and becoming of Thy sovereignty. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest; Thou art verily the All-Encompassing and Self-Subsistent.

Have mercy, O my Lord, on every handmaiden who hath turned toward Thee, hath heard Thy call and given answer to Him Who is the Manifestation of Thine own Self. Write down for her, then, such as Thou hast written down for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. Thou art truly the Munificent, the God of boundless grace. Thou doest as Thou willest at Thine own behest and Thou dost ordain whatsoever Thou pleasest in Thy sovereignty. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Powerful, the Exalted, the Cherished, the Best Beloved.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! Thou seest that mankind hath arisen against me for my having imparted to them that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy sovereignty. Indeed, whensoever I counsel them as to what profiteth them, they cast it aside and oppose the very One through Whom the scrolls of Thine immutable decree were unrolled and the tablets of Thy Law revealed. I beseech Thee, O Thou King of kings, Who art ever-merciful to Thy subjects, to enable them to recognize that from which they have veiled themselves. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O Lord, aid and assist Thy loved ones, and him whose name hath been mentioned before the throne, that he may make mention of Thee amidst Thy people and yield Thee praise among Thy creatures. O Lord, forbid him not the flowing waters of Thy mercy; give him to drink, under all conditions, of the wine of life everlasting proffered by the hand of Thy gracious favors, that he may, on each day, be carried away by the breezes of Thy loving-kindness and the sweet saviors of Thy gifts. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest. There is none other god beside Thee, the Almighty, the Munificent.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God, my Master, my Beloved, my cherished Desire! I beseech Thee by the light of the Cause whereby heaven and earth are illuminated, and by the fragrance whereof all things are made to tremble, to aid mankind to return unto Thee, repent before the door of Thy grace and hold fast the rope of Thy bounty. Thou art, verily, the Forgiving, the Munificent; Thou art, in truth, the Gracious, the Clement, the All-Merciful.

O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord! Sanctify Thy loved ones from all that pertaineth to the self and base desire, and adorn them with the garment of sanctity amongst Thy servants, O Thou the Guardian of all men and Sovereign of this world and the world to come.

O Lord, illumine them outwardly and inwardly with the light of Thy knowledge; write down for them, moreover, every good which Thou hast ordained in Thy books, Thy scrolls, Thy psalms, and Thy tablets. Thine is the power to do as Thou willest. Thou art verily the Ever-Gracious, the All-Bounteous, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy name whereby the rains of Thy mercy have descended, and the signs of Thy power have been made manifest, and the daystar of Thy will hath shone forth, and Thy compassion hath embraced all in heaven and on earth, to clothe in the robes of trustworthiness and detachment all them that believe in Thee. Attract them to the dayspring from which the peerless Sun of transcendence hath arisen, that through them the sanctity of the Cause may be revealed before the eyes of men, and the purity of Thy laws made apparent in Thy realm.

O Lord, Thou art the Self-Sufficing, and they are the impoverished. Seize them not on account of their negligence; rather, have Thou mercy upon them and forgive them, for they have borne hardships in Thy path. Heedless though they have been of some of Thy commandments, they have, however, hastened with their hearts and feet unto Thee. Look not upon their sins; look upon the splendors that have shone forth from their hearts' horizons, and upon the tribulations that they have endured for Thy sake. Thereafter, do Thou aid them in whatsoever shall raise aloft the standards of Thy Cause throughout Thy lands and the ensigns of Thy grandeur in Thy domains. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee, and in Thy grasp is dominion of all things. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Encompassing, the Transcendent, the Exalted, the Sublime.

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O my God, my Master, the Beloved and Desire of my heart, Whose remembrance and praise grace my lips and resound in the depths of my soul! I beseech Thee by Thy name, the very name of the One Who gave His life in Thy path, Who bore hardships for love of Thee and in order to establish Thy Cause, to send unto these lands the fragrant breezes carrying the perfume of Thy robe of compassion and tender mercy.

O Lord, these are Thy servants and these are Thy lands. Even though they have been shut out as by a veil because of their own desires and therefore hindered from orienting themselves to Thy grace and from turning toward the holy sanctuary of Thy knowledge, yet Thy mercy shall ever surpass the expanse of the universe and Thy grace shall forever embrace the whole of creation.

I beseech Thee by Thy hidden name which was made manifest in Thy sovereignty and which Thou didst make supreme over all in heaven and on earth, to abandon them not to their own desires. Send down, then, upon them such as shall enable them to turn toward the direction of Thy providence and to lay their eyes upon Thy countenance.

Look upon them, O my God, with the gaze of Thy mercy, and take them by the hand in Thy power and sovereignty. Draw forth, O my God, from the robe of Thy loving-kindness the hand of Thy might, and tear away the veils which have come between them and Thee, that they might all hasten on the path to the wellspring of Thy nearness and circle round Thy will and behest. Shouldst Thou cast them aside, who is there to deliver them from the Fire, O Thou the Light of the heavens and earth?

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O Lord! I beseech Thee by the blood of them that love Thee which hath been shed in Thy path, and by such lamentations and cries as have been voiced by those who yearn for Thee in their separation from Thee, and by the One Who bore tribulations for love of Thee, until He was imprisoned in this, the most desolate of lands, on account of that which the froward amongst Thy creatures had wrought—I beseech Thee to withhold not from me the fragrant breezes of this Dispensation, in which Thou hast revealed Thyself in Thy Most Great Name unto every nation. Make me a servant of Thy Cause and a champion of Thy Faith, in such wise that the wrathful scourge of tyrants shall fail to hinder me from calling aloud Thy name and lauding Thy virtues, and that the opposition of them that have turned against Thee shall be impotent to prevent me from orienting myself unto the horizon of Thy Cause and Thy merciful bounties.

O Lord, I am powerless, and Thou art the Almighty; I am impoverished, and Thou art the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted. I have, O my God, cast aside my own corrupt desires and have taken hold of what Thou hast commanded me, O Thou the Possessor of all names and Fashioner of heaven and earth. Enable me, I pray Thee, to turn towards Thee and to be detached from aught else except Thee. Thou art, verily, the Sustainer of the worlds and the cherished Aim of all who dwell in the heavens and all that abide on earth. There is none other god beside Thee, the Omnipotent, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by the Name whereby Thou hast shed the glory of Thine effulgence unto all things in all of Thy names, whereby Thou hast made the signs of Thy power and might manifest in heaven and on earth, and unveiled the revelations of Thy oneness in the realm of creation, to bathe Thy servants in the waters which Thou hast made to rain down from the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy loving-kindness, that they may be enabled to turn towards Thee with purified hearts,

sanctified souls, heedful ears, illumined beings, and with the utmost humility and reverence. Gather them, moreover, under the sheltering wing of Thy loving-kindness and grace, and guard them from the assaults of those that are heedless of the mention of Thy lofty and exalted Name. Provide them, then, with the good of this world and the world to come. Thine is the power to do as Thou willest; there is none other god beside Thee, the All-Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting.

Withhold them not, O my God, from beholding in Thy days the marvelous and resplendent rays of the Daystar of Thy oneness, nor cast them out from the sanctuary of Thy mercy and Thy beneficence. Thou hast created them that they may attain unto the recognition of Thy Being and be assured in Him Who is the Revealer of Thy Cause. Therefore, aid them, lest they fail in fulfilling that for which they were created. Revive their spirits with the sweet water of life everlasting, that they may awaken from the slumber of base passion and orient themselves to Thy command—O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of all names and the realm of eternity—and enter Thy presence and drink from the Salsabíl of Thy gifts and the Tasním of Thy bestowals. Thou art verily the Healing Solace of the hearts of those who long for Thee, the Comforting Companion of the bereaved, and the Best Beloved of all them that have recognized Thy truth.

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My Lord, my Lord! On earth, I make mention of Thy name; at sea, I laud Thy virtues; upon the lofty mountain, I call out to Thee; and whilst upon the highest summit, I bow myself before Thee. My thirst, O my Lord, doth yearn to be quenched by the Kawthar of Thy presence, and the flame-like ardor of my love doth seek the wine of reunion with Thee. Never shall the torments of this world debar me from the sweet savor of Thy knowledge, nor shall the trials which I sustain at the hands of the nations ever leave me far removed from the ocean of Thy nearness. I beseech Thee to ordain for Thy loved ones such as shall draw them ever nearer unto Thee and make them remote from aught else beside Thee. Thou art He Who doeth as He willeth and Who ruleth as He pleaseth. Thou art verily the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

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My God, my God! Thou hearest and art fully aware that this servant of Thine doth affirm the oneness of Thine Essence and Its sanctity, the transcendence of Thy Being and Its sovereignty, and he doth confess Thy power, Thy might and Thy majesty. I beseech Thee by the splendors of Thy kingdom, by Thy prophets and Thy messengers, and by the One through Whom the portals of divine bounty and grace were opened wide unto the whole creation, and through Whom the reality of Thy oneness was established unto the nations, to aid me under all conditions to make mention of Thy name and to laud Thy virtues amongst Thy creation, and to assist me in that whereby I shall be remembered so long as Thy dominion shall endure.

O Lord, Thou seest me turning toward Thee, holding fast the cord of Thy grace, standing before the door of Thy favor, and hoping for the marvels of Thy generosity. Render me aid, O Lord, with the legions of the unseen and protect me from the embodiments of falsehood and doubt.

O Lord, Thou seest this impoverished one seeking Thy grace; this remote one, Thy nearness; this

powerless one, Thy might; and this oppressed one, Thy justice. I beg Thy forgiveness for this, for rather should it be said that he doth yearn for Thy grace most fervently, inasmuch as one who is sore athirst desireth Thy flowing waters, the wayfarer Thine abode, and the stranger his homeland in the precincts of Thy court. I implore Thee to deny not his hope for what Thou hast ordained for such as are faithful unto Thee and among Thy chosen ones.

I testify that Thy munificence and grace are such as to encompass all men and that Thy mercy doth surpass all in heaven and on earth. Every created thing beareth witness, O my God, to Thine omnipotence and my powerlessness, and the whole of the universe to Thy wealth and my poverty, to Thy loving-kindness and my dependence upon Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy generosity which hath encompassed all existence, whereby the Speaker of Sinai spoke forth, and the dead were risen from their graves, to assist me in that through which I shall be drawn near unto Thee, confirmed in Thy Cause and made steadfast in Thy love.

Thou seest me, O my God, holding fast, in this moment, unto that which Thou didst reveal in the Furqán to Thy Beloved One. Thou didst say—and Thy word is the truth—“O people, ye are all in need of God, while He is the All-Sufficient, the All-Praised.” By this, Thine own testimony, is my poverty confirmed and Thy wealth made apparent. Wouldst Thou cast aside one who hath confessed his own impoverishment and who hath affirmed Thy wealth? Nay, I swear by Thy glory! It is not befitting of Him Who is possessed of all munificence and magnanimity to cast the beggar from His door, nor is it becoming that the All-Glorious should forbid the lowly one from entering His court.

O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Word through which all things were unveiled from the realm of the unseen, made manifest in the visible world and brought from non-existence into being, to write down for me the best of this world and the world to come. Thou art the Lord of the throne above and of the earth below, and Sovereign of the kingdom of names. There is none other god beside Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Omnipotent.

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My God, my God! Thou seest me supplicating the heaven of Thy bounty and the daystar of Thy grace, detached from all Thy servants and all Thy creation. I am one, O my God, who hath confessed the truth of that which Thou hast revealed in Thy books. I testify that Thou art God, with none other god beside Thee.

With the arms of Thy might, Thou hast ever delivered Thy servants from out the depths of delusion and prejudice, and in Thy sovereignty, Thou shalt ever save them, and in Thy majesty and incontrovertible strength, Thou shalt ever protect them from the oppression of men.

I beseech Thee, O Thou the Protector of the world and Savior of the nations, by Thy name whereby that which was concealed in the eternity of eternities and veiled from the eyes of men was laid bare and manifest, to aid and assist me in every righteous deed. By Thy glory! No Helper do I desire for myself but Thee, nor any Champion save Thee.

I beseech Thee by the marvels of Thy grace and the effulgent rays of the luminary of Thy bounty, to confirm me in that by which my station shall be uplifted and my name exalted. Thou art, verily, the All-Knowing. There is none other god but Thee, the All-Glorious, the Sublime.

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My God, my God! This is a breeze from amongst the fragrant breezes of the garden of meaning; unto Thee hath she turned on a day when the learned men of Thine age and the arbiters throughout Thy lands have denied Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy beauty manifest amidst Thy creation, and by the sovereign power of Thy Pen and the potency of Thy command, to write down for her with the pen of Thy grace such as shall bring her nigh unto Thee.

I entreat Thee moreover, O Thou Who art the God of the entire creation and Desire of the universe, by the sweet-scented breezes of Thy days, whereby the mountains are brought to the dust, the lamentation raised, and the earth illumined with Thy light, to write down for her with Thy Most August Pen the good favor of entering Thy presence and beholding Thy countenance. O Lord, Thou art the Munificent, the God of surpassing grace and mercy. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Munificent.
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My God, my God! Sanctify the hearts of Thy lovers from all that is not worthy of Thee and befitting of Thy days, and illumine their souls with the splendors of Thy kingdom and celestial dominion, that the world and all that abide therein may be enlightened thereby. O Lord, enable them to recognize such as shall harm them and such as shall profit them, that they may abandon what they possess, in their longing to attain that which pertaineth unto Thee. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee; none other god is there beside Thee, the Commander, the All-Wise.

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My God, my God! Suffer not that Thy servants be bereft of the ocean of justice and the heaven of equity. Assist them, O Lord, to repent and aid them to return unto Thee. In truth, Thou art the Munificent, at the mention of Whose name the inmost realities of all things take flight and soar. In truth, Thou art the All-Merciful, Whose mercy doth surpass all who dwell in heaven and on earth. None other god is there beside Thee, the Compassionate, the Forgiving.

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Glory be unto Thee, Who art the Lord of all things visible and invisible, and the Supreme Protector of all creation! I entreat Thee by Thy name, the All-Loving, to aid and assist Thy servants to live in concord and unity. Enable them to make mention of Thy name, extol Thy virtues, and strive in the service of Thy Cause.

I beseech Thee, O Lord, by the mysteries of Thy book, the splendors of Thy visage and the revelations of Thy might, to write down for those that are wholly devoted to Thee the recompense of entering Thy presence. Ordain for them, moreover, such as shall bring them ever nearer unto Thee. Provide them with the

best of this life and the life to come, and bestow upon them what will gladden their hearts, O Thou the Lord of all men! None other god is there beside Thee, the Almighty, the Omnipotent.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord! All the oceans partake in the mention of Thy name, all the summits celebrate Thy praise, all the rivers laud Thy virtues, and all the shining suns glorify Thine attributes. Each and every thing doth bear witness unto Thy oneness, and doth confess Thy majesty, Thy sovereignty, Thy power and Thine omnipotence.

I beseech Thee by the Revelation of Thy Most Great Name, whereby the very heart of the nations was sorely perplexed—save them that Thou didst will to exempt in accord with Thy behest—to ordain that which shall exalt and draw nigh unto Thee him who hath loved Thee amidst Thy creation, hath drawn near to Thee from the first days of Thy Dispensation, hath perceived the perfume of Thy Revelation and the alluring fragrance of Thine inspiration, hath drunk of Thy sealed wine in Thy name, the Self-Subsistent, and whose deeds in Thy path were affirmed by the tongue of Thy grandeur when Thou wert seated on the throne of Thy grace.

O Lord, the wrathful scourge of the world and the ascendancy of the nations were powerless to withhold him from drawing near to Thy most exalted horizon and all-glorious Manifestation. Thou seest him, O Lord, holding fast the cord of Thy loving-kindness, under all conditions, and clinging to the hem of Thy bounty. I implore Thee to deny him not that which lieth with Thee. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Desire, my Hope, my Beloved! The alluring fragrances of Thy Revelation have attracted me to the horizon of Thy bountiful favors, and the perfumed breezes of Thine inspiration have carried me away unto the direction of Thy heavenly gifts. The voice of Him Who is the Orient of Thy Cause hath raised me from my slumber in Thy days. Therefore, O my God, do I turn wholly unto Thee, severed from all else except Thee, standing at the door of Thy grace which Thou hast opened wide before all in heaven and on earth. I supplicate Thee by the Word whereby Thou hast subdued all created things, whereby the entirety of the cosmos is set in motion, whereby those who have testified to Thy oneness are given to drink of the Kawthar of Thy presence, and whereby those who are devoted unto Thee quaff the choice wine that is reunion with Thee. I moreover beseech Thee by the name of Him through Whose Manifestation such as had hitherto been treasured up and concealed was revealed, to enable me under all conditions to remember Thee, to glorify Thee, to soar through the expanse of Thy wisdom and traverse the realms of Thy command and dominion.

O Lord, I have hastened to take refuge under the shadow of Thy wing, and have turned my face unto Thy countenance. Neither withhold me from the flowing waters of Thy mercy nor debar me from the ocean of Thy bounty. Each and every one of my limbs doth testify to Thy guardianship over all things and Thy

dominion over all that dwell on earth and all who abide in heaven. Ordain for me such as shall enable me to be empty of aught else except Thee, that I may regard my soul as a sign of Thy sublimity in Thy realm and as a proof of Thy sanctity in Thy lands. Destine for me, O my God, what I have desired of the heaven of Thy magnanimity and the clouds of Thy munificence. Thou art the God of bounty Whose beneficence doth pervade the whole of the universe and Whose grace doth embrace all creatures. Choose for me, O my God, such as shall benefit me in this world and the world to come. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. Thou art, verily, the One Who is all-knowing and informed of all.

And I beseech Thee, O Thou the Lord of all being and Educator of the visible and invisible worlds, to submerge me, at all times, in the ocean of Thy good-pleasure, that my desire may be wholly subsumed in Thy will, my movement made entirely contingent upon Thy behest, and my eyes fixed upon such of the marvels of Thy grace and bounteousness as Thou hast destined for me.

O Lord, I have clung to the cord of Thy love; I entreat Thee to number me among those who circumambulate Thy throne for so long as Thy kingdom and celestial dominion shall endure. I swear by Thy glory, O God of all the worlds and Desire of them that have recognized Thy truth! This is my aim, my hope, my aspiration and my cherished desire.

Thou art He Who hath bidden me to pray and Who hath promised to answer. Wherefore, do Thou grant what I have desired of Thy munificence and magnanimity, Thy grace, Thy beneficence and generosity. Thou art, in very truth, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Giving, the Transcendent, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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Thou seest, O my God, how the oppressors amidst Thy creatures and the rebellious amidst Thy people have united against Thy loved ones; no land doth there remain where the lamentations of Thy lovers and the plaintive cries of Thy chosen ones are not heard. I entreat Thee by Thy Most Great Name to stretch forth the hand of Thy might from the robe of Thy power and therewith deliver Thy loved ones.

Thou seest, O my God, how their eyes are fixed upon Thee and their gaze set on the horizon of Thy majesty and loving-kindness; exchange, O my God, their abasement with Thy glory, their poverty with Thy wealth, their feebleness with strength bestowed of Thee. Potent art Thou to do as Thou desirest. None other God is there but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by the name of Him through Whom the lamp of Thine utterance was lit in the niche of Thy knowledge, through Whom the breezes of Thy tender mercies were wafted unto all who dwell in Thy realm, to enable me to arise in Thy service under all conditions, and to grant that I be so illumined with the light of Thy wisdom and love that I will not be veiled by the doubts of the world nor be hindered by the idle fancies of its peoples. Make me, O my God, content with whatsoever Thou hast ordained for me in Thy grace and magnanimity, Thy munificence and bounty.

O Lord, leave me not unto myself; cheer me, at all times and under all conditions, with the glad-tidings that have been destined for Thy days. Thine is the power to do as Thou willest. None other god is there beside Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsistent.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Aim of all creation! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy Cause to preserve me from such rebellion as would sever my hopes and shut me out from the fragrant breezes of Thy clear signs and revelations. O Lord, I implore Thee to have mercy on this humble servant whose right hand is lifted in supplication unto the heaven of Thy mercy, and whose left is clinging unto the hem of Thy forgiveness and clemency.

Enlighten those servants of Thine who have been neglectful of Thy remembrance and praise, who have failed to recognize Him Who is the Orient of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy verses, and who have endeavored to lead astray Thy loved ones who have set out for the farthest abode and furthest goal. O Lord, by Thine own Self, and by them that have circled round Thy throne, do I beseech Thee to assist these souls with the hosts of the seen and unseen. Thou art, verily, the Help in Peril, the Exalted, the Almighty, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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My God, my God! Separation from Thee hath destroyed me, and the sorrow of Thine exile and the hardship Thou hast sustained in Thy path hath consumed me.

My God, my God! Mine ears long to hearken unto that for which they have been created; deny them not Thy melodies and the sweet accents of Thy voice. Mine eyes yearn to look upon the rays of light shining from Thy most exalted horizon; forbid them not the very thing for which they have come into being.

My God, my God! It is not for me to listen to the voice of a servant of Thine, and yet fail to hearken unto Thy call. It is not for me to look upon Thy creatures, and yet neglect to behold the Orient of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy signs. Blessed is the one who hath perceived the perfume of Thy garment, being so carried away by the sweet-scented breezes of Thy Days as to sever himself from aught else except Thee.

I beseech Thee, O my Lord the All-Merciful, by the kingdom of Thine utterance and by that ocean which is so vast that none of the vessels of the world could traverse it, and by that Ark which the hateful and malicious currents of the nations could never hinder, to assist me under all conditions, even as Thou hast heretofore and shall in times to come.

Do Thou reveal unto Thy servants, from the heaven of Thy mercy, such as shall bring them ever nearer to Thee, shall make known to them that which Thou hast desired for them in Thy beneficence and grace, and shall lead them unto Thy path, which crieth aloud every morn and eve, "I swear by God, I am verily the Straight Path and the Standard by which all shall be measured, from the greatest to the least!"

O Lord, withhold not Thy servants from the rustling of the Sadratu'l-Muntahá, nor from the music of Thy Most High Pen. Thou art the God unto Whose munificence and grace all existence doth bear witness.

There is none other god beside Thee, the Revealer of the Signs, the Sovereign of the stars and the Possessor of all worlds.

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Praise be unto Thee, O Lord, for having given me to drink of the wine of Thy loving-kindness and from the fount of Thy tender mercies, and for having enabled me to turn toward the Holy Sanctuary around which Thy Prophets and chosen ones have ever revolved. Confirm me in my service unto Thee, O Lord, in such wise that I be hindered not by the rejection of any who dwell on earth, and so speak forth in remembrance of Thee that those asleep in the slumber of self and desire shall awaken and set their faces unto Thy Most Exalted and All-Glorious Name.

Poor and destitute, O Lord, I long to stand before the throne of Thy wealth; sore athirst, I hasten to the abode wherefrom the river that is life indeed floweth by Thy leave and through the sovereign power of Thy might; ailing, I yearn for the ocean of Thy healing; lowly, I set my hopes on the dayspring of Thy glory. Forbid me not the bounties Thou dost possess; rather, aid and assist me, O my God, that I may spread abroad the mention of Thy name and make known the sublimity of Thy Word amidst all Thy creation and amongst all of Thy servants.

I am certain, O my God, that Thou shalt answer my prayer and grant all that I have sought from the marvels of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy munificence and Thy beneficence. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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O Lord, praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to soar throughout the expanse of Thy knowledge, for having empowered me to turn in certitude unto the Holy Sanctuary of Thy Faith, and for having granted that I direct my steps unto the Kaaba of Thy presence. I beseech Thee by Thy name whereby the tongue of everything is set free in the praise of Thine own Self, to grant that under all conditions I look unto Thy good-pleasure and be content with such as Thou hast destined for me in the heaven of Thy decree. Enable me, then, to detach myself from the raucous cawing of them that have repudiated Thy signs, and regarding whom Thou hast warned us in Thy tablets.

Make me so steadfast in Thy love, O my God, that even if all on earth should lay claim to the stations in Thy Cause and the ranks in Thy dispensation, I would never turn to them; inasmuch as I testify that the dispensation of God hath been sealed in this Most Great Revelation, and that whoso layeth claim to a revelation hath verily spoken according to the dictates of self and passion. Thus is it inscribed by Thy Most Exalted Pen upon tablets which are adorned with Thy words, O Thou the Creator of the heavens.

I am certain that Thou hast granted my supplication and hast ordained for me such as I desired of Thy grace and beneficence. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Praised be God, the Lord of the worlds!

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I beseech Thee, O Lord of all creation, to transmute the copper of all created beings with the elixir of Thine utterance and wisdom, and to reveal unto them from Thine all-encompassing Book such as shall enrich them in Thy wealth. I testify, O my God, that Thine is the knowledge of all that hath been and of all that is to come; indeed, the knowledge of all things lieth with Thee in Thy hidden Book. I beseech Thee by Thine own Self to enable humanity to recognize Him Who is the Revealer of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, that they may perceive the fragrances of Thy knowledge and the perfumes of Thy garment of loving compassion from all that hath been revealed from Him. Confirm them, moreover, in that which is the choicest in Thy sight, that they may choose what Thou hast chosen for them in Thy grace, inasmuch as that which is revealed from Thee is the very best for Thy servants.

O Lord, assist this servant who hath turned unto the direction of Thy gifts; write down for him, then, the good of this world and the world to come. Confirm him, moreover, in aiding Thy Cause and teaching such as Thou hast desired in Thy sovereignty; for this is the king of all deeds in Thy sight, and is recorded as the most excellent thereof in Thy book. O Lord, enable him to be constant in Thy love under all conditions. Thou art, verily, the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Glorious, the Munificent. Praise be unto Thee, O God of all in the heavens and on earth!

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O my God! This is one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto Thee, believed in Thy verses, and longed to look upon Thy countenance and stand in Thy presence. Write down for her, O my God, that which she hath desired in Thy path; make the fire of Thy love ablaze in her heart under all conditions; give her to drink of the Kawthar of life eternal that floweth from the right of the throne of Thy grandeur; and provide for her the good of this world and the world to come in Thy grace and heavenly favor. Thou hast, O my God, created her by the power of Thy might, and enabled her to recognize Him Who is the Manifestation of Thine own Self. I entreat Thee to preserve her from the evil whisperings of Thy creatures who are heedless of the mention of Thy name, the All-Merciful. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

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I beseech Thee, O Thou the best Beloved of the worlds and God of all in the heavens and on earth, to grant that I be confirmed in Thy love and steadfast under Thy command, with mine eyes fixed upon Thee, in service unto Thee, radiant with Thy praise and effulgent in Thy name amidst all the worlds. I testify, O my God, that the due recompense of one who hath sustained hardships in acquiescence unto Thy will shall never be effaced in Thy sight. Blessed is the soul who hath placed his trust in Thee and turned toward Thee; and woe unto him who, repudiating and reviling, is numbered among them that have rebelled against Thee.

O Lord, assist me under all conditions to serve Thee amidst Thy creation. I testify that serving Thee is

naught but the exaltation of Thy name and observing such deeds as evince the sanctity of Thy Cause unto all the world.

I entreat Thee, O Lord, by Thy name whereby Thou hast subdued all in the heavens and on earth, and whereby Thy remembrance is proclaimed, Thy testimony confirmed, Thy proofs made evident, and Thy verses revealed, to assist Thy loved ones in that which Thou hast desired for them in Thy grace and beneficence. Deliver them from the fire of self and passion, grant them shelter under the wing of Thine embracing compassion, and ordain for every one amongst them that which shall enrich them in Thine abundance, empower them in Thy might, and make them victorious over Thine adversaries by Thy power and sovereignty, in such wise that they shall fear neither the legions of the earth nor the ascendancy of whomsoever may dwell upon it. Thou shalt, verily, fulfill whatsoever be Thy will. Thou doest what pleaseth Thee by Thine all-pervasive behest, and Thou dost ordain whatsoever Thou desirest in Thine all-encompassing decree. The outcry of the heedless is powerless to controvert Thy command, and the dominion of oppressors is impotent to subvert the realization of such as Thou hast ordained.

Have mercy on us, O Thou the All-Merciful God; we verily call out unto Thee and make mention of Thy name, the Forgiving, the Compassionate. Every praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Desire of them that have sought Thee, the Adoration of all who yearn after Thee!

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O my God, my Lord, my Support, my Hope! The tongue of mine inner and outer being doth testify that verily Thou art God; none other god is there beside Thee. From eternity Thou hast been the Protecting Lord over Thy creation and hath ever stood supreme over Thy servants. Thou hast sent the messengers and revealed the scriptures to guide the people of Thine earth, as a token of Thy grace. Verily doth Thy mercy embrace the entire creation and Thy love pervade all existence.

I beseech Thee by the suns of the heavens of Thy will and the pearls of the oceans of Thy knowledge and behest, to draw me nigh unto Thee, under all conditions, and to write down for me with Thy Most Exalted Pen such as Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones and chosen ones, whom Thou hast aided to shatter the idols of vain fancies and prejudice in Thy power and sovereignty, and unto whom Thou hast shown Thy path. The dominion of the oppressors is impotent to subvert Thy might, and the ascendancy of those like unto Pharaoh is powerless to frustrate Thy purpose. Thou doest as Thou willest; Thou dost decree as Thou desirest. The reins of all in the heavens and on earth lie in Thine unyielding grasp.

Wouldst Thou disappoint, O my God, one who hath stood at the door of Thy bounty, or hinder, O Thou the Desire of mine heart, one who hath hastened to the shore of the ocean of Thy grace? I entreat Thee by the marvels of Thy generosity to forgive me and pardon me my sins that have come between me and Thee.

O Lord, the most destitute of Thy servants hath sought the ocean of Thy wealth, and the most wretched of Thy creatures the horizon of Thy strength. I beseech Thee by Him Who is the Manifestation of Thine own Self, the Revealer of Thy signs and the Fountainhead of Thy Law, to ordain for me such as shall profit me in this world and the world to come. Then confirm me in love for Thee and for such as are dear to Thee, and assist me to observe that which Thou hast revealed in Thy Book. Thou art He from Whose knowing nothing can escape. Verily, Thou art God; none other god is there beside Thee. In truth, Thou art the

All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.
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By Thy name the Munificent; by Thy name the All-Merciful; by Thy name the Omniscient; by Thy name the All-Wise; by Thy name the Self-Subsistent; by Thy name the All-Loving; by Thy name the Beneficent; by Thy name the Ever-Forgiving; and by Thy name the All-Bountiful, do I beseech Thee to forgive and pardon Thy loved ones. Purge them of all worldly defilement, from all prejudice and from every delusion. Immerse them in the light of certitude in Thy mercy and heavenly favor.

O Lord, Thou seest one who doth yearn to attain unto the court of Thy munificence; ordain for him the best of this world and the world to come. None other god is there beside Thee, the Lord of all men and the King of the throne above and of earth below.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God, O Thou Who holdest in Thy grasp all names, and at Whose behest all things are set in motion! I beseech Thee by Thy Word whereby Thou hast quickened Thy servants and illumined the lands of Thine earth, whereby the Gate of the Bayán was opened wide before all creation, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall attract them unto Thee and protect them from those creatures of Thine who are sustained by Thy grace and yet deny it, and who behold Thy heavenly table set before them and yet disavow it.

O Lord, Thou seest the froward surrounding such of Thy chosen ones as have drawn nigh unto Thee, and arising against them with such cruelty that the denizens of Thy kingdom and the dwellers of Thy dominion wail and lament. I entreat Thee by Them Who are the Daysprings of Thy signs and the Wellsprings of Thy laws and commandments, to clothe the deeds of such as have turned unto Thee with the adornment of Thine acceptance. Ordain for them the good of this world and the world to come in accord with Thy will and desire. Verily, Thou art God; none other god is there beside Thee, the Omniscient and All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou the Lord of Thy heavenly kingdom and Sovereign of Thy celestial dominion! I testify to Thy oneness and unity, and affirm Thy grandeur, Thy majesty and Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee by the Most Exalted Word which hath charmed the hearts of all men, and the fire which Thou hast kindled in the Lote-Tree of knowledge and in the breasts of Thy lovers, to ordain that Thy companions be admitted into Thy presence and fix their gaze upon Thy visage. Do Thou destine for whomsoever turneth unto Thee the good of this world and the world to come. Thou art, verily, the Fashioner of the heavens, and in Thy grasp lie the reins of the kingdom of names.

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I am Thy handmaiden, O my God, and the daughter of Thy handmaiden; I bear witness unto Thy majesty, Thy sovereignty, Thy might, Thy power and Thy grandeur, and I testify that Thou art God, that there is none other god beside Thee. From everlasting hast Thou overshadowed Thy servants and Thy handmaidens, and been supreme over all on Thine earth and in Thy heaven. I beseech Thee by Thy mercy which surpasseth all the multitudes of Thy creation, by Thy grace which embraceth the whole universe, by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge, and by the splendors of Thy countenance, to grant that I shall ever turn unto Thy most exalted horizon and cling unto the cord of Thy loving providence, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens.

I moreover beseech Thee to ordain for me the good of this world and the world to come, and that which is befitting of the ocean of Thy munificence and the heaven of Thy bounty, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of gifts and bestowals. None other god is there beside Thee, the Forgiving, the Munificent. Praise be unto Thee, Who art the Desire of all them that have recognized Thy truth.

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My God, my God! Nearness to Thee is my hope, pardon from Thee my desire, Thy good-pleasure with me my aspiration, and forgiveness from Thee my highest and most cherished aim. I beseech Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thine utterance, the revelations of Thy might and the manifestations of Thy sovereignty, and by the Word through which the standard of Thy oneness was erected amidst Thy servants and the ensign of Thy remembrance upraised throughout Thy lands, to assist this servant of Thine in observing such as he is commanded in Thy Book.

Thou seest me, O Lord, ablaze in the fire of separation from Thy loved ones. I swear by Thy glory, O Thou the Desire of the world, Who art revealed in the Greatest Name! Naught do I desire but Thee, nor is there aught that I love except Thee. I implore Thee to abandon me not unto my own self; rather, aid me to make mention of Thee, under all conditions, and to glorify Thee.

O Lord, Thou seest one who is sore athirst with his face set towards the ocean of Thy bounteousness, one who is destitute awaiting the bestowal of Thy generosity and loving-kindness, and one who is ailing longing for the flowing fount of Thy healing. I entreat Thee by Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers and by Him through Whom the perfumed breezes of Thy Revelation have been stilled, to ordain for me the best of this world and the world to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the throne above and of earth below. Number me, then, O my God, with those whom nothing whatsoever could prevent from turning unto Thy most exalted horizon.

Thou seest me, O my God, holding fast the cord of Thy bounty, and clinging unto the hem of Thy munificence and magnanimity. Thou seest the tears of mine eyes and hear the sighs of mine heart. Destine for me, out of Thy generosity and Thy grace, such as shall calm the agitation of my soul. Solace mine eyes through looking upon the faces of Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones, and illuminate the vision of my heart with the light of Thy knowledge. Thou art He unto Whose might the universe beareth witness, and unto Whose grandeur testifieth all existence. None other god is there beside Thee, the Forgiving, the

Clement.

Send Thy blessings, O Lord, O Thou the Desire of the world and Beloved of the nations, upon Them that are the Treasuries of Thy wisdom, the Daysprings of Thy power, the Manifestations of Thy Self, and the Wellsprings of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Them to send down from the heaven of Thy bounty upon Thy lovers such as shall bring them ever nearer unto Thee, enable them to chant Thy verses and confirm them in Thy love and good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art God; no god is there but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, Who answereth our prayers.

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O Lord my God! Thy knowledge of me doth verily surpass my understanding of my own self. I implore Thee to enable me to so rise to serve Thee and celebrate Thy praise that I will fear neither the armies of the world nor the oppression of those, like unto Pharaoh in his tyranny, who have forbidden mankind from approaching the court of Thy glory and from plunging into the depths of the ocean of Thy unity.

O Lord, Thou seest the beggar standing at the door of Thy wealth, and one who is ailing at the shore of the sea of Thy healing. I know not, O my God, whether my doings shall shut me out from such as I have mentioned, or whether Thou shalt confirm me, out of Thy munificence and grace, in that which I have sought. I swear by Thy glory, O Thou the Desire of the world, that I wish to place my trust in Thee in all matters and entrust to Thee all mine affairs. In Thy grasp lie the reins of both the beginning and the end. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Glorious, the Most Exalted.

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My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, and confess that Thine essence is incomparable and of absolute sanctity, and that Thou art Thyself transcendent above all peer and likeness. Verily, Thou art God; none other god is there beside Thee. From eternity Thou hast been ascendant upon the throne of Thy grandeur and the seat of Thine immutable power. I beseech Thee by Thy will which encompasseth the entire universe and by Thy behest which subdueth all created things, by the resplendent rays of the daystar of Thy grace and the pearls hidden in the ocean of Thy knowledge, to adorn my head with the crown of detachment, my body with the raiment of virtue, my tongue with the mention Thy name, my heart with Thy love, mine eyes with the vision of Thy most exalted horizon, and mine ears with hearing the melody of Thine all-glorious Pen.

Alas, alas, O Thou the Lord of all men and Sovereign of the throne above and of earth below, for my heedlessness and hesitation!

Thou didst give me a voice when I was silent and neglectful of mentioning of Thy name; Thou didst draw near to me from the Prison when I was engrossed in this world. I entreat Thee, O Thou the Desire of the nations, Who art revealed in the Most Great Name, to make me an ensign unto Thy remembrance amongst Thy servants and a standard of Thy guidance throughout Thy lands. Ordain for me, then, that I behold Thy countenance, stand before the gate of Thy divine grandeur, and remain steadfast in Thy Great

Announcement, which hath struck terror in the heart of the infidel.

Alas, alas, for my remoteness from the court of Thy nearness and my exile in Thy days!

I know not, O Desire and Beloved of mine heart, what Thou hast ordained for me with the pen of Thine irrevocable judgement. Hast Thou destined for me such as Thou hast decreed for Thy chosen ones who have taken flight into the atmosphere of Thy love and who have circled round Thy behest, or hast Thou forbidden me the marvels of Thy heavenly bounty and favor?

Thou seest Thy servant, O my God, who hath advanced toward the surging ocean of Thy wealth, this thirsty one who hath turned toward the fountainhead of Thy knowledge, and this listless soul who hath hastened unto the kingdom of Thine utterance. I entreat Thee by Thy glory, Thine omnipotence, Thy majesty, and Thine all-encompassing might, to deny not the hopes that this servant of Thine hath set on such as Thou dost possess. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. Naught can escape Thy knowledge, and no affair can subvert the operation of Thy will. Thou art, in truth, the Help in Peril, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

I swear by Thy glory, O Thou Who art the Adoration of our hearts! The thirst of my separation shall never be quenched but by gazing upon Thy visage, my soul shall never be solaced save by hearkening unto Thy voice, and my inmost being shall never have assurance save by beholding the dawning light of Thy Revelation.

Thou seest me, O Thou Whom I worship and adore, clinging to Thy cord, and detached from all else besides Thee. I entreat Thee by the Word whereby the faithful have raced unto the field of sacrifice and laid down their lives in Thy path, to send down a token of Thy mercy and favor upon me from the heaven of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy name whereby the souls of such as are wholly devoted unto Thee are set ablaze and the hearts of those brought nigh unto Thee are melted, whereby the dove of longing doth warble in the breasts of Thy lovers and the bird of nearness doth soar throughout the expanse of reunion with Thee, to purge me of all that is abhorrent unto Thee, to draw me ever nearer unto the Wellspring of Thy grace and heavenly favors, and to grant that I drink of the wine of Thy providence proffered by the hands of Thy mercy, and of the Tasnīm of Thy bounteousness from the cups of Thy bounty. Exalt me to such a station that I behold naught in creation save the revelations of the light of Thy oneness and the manifestations of Thy sublime unity, that I may be detached from all else beside Thee, turn my face unto Thy visage, sing hymns in praise of Thee, and direct my steps unto the sanctuary of Thy holiness. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest. None other god is there beside Thee, the Transcendent, the Sublime, the All-Glorious, the All-Bounteous.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee to give us renewed hope in the face of our sorrow, and to

pardon us such things as we have neglected in Thy days. Were it not for Thy munificence, Thy generosity and Thy grace, none would have the power to utter a single word, take but one single step, look toward any direction or advance unto anything whatsoever. Boundless praise and glorification be unto Thee! Lofty be Thy recognition and exalted be Thy mention! Thou alone art worthy to praise Thyself and laud Thy beauty, while this is exalted above the stations held by Thy servants, who are neither acquainted with Thy mysteries nor with such as Thou dost possess in Thy wisdom. None other god is there beside Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

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My God, my God! Fill Thou the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge and make known unto them what shall protect them and bring them ever nearer to Thee. May my soul be a sacrifice unto Thee for Thy sorrows and hardships, O Thou the Lord of all men and Possessor of the kingdom of names! I beseech Thee, O Thou the Sovereign of all creation and Educator of the seen and unseen, by Thy signs through which Thou hast guided the nations unto the Greatest Name, to confirm Thy servants in that which is met with Thy love and good-pleasure. Thou art, verily, the Lord of the throne above and of earth below, King of this world and the world to come.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose voice all in the kingdom of creation are enraptured, by the fragrance of Whose garment every ignorant one attaineth unto the ocean of knowledge, every lover unto the presence of his beloved, every wayfarer unto the furthest habitation, and every seeker unto the most exalted horizon! I beseech Thee by the sweetness of Thine utterance, the Manifestations of Thine unerring protection and the revelations of Thy power and might, to shelter Thy chosen ones neath the shade of the Lote-Tree of Thy Cause.

These are days, O Lord, when the heedless have imprisoned Thy loved ones and Thy chosen ones, and have forbidden them from bettering the world and edifying the nations. Thou knowest full well, O my God, that they have desired neither to foment sedition nor to shed the blood of any man. Rather, they seek to illuminate the whole world with the light of trustworthiness and integrity, of truth and fidelity. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all men. Thou art the All-Seeing and dost behold what hath befallen them from their fellow man, O Maker of the heavens and Possessor of all names. Do Thou deliver them, O Lord, by the power of Thy sovereign might.

Thou hast charged me in these days to extinguish the fire of lusts and wickedness, and to reveal the light of virtue and righteousness. Nourish the souls of Thy loved ones, I pray Thee, with the Kawthar of steadfastness, and grant that they partake of Thy heavenly table. Powerful art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee, and in Thy grasp lie the reins of all created things. None other god is there but Thee, the Almighty, the Ever-Forgiving, the Omnipotent.

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O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy name through which Thou hast shed the light of Thine effulgence upon the entire creation, and whereby Thou art exalted above all created things, to rid me of whatsoever is abhorrent unto Thee, and to send down upon me what is best for me; inasmuch as Thou knowest what shall profit me whereas I know not. Thou art, in truth, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

O Lord, leave me not unto myself and my own desires. Send down, then, upon me from the clouds of Thy mercy such as shall cleanse me of the remembrance of aught else except Thee. Destine for me, moreover, a seat of truth before Thee, and provide me with the good of this world and the world to come. Thine is the power to do as Thou wilt. Verily, Thou art the All-Bounteous, the Munificent.

Ad'iyah Mubarakah, Volume 3, Number 44

God testified before the creation of all things and thereafter that there is none other god beside Him. All majesty, all power, all might, all strength and authority belong unto Him, and He, in truth, is the Omnipotent, the All-Encompassing, the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all being, Who art ascendent upon the throne of Revelation in Thine illustrious station! I beseech Thee by those souls by whom Thy writings have been promulgated throughout Thine earth and the fragrance of Thine utterance diffused amidst Thy servants, to assist Thy loved ones in teaching Thy Cause with wisdom and eloquence, and in exalting Thy word amongst the people of all faiths.

Thou seest them, O Lord, holding fast the cord of obedience unto Thy precepts, and clinging unto the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. They have turned wholly unto Thee, and desire to fulfill what Thou hast commanded them in Thy scriptures, Thy psalms and Thy tablets.

O Lord, I beseech Thee by Thy Dispensation through which the rains of Thy blessing and grace descend upon Thy creation throughout the centuries and ages, to aid them, under all conditions, to be engaged in Thy remembrance and glorification, and in service unto Thy Cause. Ordain for them, moreover, that which Thou hast ordained for such of Thy creatures as have detached themselves from aught else but Thee and are devoted wholly unto Thee.

Grant them what shall profit them in this world and the world to come, and forgive them in Thy bounty, munificence and mercy which embrace all in heaven and on earth. None other god is there but Thee, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Bounteous.

The doubts of them that have forgotten Thee and the suggestions of them that have denied Thee are powerless to frustrate Thy purpose. Thou doest as Thou wilt, and dost decree as Thou desirest. Thou art the One God, incomparable, omnipotent, almighty, and all-praised.

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I testify unto Thy singleness and Thy oneness, O Thou Who art my God, my Master, my Support, my highest Hope and Aspiration. Nothing whatsoever can be likened unto Thee, nor any partner ascribed to

Thee, nor assistance rendered unto Thee, nor is there any who could ever supplant Thee. Thou hast created the creation in order to reveal Thy grace and manifest Thy munificence and bounty. Thou hast made known to Thy creatures the path of Thy good-pleasure, hast enabled them to recognize Thy guidance, and hast led them unto Thy straight path and glorious proclamation.

I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets and Holy Ones, Who have rendered aid unto Thy Cause by Their substance and by Their own persons, and I entreat Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy grandeur, to ordain for Thy handmaiden that she observe what Thou hast sent down in Thy book. Illumine her heart with the light of Thy knowledge, O my God, and write down for her such as Thou hast ordained for the maidens of Thy highest paradise.

Thou art, in truth, the Lord of all men and the King of the throne above and of earth below. None other god is there but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful, and the Omnipotent, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.
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My God, my God! I beseech Thee by the station wherein Thy most sweet voice calleth aloud, and by the horizon from which the luminary of Thy Cause doth shine forth, O Lord of all men! I entreat Thee by the ears that have hearkened unto Thy summons, by the lands honored by Thy footsteps, and by the trees that were favored with the tender gaze of Thy loving-kindness, to assist Thy loved ones to turn unto Thee, orienting themselves toward the light of Thy countenance, and drawing nigh to the court of Thy glory.

Withhold them not, O Lord, from the ocean of Thy mercy, nor from the heaven of Thy grace and bounty. Thou art He Whose compassion embraceth all, Whose mercy surpasseth all, the sun of Whose grace doth shine upon all. None other god is there beside Thee, the Almighty, the All-Subduing, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! Purify the hearts of Thy servants with the waters of Thy mercy and loving-kindness; with the Kawthar of Thy grace and beneficence; with the Tasním of Thy heavenly favors and benevolence; with the Salsabíl of Thy generosity and bounteousness; that they may arise, one and all, amid the heavens and earth voicing the praise of Him who is the Manifestation of Thine own Self, the Dawning-Place of Thine Essence, the Repository of Thy Revelation, the Treasury of Thine inspiration, and the Dayspring of Thy Cause.

I beseech Thee, O Thou my Well-Beloved, by Thy name which Thou hast sanctified of the suggestions of the infidels and the allusions of the froward, by which Thou hast judged between Thy servants, and hast made the wellsprings of Thy command and the rivers of Thy law to flow amidst them, to gather all unto the shore of the ocean of Thy oneness, that they may declare Thee to be sanctified of all things and glorify Thee in a most wondrous tongue amidst the peoples of earth. Cause them to ascend, O my God, to such a station that they see in everything naught but the effulgence of the light of Thy unity and the sublime revelations of Thy mercy, in such wise that they turn wholly unto Thee and sever their attachments to aught else except

Thee. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

O Lord, guard Thy creatures from the wolves of the earth who disbelieve in Thee and Thy signs and who repudiate the One with Whom Thou didst covenant before Thou hadst established the covenant of Thine own Self, in Whose name and praise Thou didst reveal the Bayán, unto Whose remembrance Thine every movement was devoted, to laud Whose virtues was the object of Thy every breath, and to gaze on Whose beauty was all Thou didst desire in Thy days. Thine is the power to do as Thou willest, and the right to rule as Thou desirest. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the Exalted, the Transcendent, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, the Omnipotent.

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My God, my God! If Thou prevent me from drawing nigh unto Thee, being present before Thy throne, and standing at the door of Thy glory, do Thou write down for me with Thy Most August Pen the recompense of one who hath entered Thy presence and the reward of them that have flown through the atmosphere of burning ardor and adoration until they came before Thee, heard the sweet intonation of Thy voice, and beheld Thy most effulgent horizon.

I beseech Thee, O God of all creation and Lord of the seen and unseen, by Thine imprisonment, by the wrongs Thou hast sustained and all that hath befallen Thee at the hands of Thy creatures, to deny me not the goodly things Thou dost possess, nor forbid me that whereby those in their sepulchers are quickened. Thou art the Lord of Revelation, Who art ascendant upon the throne on the Day of Resurrection. None other god is there beside Thee, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy name which overshadoweth all names, and by the stroke of Thy Most Exalted Pen whereby all things are set in motion, to write down for me with the pen of Thine immutable decree such as shall bring me near unto Thee and protect me from the evil of them that have set themselves against Thee, who have violated Thy Covenant, denied Thy proof, and repudiated Thy testament.

The thirst of separation, O my Lord, hath destroyed me. Where is the Salsabíl of reunion with Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp lie the reins of all in heaven and on earth? I swear by Thy glory and majesty, by Thy power and sovereignty! This servant of Thine feareth the scourge of self and the lusts thereof; I therefore yearn to entrust the very essence of my being into the hands of Thy grace and munificence, that Thou mayest preserve me from my own evils, carnal desires and heedlessness.

O Lord, Thou seest Thy servant who hath detached himself from aught else beside Thee, and held fast unto the cord of Thy bounty. I implore Thee to frustrate not his hopes for what Thou hast written down for Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones. Ordain for me such as shall solace mine eyes and bring peace unto my heart. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all men, and Ruler both in the beginning and the end.

Ad'íyyah Mubárahah, Volume 2, Number 47

O my God and my Beloved! How am I to make mention of Thee with words, certain as I am that they themselves are created at Thy behest? How am I to laud Thee with utterance, itself revealed by Thy leave and in accordance with Thy will? And how am I to give voice to any praise of Thee with meaning, which is itself signified by mere letters, themselves made manifest through the pen of Thy decree and by reason of the realization of Thy command? By Thy glory! I see that the path leading to such praise as is worthy of Thee is debarred, how much more the path unto the knowledge of Thine own Self! Indeed, the highest and most sublime of the praises sung by Thy creatures have their very root in such as their minds have fashioned.

Inasmuch as Thou hast made my powerlessness and utter destitution apparent, I beseech Thee by Thy most exalted and effulgent Name, to deny me not the tender gaze of Thy loving-kindness in this most great, this most glorious Revelation. Send down, then, upon me that which will make me so enriched as to be independent of all that is created in heaven and on earth. None other god is there beside Thee, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Word through which Thou hast made all things manifest and hast given life unto all creation, the Word which Thou hast made to be a Standard for Thy Cause and a Path amid the heavens and earth, and whereby Thou hast turned the faces of those near unto Thee toward Thy tender mercies and hast opened the hearts of those faithful to Thee unto the Dayspring of Thy loving-kindness and grace, to deny me not in these days the holy gaze of Thine infinite mercy, nor the fragrant breezes of Thy cherished grace and Thine inestimable gifts. Leave me not unto my own self and passions; do Thou sever me from aught else beside Thee and draw me near unto Thee, that I may behold Thy countenance and look upon Thy beauty. From eternity Thou hast done whatsoever pleaseth Thee, and hast decreed whatsoever Thou hast desired. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Sublime, the Glorified, the All-Subduing.

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My God, my God! I testify that Thine evidence hath encompassed all things, Thy guidance and testimony have been revealed, the ocean of Thy knowledge hath surged with tumultuous waves, and the Luminary of Thy wisdom hath shone forth. I beseech Thee by the secrets hidden like unto gems in Thy scriptures, to so aid this servant of Thine to be steadfast in love for Thee that neither the protests of men nor the delusions of the worldly-wise of Thine earth will have any power over him.

O Lord, in Thy grace do Thou ordain for me that which shall enable me to remember Thee under all conditions, and which shall bring me ever nearer unto Thee, O my Lord, the Exalted. Accept from me, O my God, such works as I have performed in Thy path while turning toward Thy horizon; aid me, moreover, to take hold of Thy book with such strength that neither the might of the ascendant nor the influence of those

who hold authority will be able to weaken my grasp. Thou art, in truth, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Omniscient, the All-Wise. None other god is there beside Thee, the Almighty, the Munificent.

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O Thou Who art my God and the God of all in the heavens and on earth, Who art my Beloved and the Beloved of the worlds! I testify that because of Thee the sweet fragrance of Thy garment hath pervaded every land and the faces of the righteous have been illumined, that because of Thee the ensigns of Thy sanctity have been upraised throughout the world and the standard of Thine incomparable unity erected upon the most exalted of summits. I beseech Thee by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued all creation and through which Thou hast enabled all created things to give voice to Thy praise—O Thou Who art the Revealer of the verses and Fashioner of the heavens and earth—to grant that I be wholly detached from aught else except Thee, and turn, under all conditions, unto the direction of Thy loving-kindness and toward the horizon of Thy tender mercies. Potent art Thou to do as Thou wilt. No god is there but Thee, the Forgiving, the Munificent.

O Lord, Thou knowest that I have turned my face unto Thee and have hastened to that clime wherein He Who is the Manifestation of Thine own Self, the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Orient of Thine indubitable proofs, was imprisoned. Were it not for Thy grace and compassion, how would I have attained to this station from which most of Thy creatures have been withheld? Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having thus honored me in Thy bounty, for having so showered Thy gifts upon me. I beseech Thee—O Thou Who art the Highest Hope of those devoted unto Thee and Beloved of the hearts of them that love Thee—to enable me to serve Thee and render Thy Cause victorious amidst Thy servants, and to grant that I be among those who have partaken of the wine of steadfastness and assurance, and who have attained unto such as Thou hast desired for them, O Thou the Possessor of religions and Creator of all existence.

O Lord, forbid me not the goodly things Thou dost possess, nor deny me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Grant that my will be in accordance with Thy behest, and my very movement in conformity to Thy command; grant that I soar on the wings of Thy good-pleasure, repose in the shelter of Thy love, and seek refuge in Thy presence, in such wise that I turn not to anything save Thee, speak not but for love of Thee, and look not upon any face save Thy face. From eternity Thou hast been supreme in Thy will, and unto eternity shalt Thou be omnipotent in Thy command. All things are as prisoners in the grasp of Thy might; every man of wealth, before the ocean of Thy riches, is an impoverished beggar; all possessed of rank, before the towering edifice of Thy majesty, are lowly and abased.

I beseech Thee, O Thou the Lord of tempests and Breaker of the dawn, to pardon me of all that is not met with Thy love. Protect me, moreover, under the shade of the lote-tree of Thy divine mercy and beneath the sheltering canopy of Thy oneness. Thou art He in Whose grasp is dominion over all things, in Whose right hand are the reins of all names. Thou dost Thy pleasure in Thine ascendancy and dost decree as Thou desirest in Thy sovereignty. Whoso be possessed of strength, O my God, doth confess his powerlessness when confronted by the manifestations of Thy might; and whosoever be possessed of riches must, when set before the revelations of Thy wealth, recognize his complete destitution.

I beseech Thee, O Thou Lord of the universe and Beloved of all creation, to assist me under every condition to turn unto the Kaaba of Thy Cause, and to manifest my love for Thee amidst Thy creatures, independently of aught beside Thee. Write down for me then, in Thy grace, such as shall profit me in this world and the world to come. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the Transcendent, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God! The tongue of mine outer and inner being doth bear witness to that which Thou didst testify of Thine own Self before the creation of the heavens and earth, that verily Thou art God, with none other god beside Thee. From eternity Thou hast exercised the all-compelling power of Thy might in Thy dominion and have everlastingly been supreme over all in heaven and on earth. All with a tongue wherewith to praise Thee testify to Thy oneness, and all with a mind wherewith to understand affirm Thy transcendence.

Thy Word, made manifest at Thy command, hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen. By this Word is Thy might revealed and Thy sovereignty made apparent. By this Word are Thy creatures attracted unto the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and Thy creation drawn toward the Orient of Thy grace. By this Word have the faithful cried out in the Parán of separation, "Where art Thou, O Beloved of such as have known Thee?" and Thy dear companions lamented in the wilderness of ardent longing, "Where art Thou, O Beloved of the worlds?" By this Word was Moses enraptured by Thy call when He turned his face unto Sinai and heard the sweet intonation of Thy voice and beheld the vision of Thy resplendent glory, when Thou didst shine Thine effulgence upon Him with one of Thy names. By this Word did Muḥammad upon the Sadratu'l-Muntahá fix His gaze, that He might hear Thy voice, O Thou Wellspring of all grace. By this Word hath every prophet whispered in prayer, "Here am I, here am I, O Lord of the kingdom of names and Fashioner of heaven and earth." By this Word have the gates of Thy knowledge been opened wide before the faces of Thy peoples, and the doors of Thy bounties made to receive Thy servants and creation.

When Thou didst desire to establish the oneness of Thine essence, Thou didst manifest Him Who is the Dayspring and Wellspring thereof, through the sovereign power of Thy might. By Him was the oneness of Thine essence and the singular transcendence of Thine own Self confirmed unto Thy servants. Unto no soul hast Thou ordained a portion, except by virtue of their recognition of His preeminence and by reason of their confession of His oneness; because it is through Him that Thy Dispensation, Thy sovereignty, Thy Manifestation, and Thy dominion are established.

O Lord, aid and assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee and hold fast the cord of Thy favors, that they may recognize Him who is the Fountainhead of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy proofs. Do Thou reveal, O my God, unto whomsoever hath directed himself unto the ocean of Thy grace and oriented himself to the horizon of Thy bounty, that which Thou hast revealed to such of Thy chosen ones as are wholly devoted to Thee, and to those amidst Thy loved ones who have drawn nigh unto Thee, that he may consecrate his entire being to serving Thy Cause, promulgating Thy revelation and establishing Thy proofs. Thou art verily omnipotent in Thy sovereignty. None other god is there beside Thee, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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Thou seest, O my God, one of Thy leaves that hath grown from the Lote-Tree of Thy oneness and the tree of Thy unity, in the midst of the infidels amongst Thy servants and the disbelievers amongst Thy handmaidens. Thou knowest that she hath turned unto Thee, held fast the cord of Thy loving providence and clung to the hem of Thy tender mercies. Because of this have such things befallen her as she hath suffered. I entreat Thee, Who art the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens and earth, to ordain for her such as shall gladden her soul, solace her eyes and open her heart.

O Lord, protect Thy leaves from the harm inflicted by such of Thy handmaidens as have turned away from Thy Beauty and followed the way of them that have rejected Thee and repudiated Thy signs, as bidden by the dictates of their corrupt inclinations. Thou art He Whose might encompasseth the heavens and earth, and Whose power none can subvert, whether in the kingdom of command or creation. None other god is there but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

O Lord, do Thou look upon her with the gaze of Thy loving-kindness and through the eyes of Thy munificence; shield her, moreover from the stones of the idle fancies of the disbeliever and from the arrows of the vain imaginings of the sinner. Give her to drink under every condition of the wine of Thy grace, from the Kawthar of Thy heavenly favors and from the Salsabíl of Thy bounteousness. Thou art the Lord of the world and art powerful over the peoples thereof. Thou dost verily destine for whomsoever Thou wilt whatsoever pleaseth Thee. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Generous.

Send Thy blessings, O my God, upon the Lote-Tree and its leaves, its limbs, its boughs, its roots, and its branches, so long as Thy most beautiful names and sublime attributes should endure. Guard it, moreover, from the evil doings of the iniquitous and from the hosts of the oppression. Thou art, in truth, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! The very atoms bear witness unto Thy grandeur and to Thy majesty, and the entire creation doth testify unto Thy power and to Thy sovereignty. Thou didst make Him Who is Thy Well-Guarded Secret and the Treasured Gem manifest in order to reveal Thy dominion and exalt Thy Word, and Thou didst command Him to arise at Thy bidding amidst Thy creatures. He hearkened and then arose to the most exalted station and summoned humanity unto the ocean of Thy bounty and the luminary of Thy grace. Whereupon, the faithful were overcome by the love for Thy Revelation, in such wise that they were severed from that which they possessed and from their own selves, in their love for Thee and for the path of Thy good-pleasure. They circled round Thy will even as the shadow circleth round the sun.

Thereupon, the people of hypocrisy arose from every side, intent upon extinguishing Thy fire and putting out Thy light, until they took hold of Thy loved ones in most every land, and imprisoned them for their having recognized Thy oneness and having affirmed Thy singleness. I beseech Thee, O Thou King of eternity and Lord of the nations, I beseech Thee by Thy name through which Thou hast subdued the world, to ordain the best of this life and the next for those who have been afflicted with tribulations in Thy path; I implore Thee to exalt their names amongst all creation and to encompass their foes with complete abasement

and retribution. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest. None other god is there beside Thee, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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My God, my God! Do Thou adorn Thy servants with the vesture of understanding, and ordain for them such as shall bring them ever nearer to Thy horizon. O Lord, Thou seest them turning unto Thee and clinging to the cord of Thy loving-kindness. I beseech Thee by the kingdom of Thine utterance, Thy sovereignty and Thy dominion, to ordain for Thy loved ones such as Thou didst ordain for those who flew through the atmosphere of Thy love and who laid down their lives in Thy path. Thine is the power to do what Thou willest. None other god is there beside Thee, the Almighty, the Omnipotent, Who art wont to answer our prayers.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy sublime and most exalted Beauty, by the glorious revelations amidst heaven and earth of Thy sovereignty, and by the splendor of Thy countenance which doth illumine the denizens of the realms of eternity, to neither withhold me from the wondrous effulgences of the luminary of Thy knowledge, nor forbid me from entering the holy sanctuary of Thy presence. Thine is the power to do as Thou willest. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

He am I, O my God, who hath turned his face away from all creation, and who hath advanced to behold the holy visage of Thy transcendent unity. From my own self have I fled, from aught else beside Thee have I sought refuge, and under the shade of the tree of Thy oneness have I longed to repose.

Wherefore, leave me not, O my God, to my own self or to anything created amidst the heavens and earth, but grant me entrance into the pavilion of Thy nearness and the tabernacle of Thy love. Do Thou reveal to me, O my God, what is hidden from the eyes of Thy servants and veiled from the perception of Thy creatures, and make me among them, O my Lord, that have entered the stronghold of Thy guardianship and who abide in the near precincts of Thy mercy. Verily, Thou doest as Thou willest, and Thou dost ordain as Thou pleasest.

Protect me, moreover, O my God, from my enemies and all that is not met with Thy love and good-pleasure. Send down, then, upon me from the heaven of Thy bounteous grace such as shall sever me from all the worlds, and enable me to attain unto Him Who is Thine own Self, the Most Exalted One, in this, His most pure and luminous raiment.

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Glory be to Thee, O Lord my God! Do Thou reveal the rivers of Thy sovereign might that the water of unity may flow within the inmost realities of all things, in such wise that the ensigns of Thy guidance will be

upraised in the kingdom of Thy Cause and the stars of Thy luminescence will shine with a scintillating splendor in the heavens of Thy glory. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. Verily, Thou art the Help in peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all creation, my Beloved and the Beloved of the universe! Thou seest a leaf from amongst Thy leaves clinging unto the Lote-Tree of Thy oneness, confessing Thy unity, and turning unto the horizon of Thy grace, the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy will. The letter which she hath sent to Him Who is the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Orient of Thine inspiration is proof that she hath turned toward Thee, hearkened unto Thy voice, fixed her gaze upon Thee, evinced humility before Thy sovereignty, and humbled herself before Thine authority.

I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art Creator of the heavens, the Possessor of all names, and the Lord most high unto all things, to preserve her by the sovereign power of Thy might, lest she be blown away by the gales and tempests of Thy decree. Number her, then, O my God, among the maidens of Paradise and the assemblies of communion. Ordain for her, moreover, such as shall immortalize her name for so long as Thy kingdom and dominion shall endure.

Thou seest her, O Lord, with her eyes set upon Thee, trusting in Thy grace and munificence. Deny her not the wonders and marvels of Thy bounty and beneficence. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. None other god is there beside Thee, the Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I testify in this moment that from eternity Thou hast been sanctified above the realizations of the most sainted mystics, and immeasurably exalted beyond the conception of all in heaven and on earth. All contingent things bear witness to Thy transcendent unity, and the entirety of the universe doth testify to Thy oneness. At this moment do I implore Thee by Thy name through which Thou hast led them that are endowed with understanding unto the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and inspiration, and through which Thou hast attracted the faithful toward the direction of Thy grace and tender mercies, to abandon me not to my own self and corrupt inclinations, nor suffer that I be far remote from the shore of Thy nearness, shut out from the holy sanctuary of Thy presence, or debarred from the shores of the ocean of Thy oneness.

O Lord, Thou art the Self-Sufficing, and I am impoverished. Thou art the Exalted, and I am lowly. Thou art the Lord, and I am but a servant. I am come with the most abject destitution and the most piteous powerlessness and beg Thee to sprinkle over me from the clouds of Thy mercy such as shall cleanse me of aught else except Thee and bring me near to the abode wherein Thou art ascendent on the throne of Thy mercifulness and the seat of Thy gifts and munificence. Light in my heart, O my God, the lamp of Thy love, in order that I will not rest secure in my own self but will tremble before the onrushing winds of Thy will, in such wise that I shall not speak but to praise Thee, nor take a single step save with Thy leave, nor turn my face

toward anyone but Thee. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest. None other god is there beside Thee, the Most Exalted, the Omnipotent, the All-Glorious, the Unconstrained.

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My God, my God! I testify to Thy Manifestation and Thy oneness and Thy unity, to that which the tongue of Thy grandeur uttered ere the creation of Thy heaven and Thine earth, and to that which was revealed from the heaven of Thy will. O Lord, grant me the most perfect devotion unto Thee, that I may cling with all my strength unto the cord of Thy loving-kindness and hold fast the hem of the robe of Thy munificence.

My God, my God! Having seen the waves of Thine ocean of forgiveness, I hastened unto them burdened with my grievous sins and grave offenses. Having beheld the effulgent rays of the luminary of Thy wealth, I set my gaze thereunto, whilst stricken with poverty and want, O Thou Lord of the throne above and of earth below, King of this world and the world to come.

O Thou Sovereign of the world, Beloved of the nations! Thou seest an ignorant one standing at the gate of Thy knowledge, a lowly one before the kingdom of Thy riches. I beseech Thee by Thy resplendent signs whereby the dead have been risen from their graves and the Manifestations of the divine names and attributes revealed, to number me with those whose names are recorded by Thy Most August Pen in the realm of creation. Through these souls hast Thou assisted Thy Cause, revealed Thy sovereignty and upraised the standard of "Verily, Thou art God" and the ensign of "All sovereignty is Thine in Thy heavenly kingdom and celestial dominion."

O Lord, I ardently desire to be so severed from aught else beside Thee and so enraptured by Thy Revelation that I move not save as stirred by the winds of Thy will, nor utter a word save that revealed in Thy book. O Lord, Thou seest my supplicating hands lifted unto the heaven of Thy grace; grant that they perform such deeds as exalt Thy Cause and from which the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure is diffused. O Lord, do Thou beautify my doings and hopes with the light of Thy acceptance. I, Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, confess my heedlessness and forgetfulness in Thy days.

O Lord, send down from the heaven of Thy mercy such as shall set aright my affairs, and do Thou assist me in apprehending the good things which escaped me when the resplendent rays of the Luminary of Thy Manifestation were made effulgent.

O Lord, look not upon my sin, rather look unto Thy grace; look not upon the legions of my rebellion, rather unto the waves of the ocean of Thy forgiveness and clemency. Blessed is the heart which melteth for love of Thee; the soul that burneth in its remoteness from the shore of the ocean of Thy nearness; the eye whose tears flow when beholding the traces of Thy pen; the breast whose sighs are uttered in its longing to attain Thy presence.

Alas, alas, O my Lord and Beloved! Should Thine incontrovertible command forbid me to turn my face unto the lights of Thy countenance, do Thou ordain for me with Thy Most High Pen the recompense ordained for one who hath attained Thy presence, who hath borne with Thee Thine imprisonment, and who hath stood before the throne of Thy Manifestation. Nothing whatsoever can frustrate such as Thou hast decreed. Thou dost give and withhold at Thine own behest. None other god is there beside Thee, the

Forgiving, the Munificent.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God, O Desire of my heart! I beseech Thee by the Word which Thou hast made to be a light unto the lamp, a flame unto the wayward, a delight unto them that have drawn near unto Thee, and a torment to them that have rejected Thee, to enable Thy servants to turn towards Thee, draw nigh unto the court of Thy glory and hold fast the rope of Thy bounty.

I beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thine all-embracing Revelation and by Thy manifest and indubitable proofs, to rain down upon them from the clouds of Thy mercy such as shall adorn them with the vesture of justice and equity, that they may act therewith in Thy Cause and toward that which hath been revealed from Thee. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the Transcendent, the Unconstrained.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the God of all names, the Fashioner of the heavens, Who art revealed in the kingdom of Thy creation and Who art all-seeing from Thy most exalted horizon! We beseech Thee by the fire of the Burning Bush and the light of unity, by the murmuring of the water that is life indeed in the highest heaven and the rustling of the breezes of reunion in the most exalted paradise, to destine for us such as shall bring us ever nearer to Thee under all conditions.

O Lord, Thou seest the dead hastening unto the ocean of life, and the rebellious turning toward Thee, O Thou Forgiver of sins. We entreat Thee, O Lord of all creation, by Thy manifest name, by the cries and lamentations of Thy lovers in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and by the hearts that have been pierced by arrows for having loved Thee, to enable us to serve Thee and to establish Thy Cause, and to confirm us in this Revelation regarding which even the most learned of men and the most holy of mystics in Thy realm have erred.

We are but servants, O Lord, who have turned unto the horizon of Thy grace. We beg Thee to forbid us not the bounties Thou dost possess; clothe us, moreover, with the hands of Thy mercy in the robe of loving-kindness. Thou art, in truth, the Munificent, the God of abounding grace. Write down for us, then, with Thy Most August Pen, the best of this life and the life to come. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all men. None other god is there beside Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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My God, my God! Thou seest them that have inclined themselves unto Thee amidst those that have disdainfully turned aside from Thee, and them that are the very embodiments of equity amongst the doers of iniquity. I beseech Thee by Thy manifest light and the fire of Thy love ablaze on Judgment Day, to ordain for Thy loved ones all the good that Thou hast revealed in Thy book. Do Thou adorn them, O my God, with the

vesture of strength and sovereignty. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the Unconstrained.

Write down, moreover, for him who desireth the living waters of Thy presence and to serve Thy Cause, that which shall draw him ever nearer to Thee. Grant that he be content with what Thou hast ordained for him by Thine incontrovertible command and irrevocable decree. None other god is there beside Thee, the Help in peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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Praise be to Thee, O my God, in that Thou hast enabled me to recognize Him Who is the Orient of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy beauty and to draw ever nearer unto Thee until I entered Thy gate which Thou didst open before the face of all in heaven and on earth. I was present before the throne, upon which He Who is the Treasury of Thy knowledge and the Repository of Thy command was ascendant, and I heard His most sweet voice as He spoke by Thy leave and in full accordance with Thy will.

Thou art due every praise, O my God, for that Thou hast honored me with the sight of Thy countenance, hast given me to drink of the waters of Thy presence, and hast granted me a place in the court of Thy holiness, before the Manifestation of Thy sovereignty and omnipotence.

I yield Thee thanks, O Lord, for these gifts which no servant of Thine can reckon, and I render Thee praise for this grace which no pen can fully and befittingly describe save by Thy behest. I beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy name whereby the ocean of names billowed and surged, and the highest horizon was made to shine, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and to enable me to laud Thy virtues amidst men, in such wise that I shall not be influenced by the wayward suggestions of such of Thy servants as have disbelieved in Thee and denied Him Who is the Dayspring of Thy manifest proofs and Thine indubitable signs.

Who am I, O my God, that I should account myself as being of this Most Great Revelation, a Dispensation in which Thou hast made Thyself manifest in the splendor of Thy countenance, O Sovereign Lord? I swear by Thy glory! This is not of my own deserving, but rather is a token of Thy grace which hath enveloped all creation and an evidence of Thy mercy which doth surpass the multitudes of Thy realm!

I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the God of all worlds, the Desire of every man of insight, and the Beloved of all them in the heavens and on earth, to enable me to affirm Thy oneness under all conditions, and to confess Thy singleness, testify unto Thy grandeur and Thy sovereignty and to hope for such as Thou hast sent down in Thy perspicuous Tablets. Do Thou destine for me, of the marvels of Thy grace, such as Thou hast ordained for Thy servants who fear not the scourge of the oppressor in their love for Thee, and who dread not the ascendancy of the tyrant, whilst they follow in Thy way. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the All-Encompassing, the Omniscient, the Most Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Beloved, my dearest Desire! I beseech Thee by the revelation of Thy verses and the manifestation of Thine indubitable signs and proofs, by the traces of Thy pen and Thine acts, to destine the best of this life and the life beyond for him who hath yearned and longed for Thee.

O Lord, Thou seest him turning unto Thee, with his gaze fixed upon Thy horizon. Deny him not Thy generosity which hath embraced all creation, nor Thy munificence which hath enveloped the world. Verily, Thou art the Lord of nations, Who art revealed in the Greatest Name. None other god is there beside Thee, the Compassionate, the All-Knowing, the Most Wise.

I entreat Thee, moreover, O Lord of all men, to forgive Thy handmaiden who hath ascended unto Thee; grant, then, that she consort with the maidens of the highest paradise in the chambers of white and crimson. Thou art, in truth, the God of bounty overflowing, the Munificent; the God of grace abounding, the Most Merciful.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! Aid Thy maidservants to be steadfast in Thy Cause, to set their faces unto Thy countenance, and to fix their gaze upon the horizon of Thy bounteousness. Grant, O Lord, that they be sanctified by the power of Thy sovereignty, obedient unto Thy command, and immersed in remembrance and praise of Thee. Grant, moreover, that they be among them that circled round the throne of Thy majesty, and who fulfilled such as Thou didst command them, that there may be revealed from them such as is befitting of their kinship with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Almighty Whose command hath encompassed the world and Whose knowledge hath embraced all things. Nothing can frustrate Thy purpose, and no one, whether in heaven or on earth, can subvert Thy dominion. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Most Wise.

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My God, my God! Thou dost verily hear the lamentations of Thy chosen ones and the cries that they have uttered in their separation from Thee, and their plaints for what hath befallen them from Thine enemies. I beseech Thee by the lamp of Thy mercy wherewith Thou hast illuminated the cities of wisdom and utterance, to confirm the people of all faiths in justice and kindness. Thou art truly the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the Beneficent. None other god is there beside Thee, Who art the Lord of all creation.

O Lord, Thou seest him who hath turned unto Thee, humble before Thy command and obedient unto Thy law. I beseech Thee to make his deeds illumined with the light of Thine acceptance and adorned with the ornament of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the One, the Incomparable, the Most Powerful, the Help in Peril, the Almighty, the Omniscient.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art my God and the God of the throne above and of earth below, Who art the Desire of all men! I beseech Thee by the rains of the clouds of Thy mercy and the lights of the glory of Thy countenance, and by Thy Name which hath encompassed all things and before Whose Revelation is

humbled all creation, to assist Thy loved ones in lauding Thy virtues, celebrating Thy praise and being steadfast in Thy love.

O Lord, Thou seest one who hath turned unto Thy horizon, who hath desired to serve Thee and who hath longed for that from which the fragrance of Thy good-pleasure is diffused. I beseech Thee, O Thou at Whose behest the dawn breaketh and the winds blow, to protect him from the evil of those who have disbelieved in Thee and repudiated Thy signs. Accept, then, his deeds in Thy bounty and munificence. Of all who show mercy, Thou art, verily, the Most Merciful.

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My God, my God! Illumine the vision of Thy servants that they may look upon the pearls of Thy wisdom and knowledge; and do Thou open their ears that they might hearken unto such as shall attract them to Him Who is the Orient of Thy Revelation, the Dayspring of Thy Manifestation, and the Wellspring of Thy laws and commandments.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God and dearest Desire! I testify that Thou hast made Thyself manifest and hast revealed that which is a shield unto mankind from the arrows of self and passion, and from the swords of base and covetous desires. All this hast Thou revealed from the ocean of Thy bounty and sent down from the heaven of Thy grace.

I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Champion of the downtrodden and the Solace and Refuge of the oppressed, by Thy Most Great Name, before which the tyrants and aggressors amongst Thy creatures tremble in fear, to assist the one who hath forsaken worldly stations, who hath abandoned the cities of the nations, and who hath taken unto himself an abode under the shelter of the Lote-Tree of Thy unity, and a place neath the pavilions of Thy glory. Neither the outcry of the world nor the ascendancy of its peoples can frustrate Thy purpose. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the All Bounteous.

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My God, my God! I testify that these are the days of Thy dispensation, wherein Thou hast opened wide the doors of Thy grace and mercy before the faces of Thy servants. I beseech Thee by those who have carried Thy throne, and who have so arisen in the service of Thy Cause that the tyrants of these days and the pharaonic oppressors of these lands are impotent to frustrate their endeavor. O Lord, ordain the best of this world and the world to come, with Thy Most August Pen, for whomsoever should turn unto Thee. Thou art verily the Clement, the Compassionate, the Cherished, the Munificent. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Wise, the Omniscient.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify that the ocean of Thy mercy hath billowed before the faces of

Thy servants, and that the sun of Thy grace hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy munificence. I beseech Thee by that which lieth concealed in Thy knowledge and which none save Thy Self hath conceived, and by the winds from whose rustling are heard songs in Thy praise and odes in Thy remembrance, to confirm Thy servant who hath forsaken all else beside Thee, while supplicating the horizon of Thy beneficence. Ordain for him, moreover, every good which Thou didst reveal in Thy book. Verily, Thou art the Most Powerful, the Omnipotent.

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Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Possessor of all names and Fashioner of the heavens, inasmuch as Thou hast remembered me whilst I have been amongst them that are forgetful of Thee. I beseech Thee, Who art the Breaker of the Dawn and the Subduer of the Winds, by Thy name whereby Thou hast subdued all names, to aid this maidservant of Thine with Thy confirmations, and to enable her to speak forth in Thy praise and arise in service unto Thee. Thou art, verily, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Thou art He, O my God, Who hast drawn me nigh unto Thee, Who hast made known unto me Him Who is the Dawning-Place of Thy light, the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thine own Self, Who hath called Thy servants and Thy handmaidens unto Thine effulgent horizon. I implore Thee, O my God, to enable me to turn towards Thee under all conditions, to hold fast Thy cord and cling unto the hem of Thy bounty. Thou art, verily, the Desire of all them that have recognized Thee, and the Beloved of all those who have set their affections upon Thee. Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the God of all worlds and Lord of all in the heavens and earth!

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy name whereby Thou hast made the rivers of Thy holy unity to flow, through which Thou hast made the rains of Thy transcendent eternity to descend from the clouds of Thy mercy, to have compassion upon this destitute beggar who hath set foot on the shore of Thy wealth, this wretch who hath attained the path of Thy glory, this powerless one who hath clung to the cord of Thy strength, and this ignorant one who hath gained admittance into the city of Thy knowledge, after fleeing from all sides. In Thy hand is the kingdom of Thy Revelation and the dominion of all creation. Thou art, in truth, supreme over all things.

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My God, my God! Thou art witness unto my poverty and to Thy wealth, unto my powerlessness and to Thine omnipotence, unto my ignorance and to Thine omniscience. Indeed, the beggar is knocking, in this very moment, at the door of Thy munificence, and the unlettered soul hath set his face unto the ocean of Thy knowledge and wisdom. I beseech Thee by the treasured gem which Thou hast entrusted in the hearts of

such as are devoted unto Thee among Thy servants, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, constant in Thy love, and engaged in Thy service.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God and Master, for having opened my eyes to behold the waves of the ocean of Thine utterance and the splendors of the Luminary of Thy grace. I entreat Thee, O Thou Possessor of all being and Sovereign of the seen and unseen, to confirm me and Thy loved ones in that which is met with Thy love and good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all mankind. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Knowing, the Most Wise.

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Praise be unto Thee, O my God, in that Thou hast revealed to me Thy signs, hast made Thine indubitable proofs manifest before my eyes, hast spoken before the faces of Thy servants and enabled all things to voice Thy praise, save those who violated Thy covenant and Thy testament, who denied Thy grace and repudiated Thy verses.

I beseech Thee, O Lord, by the pearls concealed in the ocean of Thy knowledge and the gems which lie hid in the treasuries of Thine unerring protection, and by Thine irrevocable command and unbreakable cord, to assist me to promulgate Thy writings with the wisdom Thou didst ordain in Thy scriptures. Write down for me, moreover, such as shall empower me with Thy strength and as shall enable me to endeavor in the service of Thy Cause.

O Lord, Thou seest the destitute wretch standing at the door of Thy bounty, supplicating the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy grace for that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones, whom nothing whatsoever nor any doubt held by the learned could shut out from Thy straight path and Great Announcement. Thou art, verily, the Lord of the worlds and the Supreme Objective of such as are faithful unto Thee.

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Our God and Beloved! Forgive us, our parents, and such of our relations as have believed in Thee and Thy signs, and in Him who hath been made manifest in Thy sovereignty. Glorify us in Thy majesty in this world, and grace us with Thy presence in the next; grant that we be not bereft of that which lieth with Thee, nor of all of that which is worthy of Thee. Thou art, verily, the God of bounty and munificence, the God of grace and beneficence. Thou art our Lord, the All-Merciful, our God Whom we implore for help and in Whom we place our trust. None other god is there beside Thee, the Forgiving, the Clement, the Most Compassionate.

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My God, my God! I testify unto Thy oneness and Thy singleness, that in Thy sovereignty Thou art peerless and in Thy dominion without likeness. I entreat Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thine

omnipotence and the brilliant rays of the sun of Thy transcendent unity, to shield me from the evil of Thine enemies and to bring me nigh unto Thee.

Thou seest me, O Lord, turning unto Thy horizon, forsaking aught else except Thee. I beseech Thee by the fire of the Burning Bush and by the light of Thy Cause, to write down for me such as Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art verily the Omnipotent, the Clement, the Munificent. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Wise, the Omniscient.

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My God, my God! I entreat Thee by the fragrance of Thy raiment, and Thy footsteps in the lands Thou hast traversed, by the horizon from which the luminary of Thy Manifestation hath shone forth, and by Thy name through which Thou hast conquered the cities and climes of the earth, to assist me under every condition to voice Thy praise, laud Thy virtues, and stand faithful unto Thy command.

Thou seest me, O Lord, awaiting the marvels of Thy grace and the revelations of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee to write down for me the best of that which Thou dost possess. The lofty ranks of men cannot subvert Thy sovereignty, the power of Thine enemies cannot frustrate Thy purpose, nor can the ascendancy of the ignorant amidst Thy creation weaken Thy might. Thou doest whatsoever Thou willest through the hosts of justice and equity, and Thou dost verily decree whatsoever Thou desirest. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Help in Peril, both in the beginning and in the end.

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O Lord, Thou seest the tears of mine eyes and Thou hearest the sorrow in my heart's lamentation. I beseech Thee, O Thou Lord Eternal, by the Greatest Name, whereby Thou hast subdued the world and opened the portals of bounty and grace and munificence before the faces of its peoples, to make known unto Thy servants that of which they have been ignorant. Moreover, O my God, bring them nigh unto the ocean of Thy favor and the heaven of Thy gifts. Thou doest whatsoever Thou willest, and over the kingdom of creation art Thou supreme. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Knowing, the Omniscient.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy name whereby Thou hast delivered those who were drowning and guided those who were longing, whereby the oneness of Thine essence and its transcendence above all likeness and conception is confirmed, and Thy holiness above all peer and rival established, to look with the tender gaze of Thy mercy upon this maidservant who hath desired to behold Thy visage, hath drunk deeply of the wine of Thy love, hath clung unto the hem of Thy compassion and held fast the cord of Thy loving-kindness.

From the clouds of Thy beneficence and compassion do Thou send down upon her, O my God, that

which shall purify her of aught else except Thee and enable her to be devoted wholly to Thy love and good-pleasure, that she may make mention of Thy name, speak forth in Thy praise, set upon Thy countenance her gaze, and turn with her heart unto Him Who is Thine own Self, the Exalted, the Most High, Who hath been made manifest in His name, the All-Glorious, in the kingdom of creation. Potent art Thou to do Thy pleasure; none other god is there beside Thee, the Omnipotent, the Protector, the Almighty, the Self-Subsistent.

Send down, moreover, upon her daughter such as shall sanctify her of the remembrance of aught else except Thee and from turning to anything but Thee, that she may arise with Thy name on her lips and Thy praise upon her tongue. Grant, then, O my God, that they should both drink of that which shall attract them unto Thee. Thou art, verily, the Most Exalted, the Most Powerful, the All-Praised.

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All praise be unto Thee, O Lord, in that Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty that whereby the worlds are purified. And all thanks art Thou due, O Lord, for having shed the light of the Daystar of Thy countenance upon me, by an effulgence whereof the two worlds were created.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord, for Thy wondrous bestowals and Thy beauteous gifts! I beseech Thee by Him Who is Thy Beauty, the Most Exalted One, who is clothed in the raiment of Him Who is the Refulgent, the most Blessed and All-Glorious, to sever me from the thought of aught else beside Thee and from all praise but praise of Thee. Do Thou Inspire me with that which shall establish me in Thy good-pleasure and prevent me from setting my face unto the things of this world.

I am he, O Lord, who had turned away from Thee; do Thou bestow upon me Thy grace by the power of Thy loving providence and leave me not unto my own self, though it be for but a moment. Cast me not away, O Lord, from the gate of Thy transcendent eternity, nor from the holy threshold of Thy mercy. Reveal to me, then, that which is beloved is Thy sight; for Thine is the power to do as Thou as willest, and Thou art, in truth, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Waft over me, O Lord, the quickening breezes of forgiveness from the direction of Thy name, the All-Praised; enable me, then, to ascend unto the midmost heart of paradise, the heavenly court of Thy name, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. Forgive me, my father, and the one who carried me in her womb, in Thy grace and in Thy compassion. Of all who show mercy, Thou art, verily, the Most Merciful.

Ordain for me, O Lord, such as Thou hast chosen for me, and send down upon me, from the heaven of Thy grace, the marvels of Thy munificence and loving-kindness; fulfill, then, my needs. Thou art, verily, the Best Judge, the Best Arbitrator, the Best Ordainer. Thou art, indeed, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! The eyes of them that have near access to Thee have shed their tears in their separation from Thee, and they that are devoted unto Thee voice their plaintive cries in their longing for Thee. Not a city doth there remain where the plaints of ardent love and the lamentations of remoteness

are not heard. At all times art Thou a witness over them, gazing upon them and hearing what hath been uttered by their lips.

I beseech Thee, by Thy Greatest Name, to so enrapture their hearts that the arrows of Thine enemies and the spears of the iniquitous shall inspire no fear in them, and that the tempests of vicissitude shall be impotent to corrupt their affections. Open, then, before them the portals of divine glory in this world and the world to come. Thou doest as Thou pleasest, and art, in truth, the Exalted, the Most High.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose name the Burning Bush spoke forth on the Mount of knowledge, and the glory of Thy countenance dawned forth from the horizon of this world! I beseech Thee by Them that are the Daysprings of Thy most excellent names and the Orients of Thy most exalted attributes, and I entreat Thee by Thy resplendent signs, to reveal to Thy servants such as shall attract them unto the highest horizon and draw them near unto Thee, O Thou Lord of all men and Possessor of the throne above and of the earth below.

O Lord, the veils of delusion have obstructed men's vision and have hindered them from turning toward the horizon of certitude. I implore Thee, O God of all names and Creator of the heavens, by Thy name, the Self-Subsisting, to assist Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause, and to write down for them with Thy supreme Pen that which shall profit them in every world amongst Thy worlds. O Lord, frustrate not the hopes they have set on the bounties Thou dost possess, nor deny them such as Thou hast destined for those who have near access to Thee amongst Thy servants and who are devoted wholly unto Thee amidst Thy creation.

Thou seest them, O Lord, turning unto Thee, setting their faces toward the splendors of Thy countenance, and hastening to the ocean of Thy bounteousness. Provide them, O my God, with the table which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy grace, and with the plenteous favor Thou hast destined in Thy scrolls, Thy scriptures, and Thy tablets. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Powerful, the Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Breaker of the dawn and Subduer of the winds! I know not the tongue wherewith to praise Thee, nor the pen wherewith to relate the marvels of the gratitude due unto Thee, inasmuch as Thou hast created me and sustained me, hast granted that I stand before the gate of Thy transcendent unity and enter the paradise of Thy love, and hast nourished me with the quintessence of the fruits of Thy bounty and loving-kindness.

All creation, O my God, is awestruck before Thy bestowals and unable to reckon them, and all the world wandereth the plains of powerlessness and defeat, when seeking to enumerate Thy myriad gifts and the manifold tokens of Thy grace. Whensoever I turn to the right, I hear the confession of baffled souls; and whensoever I turn to the left, I behold powerlessness, destitution, bewilderment and feebleness.

I entreat Thee, O my God, in this land—which Thou hast proclaimed holy in Thy books; wherein Thou hast raised up Thy prophets and chosen ones; wherein the cries of them that have longed for Thee, the laments of that they have known Thee and the tearful complaints of such as have sought Thee are heard; wherein Thou hast called Thy servants unto Thee, and hast made known unto them what shall be their deliverance in every world amongst Thy worlds—to ordain for one who hath desired Thee, advanced unto the Kaaba of Thy knowledge, entered the garden of certitude, drunk of the Salsabíl of affirmation, and taken a draught of the crystal waters of the Tasním of faith, the best of this world and the world to come, and that which is Thy good-pleasure with him, Thy loving-kindness toward him and the revelation of Thy tender mercies unto him, O Thou Who art the Lord of the throne above and of earth below, Who art the Holder of the reins of mankind.

I beseech Thee, moreover, by Thy Greatest Name, Thy consummate remembrance and Thy straight path, to confirm Thy loved ones in Thy Cause, and to assist them in walking the ways of Thy good-pleasure, for Thou hast made steadfastness one of the most eminent achievements in Thy Book. The servant, should his Lord assist him not, is verily like unto the smallest of gnats in the midst of tempests.

With the tongue of my inner and outer being, O my Master and Desire, do I implore Thee to aid us in such as Thou hast desired for us and bidden us in Thy tablets. The very essence of poverty is clinging to the hems of Thy strength, O Thou Who art the Possessor of the kingdom of all might and sovereignty. Deny him not his cupful of Thine overflowing munificence, O my Lord, the Almighty, the Forgiving. Nay, I swear by Thy holy presence! How would this be befitting of Thee? Yet Thy servants are obviously wandering the deserts of deprivation, and are hindering themselves from entering the city of certitude and attaining unto the wellsprings of knowledge.

No hope is there, O my God, the Munificent, the Beneficent, save as is accorded by Thee, and all hopes must fail, save that they be fulfilled by Thee. All grace is in Thy grasp; the kingdom of bounty is at Thy right, while the realm of plenty is at Thy left. Thou givest unto whomsoever Thou wilt howsoever Thou pleasest. None other god is there beside Thee, the Gracious, the All-Bountiful, the Generous, the Munificent. *Ad'yyah Mubárahah, Volume 2, Number 52*

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God, Who art the Treasure of the impoverished, the Champion of the powerless, Lord of the earth and of heaven, and King on the throne of “Thou doest as Thou wilt!” I testify unto that which the Tongue of Thy Will hath affirmed in the kingdom of Thine utterance, and I recognize what Thou hast revealed in Thy psalms, Thy books and Thy tablets.

I entreat Thee, O Lord, by the scroll which Thou hast adorned with the splendors of Thy Revelation, and in which Thou hast written for Thy loved ones that which is befitting of them in Thy days; and I beseech Thee by Thy name, the Manifest, the Speaker, the Hidden, and Thy light effulgent, resplendent, concealed, to assist me in holding fast unto Thy sure handhold, in such wise that neither the legions of Thine earth, nor the hosts of Thy heaven, nor the scourge of the tyrants amongst Thy creatures, can loosen my grasp.

I am Thy servant, O Lord, and the son of Thy servant. I have heard Thy summons, have turned unto Thee, and have inhaled the perfume of Thy garment and hastened with my heart towards Thee. I beseech Thee to frustrate not my hopes for such as Thou hast ordained for those who have borne Thy trust. Verily,

Thou art the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.
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Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I know not what the fire is which hath been ignited in the midmost heart of creation. By God! All existence hath been set aflame thereby, yet the people are under a delusion, and a veil, and a state of heedlessness and drunken stupor.

Notwithstanding that I know it not, I nonetheless entreat Thee by this fire—for I have recognized that it hath proceeded from Thy most exalted Word—to grant that I be not withheld, though for but a moment, from the knowledge of Thy Self, the wondrous tokens of Thy divinity and the revelations of the holiness of Thy unity.

Leave me not among those amongst Thy creatures who have taken another as their lord beside Thee and who have set themselves against Thee. Do Thou sever me from aught else except Thee, and grant that I intimately commune with Thee in the kingdom of Thy Revelation; for remembrance of Thee sufficeth the worlds, and unto this does my tongue, my soul, my being, and my life-blood testify, and in this am I possessed of unwavering certitude.

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O God, Possessor of all names and Fashioner of all things! I beseech Thee by Thine all-embracing mercy and all-encompassing compassion to assist Thy loved ones to make mention of Thee and speak forth Thy praise. Through their guidance, do Thou lead Thy servants unto the city of Thy love, nourish them with the fruits of the Lote-Tree of Thy oneness, and give them to drink of the rivers of the wellspring of Thy singleness; that on the boughs of the tree of certitude they may sing the wondrous hymns of Thy unity, and testify unto Thy holiness, in the realm of similes, above all likeness, and bear witness unto Thine exaltation, in the realm of causes, beyond all phenomena of causality, and may call unto Thee with praises timeless and everlasting, proclaiming the sanctity of Thine Essence above the changes and chances of the world and of Thy pre-existence of all contingent events, and the transcendence of Thy Being from beginning and ending, manifestation and concealment.

Inasmuch, O Lord, as Thou hast called them unto Thyself, cast them not away from Thy door; insomuch as Thou hast led them to the city of Thy Cause, deny not their hopes for the overflowing bounties of Thy grace and loving providence; and forasmuch as Thou hast granted them entry into the tabernacle of Thy knowledge, do Thou protect the gem of their love from the whisperings of those souls who bid others to that which is in opposition to Thy good-pleasure.

Look not upon their powerlessness, O my Lord, but rather unto the kingdom of Thy power and the realm of Thy grandeur. In Thy hand is the kingdom of grace and bounty. Ordain for them, in Thy loving solicitude, that which shall profit them in every world amongst Thy worlds. None other god is there beside Thee, the Gracious, the Bounteous, the Almighty, the Munificent.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God, Who art my Desire and Adoration! Thou hearest the call of Thy loved ones and seest the deeds of Thy chosen ones. They regard themselves as being the authors of no word in remembrance, nor song in praise, nor utterance, nor goodly deed, nor as having any wealth save as is accorded by Thy power, Thy grace and Thy loving providence. Nothing of this world have they procured, save that it might be spent in Thy path; nothing do they love, save that it redound to the exaltation of Thy word and the glory of Thy Cause. These are the elect of Thy creation and the bearers of Thy trust in Thy lands. Never do they sit down, save that it be in Thy name; nor do they rise, save that it be in Thy remembrance; nor do they eat, save that they thank Thee and voice Thy praise.

I beseech Thee, O Thou round Whom the supreme concourse doth revolve, to assist them under all conditions even as Thou hast aided them in the past, that there may be revealed from them such as shall ascend unto Thee and be scented with the perfume of Thy good-pleasure.

I entreat Thee, moreover, O God of bounty and Lord of the kingdom of names, by Thy most sweet voice and the revelations of Thy power and might in the realm of creation, to send down, from the heaven of Thy grace, the rains of Thy munificence, the sprinklings of Thy generosity and the outpourings of Thy loving-kindness, upon such of Thy servants as have consecrated their endeavors to Thy remembrance and praise and have arisen to serve Thy Cause. Potent art Thou to do as Thou wilt. None other god is there but Thee, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of all names! I beseech Thee by the revelations of Thy signs and the hidden tokens of Thy tender mercy, to grant that I be among those who turned unto Thee and forsook aught else beside Thee, who recognized Thy transcendent unity and confessed Thy oneness, and who took flight in the expanse of Thy nearness, until they were made prisoners in Thy lands and were abased amidst Thy creatures.

O Lord, unto the cord of Thy heavenly favors have I held fast, and unto the hem of Thy bounty do I cling. I entreat Thee to cast me not away from Thy gate which Thou hast opened before all on Thine earth and all in Thy heaven. Nourish me, then, with that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones and written down for Thy loved ones. Assist me, moreover, in serving Thee in such wise that the opposition of the froward shall not hinder me from fulfilling that which is due unto Thee, and that the ascendancy of the oppressors shall be impotent to prevent my teaching Thy Cause.

Wouldst Thou forbid me, O my God, from drawing near to Thee after having called me unto Thyself? Wouldst Thou shut me out from the Dayspring of Thy verses after having summoned me unto the horizon of Thy grace? This thirsty one, O Lord, yearneth after the Euphrates of Thy munificence, and this ignorant one seeketh nearness unto the ocean of Thine omniscience.

Make known unto me, O my God, such verities as are enshrined in Thy hidden knowledge, whereby Thou dost breathe life into all that is and shall be. Enable me, then, to circle round Thy good-pleasure, to bow before Thy command, and to show humility unto Thy loved ones, who sought Thy presence, attained

unto the lights of Thy countenance, and entered a city wherein the fragrances of Thy Revelation and the perfumes of Thine inspiration were diffused. Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest. I testify that Thou dost verily overshadow all in heaven and on earth, and art supreme over all things. None other god is there beside Thee, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose name the gate of knowledge was opened before all creation, and at Whose behest the revelations of wisdom and divine utterance were sent down. By the ocean of Thine omniscience, the heaven of Thy bounteousness and the luminary of Thy munificence do I entreat Thee to write down for me the best of this world and the next. Grant, then, O my God, that I be enraptured by Thy verses, set my face toward the splendors of Thy countenance, speak forth in Thy praise, observe such as Thou hast revealed in Thy Book, and be steadfast in Thy Cause, at whose advent all in the heavens and on earth swooned away, save those whom Thou didst will to deliver by the hand of Thine omnipotence.

Thou seest me, O Lord, turning unto Thee, and hoping for Thy wondrous grace and that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. The things of this world are powerless to weaken the grasp of Thy might, and the veils of the nations must fail to frustrate Thy purpose. Thou doest what pleaseth Thee in Thy sovereignty, and whatsoever Thou dost desire is verily Thy decree.

All praise be unto Thee, O my God, for that Thou hast opened my ears to hear Thy voice, hast made apparent to me, in Thy grace, that of which I was ignorant, and hast enabled me to turn unto a horizon from which the generality of men have turned aside. I implore Thee to aid me to render service unto Thee. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful, the Clement, the Munificent.

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To Thee be praise, O my God, in that Thou hast set upon me Thy gaze! I entreat Thee by Thy Most Great Name, to make me so steadfast in Thy love that neither the veils of those forgetful of Thee in Thy days, nor the ascendancy of the tyrants who have arisen in Thy realm, shall hinder me. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Help in Peril, the Omnipotent, the Supreme.

Do Thou protect me from all that is abhorrent unto Thee, and number me among them that have circled round Thy glorious throne. Assist me and Thy loved ones, O my God, in rendering Thy Cause victorious and proclaiming Thy praises amidst Thy creation. Make them stars in the heaven of Thy transcendence, that there may be revealed from them such as shall be proof of the sanctity of Thy commandments amongst Thy creatures, and of the purity of Thy laws betwixt Thy heaven and earth.

Thou art He by Whose name the abased are exalted, the powerless empowered, the endarkened illumined, the ashes kindled, the dead quickened, the downcast uplifted, the exile brought nigh, and the bereft given to taste of Thy bounty. Thou art verily proclaimed for Thy magnificence and majesty, and lauded for Thine omnipotence and sublimity. None other god is there beside Thee, the Possessor of all wealth, the Most High.

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My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to recognize Thy oneness and singleness, and to affirm that which Thou didst reveal in Thy book, through which Thou dost distinguish truth from error by Thy command and power. I yield Thee thanks, O Thou Who art my Desire and Adoration, my Hope and Aspiration, in that Thou hast given me to drink of the Kawthar of faith proffered by the hand of Thy bounty, and hast guided me unto Thy straight Path in Thy grace and generosity.

By Thy prophets, Thy messengers, Thy chosen ones, and Thy loved ones, whom Thou hast made to be standards of Thy guidance amidst Thy creation and ensigns of Thy victory throughout Thy lands, and by the Light that dawned from the horizon of the Ḥijáz and illumined Yathrib, Baṭḥá and all in the realm of creation, do I entreat Thee, O Thou Breaker of the Dawn and Subduer of the Winds, to assist Thy servants to remember Thee and praise Thee, and to observe what Thou hast revealed in Thy book.

My God, my God! Thou seest this powerless one who hath longed for the dawning-place of Thy strength and the dayspring of Thine omnipotence, this ailing one for the Kawthar of Thy healing, this listless one for the kingdom of Thine utterance, and this impoverished one for the realm of Thy wealth and bounty. Ordain for him in Thy generosity and munificence that which shall draw him nigh unto Thee under all conditions, which shall confirm him in goodly virtues and protect him from those who have disbelieved in the beginning and the end. Thou art, in truth, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. None other god is there beside Thee, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

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My God, my God! Thy grace hath emboldened me, whilst Thy justice has stricken me with terror. Blessed is the servant with whom Thou dealest in accord with grace, and woe unto him with whom Thou dealest in accord with justice.

I am he, O Lord, who hath fled from Thy judgment unto Thy grace, and from Thy wrath unto Thy forgiveness. I entreat Thee by Thy power, Thy might, Thy majesty and Thy bountiful favors to illumine the world with the light of Thy wisdom, that it may behold the traces of Thy handiwork, the secrets of Thine omnipotence and the splendors of Thine omniscience in all things. Thou art He Who hath made all things manifest, Who has shed His effulgence unto all out of His generosity. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Munificent.

Nasá'imu'r-Raḥmán, Page 16

Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I yield Thee thanks in that Thou hast delivered me from the depths of error and desire, hast led me unto Thy Straight Path and Glorious Proclamation, hast enabled me to turn unto Thee when most of Thy creatures have disdainfully turned aside from Thee, and hast illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and my countenance with the radiance of Thy visage. O Lord, I entreat Thee by the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy grace, to divest Thy servants and Thy

creatures of the veils that have withheld them from turning unto Thy most exalted horizon. Disappoint not the hopes of Thy servants, O Lord, which they have set on the ocean of Thy verses.

I swear by Thy glory, wert Thou to reveal unto them such as Thou hast made apparent to me, they would cast aside such as they possess in the hope of that which lieth with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the Omniscient.

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O my God! I entreat Thee by Thy name whereby the hearts of those brought nigh are attracted unto the horizon of Thy Revelation, and the souls of the faithful are drawn toward the Dayspring of Thy signs, to grant that I be among them who are so content in Thy good-pleasure that if Thou wert to decree such as is contrary to their own desires, they would not violate Thy Covenant, nor be perturbed by that which is ordained in Thy command. They are perpetually hastening unto Thee in their hearts and fixing their gaze upon Thee.

O Lord, I have held fast the cord of Thy majesty and have clung to the hem of Thine omnipotence. Shelter me under the shade of the Lote-Tree of Thy Cause, and give me to drink at all times of the wine of Thy gifts and heavenly favors, so that I may be steadfast in Thy love and stand firm under Thy command, in such wise that my resolve will not be wavered by the suggestions of those who have renounced Him Who is the Dayspring of Thy might and the Manifestation of Thy sovereignty. Potent art Thou to do Thy pleasure. None other god is there beside Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

O Lord, bless those who have endeavored to render Thy Cause victorious, who have spoken forth in Thy praise and remained steadfast amid Thy tests and trials. Ordain for me, then, O my God, such as Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, who have believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and sought shelter in Thy presence and refuge at Thy side. Thou art the Possessor of Bounty under all conditions, O Lord. Unto Thy generosity, Thy gifts, Thy grace and Thy favors have I set my face. Do Thou with me as is becoming of Thee. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the Beloved.

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My God, my God, my Lord and my Refuge! Thou seest one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto the dawning-place of Thy Manifestation after most men on the earth had turned away. I entreat Thee by the treasure which Thou hast revealed by the power of Thy might, by the horizon which Thou hast illuminated with the light of Thy grace and bounty, and by the effulgent sun of the horizon of the heaven of Thy wisdom, to assist her to be steadfast in Thy love. Thou art, in truth, the All-Bountiful unto Whose grace and mercy testify all created things.

O Lord, ordain for her with the pen of Thy decree such as Thou hast destined for the leaves of the Lote-Tree of Thine utterance. Write down for her, moreover, such as Thou hast written for Thy leaves that have circled round Thy good-pleasure and clung to the rope of Thy bounty. Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest; in Thy grasp are the reins of all, be they men or women. Thou art, in truth, the Omnipotent,

the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having guided me to the ocean of Thy oneness, and for having enabled me to recognize Him Who is the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Orient of Thy horizon. I entreat Thee, O Breaker of the dawn and Subduer of the winds, by the tears of those who love Thee in their exile and separation from Thee, and the plaints of those who long for Thee in their remoteness from the precincts of Thy court, to grant that, under all conditions, I extol Thy virtues, arise to serve Thy Cause, hold fast the cord of Thy loving-kindness and cling unto the hem of Thy munificence.

O Lord, the eyes weep on account of what hath befallen Thy chosen ones. I beseech Thee, O Thou Lord of the world and Sovereign of the nations, by the Greatest Name, to transform the seat of oppression into the throne of Thy justice, and the abode of vainglory and tyranny into the palace of humility and equity. Verily, Thou doest whatsoever pleaseth Thee, and art, in truth, the Omniscient, the All-Informed.

O Lord, illumine the hearts' vision by the light of the daystar of Thy justice, that all may be illuminated with its light and splendor, and that the standards of Thy names and attributes be upraised in every clime. No earthly power can subvert Thy sovereignty, nor any worldly dominion thwart Thy purpose. Thou doest as Thou willest, and whatsoever Thou desirest is verily Thy decree. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Knowing, the Most Wise.

My God and Master! Thy Faith hath been weakened because those who disbelieve in Thee and Thy verses have arrayed their forces against it. Adorn it, therefore, O my Lord, with the robe of Thy strength. Thou art, in truth, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

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O my God, my Lord, my Support, my highest Hope and most cherished Aspiration! The tongue of my inner and outer being testifieth unto Thy oneness and singleness, that Thou art God, that there is none other god beside Thee. From everlasting hast Thou been omnipotent, all-powerful, timeless, and self-subsistent; and so shalt Thou ever remain in the eternity of eternities.

The ascendancy of rulers, the doubts of the people of error, the legions of the tyrant, and the hosts of the inveterate oppressor—all are powerless to frustrate Thy purpose, by virtue of Thy name whereby the ensign of “Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest” is reared, and the standard of “Thou dost ordain as Thou pleasest” upraised.

Thou art the God of all-subduing might, of manifest sovereignty, of all-embracing mercy, and of consummate proof; none other god is there beside Thee. As naught is the one who hath failed to recognize Thy oneness and singleness, and bereft is the soul who hath not confessed Thy majesty, Thine omnipotence, Thy loving-kindness and bounteousness.

I beseech Thee, Who art the Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens, by Thy name whereby all names are subdued, by Thy might wherewith all things are encompassed, by the pearls of the ocean of Thy

knowledge and the stars of the heaven of Thy wisdom, to shield me from the iniquity of Thine enemies who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, disbelieved in Thy signs, disputed Thine evidence, and repudiated what Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy will.

O Lord, deny me not what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones, nor disappoint the hopes that I have set on that which Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones, whom the sovereignty of sovereigns is powerless to prevent from turning toward Thee, whom the uproar raised by the rabble is impotent to withhold from advancing unto Thy court.

O Lord, Thou seest him who is powerless clinging unto the cord of Thy name, the Almighty, and one impoverished setting his face toward the ocean of Thy wealth. I entreat Thee, O God of the seen and unseen, by the splendors of Thy throne, and by Thy Prophets and Thy Chosen ones, through Whom the light of the luminary of Thy laws dawned effulgent in Thy realm, Thy writings were promulgated throughout Thy lands, and by Whom Thy servants confessed Thy unity, to grant that under all conditions I speak forth in Thy remembrance and praise, and be content with that which Thou hast ordained for me in Thy will. By Thy Most Great Name do I implore Thee, Who art the Lord of all creation and the Eternal God, to ordain for this servant of Thine the best of this world and the world to come. Thou art, verily, the Protector of all men and the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. None other god is there beside Thee, the Omnipotent, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

O Lord, Thou dost behold the hands that are raised in supplication toward the heaven of Thy munificence, and the hearts that have turned unto the horizon of Thy bounteousness. I beseech Thee by Thy most resplendent signs, by Them Who are the Daysprings of Thy command, the Manifestations of Thine own Self, the Repositories of Thy knowledge and wisdom, the treasuries of Thine utterance, and the Wellsprings of Thy laws and commandments, to enable me under all conditions to observe such as Thou hast revealed in Thy book.

O Lord, I beseech Thee by the Light which dawned from the horizon of the Hijaz, whereby the ensign of truth was exalted and the standard of metaphor unmasted, to grant that I be content with what Thou hast ordained for me. Forgive me, moreover, O my God, in Thy munificence and Thy magnanimity, by Thy grace and the tokens of Thy generosity. Potent art to do what pleaseth Thee. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Subduing, the Almighty.

O Lord my God! Bless Thy loved ones, Thy trusted ones and Thy beloved ones, through whom the ensigns of Thy victory and the standards of Thy sovereignty have been upraised, through whom Thy verses have been spread abroad and Thine evidence made apparent, through whom Thy proof hath encompassed those whom nothing whatsoever can deter from turning unto Thee. These are they who have struggled in Thy path with true endeavor, and who have assisted Thy Cause with true service. These are they who have struck terror in the hearts of them that have disbelieved in Thee and Thy verses, and in the souls of the froward amidst Thy servants.

I entreat Thee, O Thou Who art the Possessor of all being, by them and the blood shed in Thy path and the heads severed in order to establish Thy Cause, to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee and repent before the door of Thy grace. Thou art, verily, the Munificent, the God of abounding grace. None other god is there beside Thee, the Omnipotent, the Transcendent, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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By Thy glory, O Thou Who art the Beloved of ardent lovers and the Light unto the earth! The fire of my remoteness hath consumed me, and my heart hath melted by reason of my heedlessness. I entreat Thee, O Desire of the world and Beloved of the nations, to nourish my heart with the sweet-scented breezes of Thy Revelation, to grace my ears with hearing Thy most sweet voice—O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all things—and to grant that my eyes should feast by gazing upon the traces of Thy pen and the light of Thine effulgences in the Manifestations of Thy names and attributes.

Thou seest, O my God, how Thy favored servants have wept on account of Thine exile, and how such as are devoted unto Thee are bereaved by their remoteness from the court of Thy nearness. I swear by Thy command overshadowing all existence, seen and unseen! Oceans of blood ought to flow from the eyes of Thy lovers for what hath befallen the people of the divine unity at the hands of the inveterate oppressors and wicked-doers of the earth. Thou seest, O my God, how those who have taken another as their lord beside Thee have encompassed Thy cities and domains. I beseech Thee by Thy Prophets, Thy Chosen ones, and by Him through Whom the standard of Thy oneness was upraised amidst Thy servants, to protect them as a token of Thy munificence. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Bounteous. I entreat Thee, moreover, by the rains of the clouds of Thy grace and the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty, to ordain for Thy loved ones such as shall delight their eyes and bring solace unto their hearts.

O Lord, Thou seest him, once idle, who hath sought to arise in Thy service; him, once bereft of true existence, who hath longed to live the life born of the effusion of Thy munificence and to ascend unto the heaven of Thy bounteousness; him, once estranged, who hath desired his most exalted home beneath the sheltering pavilion of Thy grace; him, having supplicated Thee, who hath hastened unto the gate of Thy bounty, which Thou dost bestow as a token of Thy generosity and mercy; and him, having once rebelled against Thee, who hath directed his steps toward the ocean of Thy forgiveness and clemency.

By Thy sovereignty, O Thou Who art remembered and cherished in the hearts of men! I have turned unto Thee detached from my own desires and severed from the attachments of a corrupt inclination, that I may be directed by Thine own Will and Purpose and fulfill what Thou hast destined for me by the pen of Thine immutable decree.

This is a powerless creature, O Lord, who hath longed for the luminary of Thine omnipotence; a lowly soul who hath advanced unto the horizon of Thine exaltation; and an impoverished wretch who hath turned his face unto the ocean of Thy loving-kindness. Disappoint not his hopes, I pray Thee, in Thy munificence and favor. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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My God, my God! Thou seest me turning unto Thee, holding fast the lights of Thy countenance, and cleaving unto the ocean of Thy munificence. I am one, O my God, who hath acknowledged that which hath been uttered by the tongue of Thy grandeur, and adhered firmly unto that which Thou hast revealed in Thy books, Thy psalms, and Thy tablets. Assist me, O my Lord, to gaze upon Thy horizon through Thine own eyes, and listen to Thy voice through Thine own ears.

O Lord, Thou seest the sinner advancing toward the waves of the ocean of Thy bounteousness and desiring Thy pardon and forgiveness, and the ignorant one longing for the kingdom of Thy knowledge and wisdom. I entreat Thee by the Light through which Thy heaven and earth have been illumined, and through which Thou hast opened the gates of the hearts of Thy servants, to grant that I be enriched in Thy wealth, severed from aught else except Thee, and content with such as Thou didst ordain for me in Thine ineluctable decree and irrevocable command. Thou art He unto Whose generosity and grace testify all created things. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Bountiful, the Munificent, in Whose grasp lie the reins of all in the heavens and on earth.

O Lord, do not hinder him who hath advanced toward Thee, nor suffer him to be far remote who hath yearned after the court of Thy nearness and the threshold of Thy door. Ordain for him, in Thy bounty, that which shall enable him to arise in service unto Thee and to speak forth amidst Thy creation in praise of Thee. Write down for him, moreover, the good of every world amongst Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. None other god is there beside Thee, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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I am consumed in the fire of separation from Thee; where is the light of reunion with Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved and Desire of the world? I am destroyed by the anguish of exile from Thee; where is the delight of nearness unto Thee, O Thou Who art the King of heaven and earth and Possessor of land and sea?

My servitude, O my Lord, hath bidden me arise to serve Thee, and my love doth inspire me to voice praises for Thee, despite my knowledge and certainty that whatsoever the Most Exalted Pen should utter is not befitting of the heaven of Thy majesty nor becoming of Thy court, nor even worthy of the threshold of Thy door—how much more so with regard to my words which are constrained by my limitations and lowliness!

I repent to Thee, O Lord, and beseech Thee by Him Who is Thine own Self, to grant that I be among them that have attained unto that which Thou hast sent down in Thy glorious Book. Thou art, verily, the Most Merciful of all who show mercy.

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My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee inasmuch as Thou hast guided me unto the ocean of Thy loving providence, and hast aided me to turn unto the horizon of Thy Revelation, whereby the cities of Thy knowledge and wisdom have been illumined. I entreat Thee by Thy most resplendent signs and the manifestations of Thy glory in the realm of creation, to write down for me with Thy Most Exalted Pen such as shall enable me to consort with Thy loved ones in every world amongst Thy worlds.

Thou seest the one athirst, O Lord, advancing unto the ocean of Thy mercy, the wayfarer unto the direction of Thy grace, and the one silenced unto the kingdom of Thine utterance. Forbid me not, I pray Thee, the bounties Thou dost possess. Ordain for me, moreover, the good of this life and the life to come. Forgive me, then, and my father and mother, as well as those to whom Thou hast desired to reveal the

wonders of Thy grace and loving-kindness. Thou art He by Whose name the sea of forgiveness hath surged and the perfume of Thy name, the All-Merciful, hath been diffused. None other god is there beside Thee, the Omnipotent, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O God my God, Who art the Lord of loving-kindness and tender mercy! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, by which Thou didst judge between the nations and make manifest that which was hidden in Thy knowledge and concealed in the treasury of Thy wisdom, to grant that I be assisted under all conditions to remember Thee and praise Thee. Thou art, in truth, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

I entreat Thee, O Lord, by the splendors of Thy countenance and the mysteries of Thy book, to destine for me such as shall profit me in my present life and after my death. Thou art my Lord, my Master, and my Creator. No god is there but Thee, Whose power it is to do as He willeth, and at Whose command the entire creation is subdued.

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My God, my God! At Thy mention am I enraptured, at the sound of Thy voice am I made to tremble, by the sweet-scented breezes of Thy Revelation am I given life, and by the manifestations of Thy grace am I embraced. I am verily Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, taking refuge in Thy presence and clinging unto the hem of Thy mercy.

By Thy most exalted Word through which Thou didst create heaven and earth, by Thy Prophets and Thy Messengers, and by the splendors of the dawn of Thy Manifestation, do I entreat Thee to assist me in observing such as Thou hast commanded me in Thy book, and to prevent me from committing what Thou hast forbidden me in Thy wisdom and in conformity to Thy will. Write down for me, then, O my God, that which shall gladden my heart and solace mine eyes. Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp dost Thou hold the reins of all things. None other god is there beside Thee, the Incomparable, the One, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest humanity turning away from Thee and opposing Thee, despite that Thou hast made Thyself manifest in the revelations of Thy divinity and hast so sent down Thy signs that they have filled all Thy dominion. I entreat Thee, O Thou Quickener of the mouldering bone, Who didst shed the light of Thine effulgence unto Moses, to shelter Thy loved ones, man and woman alike, beneath the shelter of Thy sovereignty and heavenly favors. Solace their eyes, O my God, with the splendors of Thy countenance, and their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge. Thou art their only assistance, O

Lord, and their sole protector on this day. Ordain for them such as shall gladden them, exalt their names, and bring peace unto their souls. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest. None other god is there beside Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Send Thy blessings, O God, unto Him Who is the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Orient of Thy Revelation, and unto those who have confessed Thy sovereignty and acknowledged Thy grandeur. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Giving, the All-Bountiful, the Munificent.

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O Thou Who art the Possessor of all being and Lord of the entire creation! Thou seest how I have set my gaze on the horizon of Thy grace as one entreating the ocean of Thy pardon and the daystar of Thy forgiveness. Shalt Thou decree that I be bereft after my having recognized Thy munificence? Shalt Thou frustrate my hopes after my having affirmed Thy bounteousness? O Lord, this impoverished one hath stood at Thy door, and this beggar before the cities of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by Thy name, whereby the tribes have lamented, save such as were spared in accord with Thine incontrovertible will and all-encompassing behest, to nourish me with the Kawthar of Thy good-pleasure and to ordain for me such as Thou hast ordained for Thy Messengers Who speak not save after Thy leave and command, and whose very motion is in conformity with Thy desire. Thine is the power to do as Thou willest. None other god is there but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsistent.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose name He Who is the Hidden Mystery and Treasured Symbol was made manifest! I beseech Thee by the secrets of Thy Most Great Name and the splendors of Thy countenance, O Lord of eternity, and by the realities which the subtlest senses of contingent beings have not apprehended, to grant that I be among the hands of Thy Cause and make mention of Thee with wisdom and eloquence in Thy realm. Thou shalt verily fulfill whatsoever be Thy will, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. None other god is there beside Thee, the Possessor of all names and Creator of the heavens.

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My God, my God! I know not what Thou hast ordained for me nor what is written down by Thy Most Exalted Pen. Hast Thou ordained that I should turn my face unto the splendors of Thy visage, stand before Thy gate, listen to Thy most sweet voice, and gaze upon Thy most high horizon, while Thine incontrovertible decree and the exigencies of Thy knowledge and wisdom forbid me from the very same? I entreat Thee, O Thou Sea of Light, by the splendors of Thy countenance, the revelations of Thy power and magnificence, and the manifestations of Thy might and omnipotence, to write down for me the recompense of attaining Thy presence. Grant, then, that I be a helper unto Thy Cause and arise in Thy service. The might

of the world and the ascendancy of the nations are one and all powerless to weaken Thee and subvert Thy sovereignty. Do Thou destine for me, then, O my God, such as shall draw me near unto Thee under every condition and circumstance. Thou art, verily, the Possessor of all wealth, the Most Exalted. None other god is there beside Thee, the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

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O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy name whereby Thou hast subdued the hearts of men, O Thou Well-Beloved, to grant that I be ever content with Thy good-pleasure, subsumed in Thy desire, oriented unto the direction of Thy grace and severed from aught else beside Thee. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest. Thou art, verily, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsistent.

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My God, my God! I am verily Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. Unto Thee have I turned, detached from aught else beside Thee. I entreat Thee by Thy perspicuous book, Thine irrevocable command and by Thy most great, Thy most glorious Name, to ordain for me such as Thou hast ordained for those women who have circled round Thee, attained unto the utmost virtue in Thy days, and have fixed their gaze toward Thy horizon.

I bear witness, O my God, unto Thy Manifestation, unto Thine ascending the throne of the Bayán in the midmost heart of creation, and unto the mysteries of Thy book and the splendors of Thy visage. I implore Thee to send down unto Thy servants and handmaidens that which Thou hast sent down unto those who circle round Thy throne. Thine is the power to do whatsoever Thou willest. None other god is there beside Thee, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Gracious.

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My God, my God! Praise be to Thee, inasmuch as Thou hast aided me to gaze upon the traces of Thy Most Exalted Pen; and thanksgiving be unto Thee, inasmuch as Thou hast made Thy path known unto me, O Thou Lord of all men! I beseech Thee by the mysteries of Thine utterance and the Luminary of Thy testament, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and unwavering in Thy love, such that I will be hindered neither by the oppression of them that have denied Thee and Thy signs, nor by the doubts of those who have turned away from Thy horizon and given voice to such things as have caused the denizens of Thy paradise and the tabernacle of Thy glory to wail and lament. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest. Thou art verily the Clement, the Munificent.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art my God, my Master, my Support, my Beloved, my Aim, and Who art the Aspiration of them that have drawn nigh unto Thee! I entreat Thee by Thy Most Great Name, Thine ineluctable command, Thy straight path, Thy perspicuous book, and by the light of Thy countenance, the fragrant breezes of Thy Revelation, and the secrets enshrined in Thy knowledge, to ordain for Thy servant every good, every grace and every mercy which Thou hast ordained in the scrolls of Thy glory for such of Thy creatures as have drawn nigh unto Thee. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

O Lord, open before my face the doors of Thy bounty and grace. I testify that in Thy grasp lieth the key to unlock every lofty door. There is none other god beside Thee, the All-Knowing. Thou art, verily, the All-Wise, the Ordainer, the Omniscient.

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Praise be unto Thee, O Lord my God, for having chosen us to sustain Thy trials and bear hardships for love of Thee and in acquiescence unto Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to preserve Thy loved ones from all that would hinder them from making mention of Thee and extolling Thy virtues. Do thou grant them steadfastness in these days when the generality of men on Thine earth are shut out as by a veil from beholding Thy countenance. Thine is the power to do as Thou wilt; Thou art, verily, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsistent.

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God doth testify that there is none other god beside Him; He is come in truth and hath revealed His clear and straight Path. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for the revelation of Thy bounties and gifts whereby the luminary of Thy grace sheddeth its light on all Thy creation! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy munificence and the heaven of Thy mercy, to decree for Thy loved ones that which shall captivate and attract the denizens of Thine earth.

Thou seest, O my God, my Lord, and my Refuge, what hath befallen Thy chosen ones in the days of Him Who is the Orient of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy signs. I swear by Thy glory, O Thou the Lord of the world and Sovereign of the nations! Never shall hearts be content save by the realization of Thy victory, nor shall souls find peace save in the revelation of Thy power and dominion amidst all men. I beseech Thee to suffer not that any eye be bereft of beholding the ensigns upraised in Thy name, nor any ear deprived of hearing the sweet intonation of Thy voice in Thy realm. O Lord, send down the rains of Thy mercy and benediction from the heaven of Thy bounty upon whomsoever hath turned unto Thee. Potent art Thou to do as Thou wilt. None other god is there beside Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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All glory be Thine, O Thou Who art my God, my Beloved, and my Lord! Thou seest my poverty and my destitution, and my suffering and the hardships and trials that I have sustained amidst Thy loved ones and the wicked-doers. I praise Thee, O my God, for such as Thou hast irrevocably decreed! And I yield Thee thanks, O my Lord, for such as Thou hast purposed and ordained! We testify that Thou art to be praised in Thy doings, that Thou art sovereign in Thy command, and King in Thy realm; Thou art, verily, powerful over all things.

Lauded art Thou, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy name whereby Thou hast revealed Thy beauty, perfected Thy Cause, exalted Thy testament, raised aloft Thy names, and proclaimed Thine attributes, to lift Thy servants to a station wherein they behold Thee seated on the throne of Thy majesty and the seat of Thy glory. Verily, Thou art powerful and wise in all things.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who holdest in Thy grasp the reins of all created things! I beseech Thee by the Meanings which, though they cannot be expressed by words, Thou sufferest not to be concealed, to send down from the clouds of Thy mercy upon them that are nigh unto Thee that which shall exalt them in Thy names amidst men and shall draw them ever nearer unto Thee in Thy days. I entreat Thee, O Thou Enlightener of the world, Who art revealed in the Most Great Name, to make the hearts of them that are devoted unto Thee ablaze with the heat of Thy love, that they may forsake what they have desired, while holding fast unto that which Thou hast decreed by Thy command.

O Lord, Thou seest the hardships that have befallen Thy loved ones and what hath afflicted them at the hands of the tyrant; Thou seest their powerlessness before the oppressors from amongst Thine enemies. I beseech Thee by Thy name through which Thou didst protect Moses from the malevolence of the Pharaoh of that day, to protect those who seek Thee from them that are swept up by the winds of self and passion. Thou art, in truth, the Lord of all men, the Lord of the throne on high and of earth below. Verily, Thou art the Most Powerful, the Almighty.

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Praise be unto Thee, O Thou King of eternity and Lord of the world, Who art manifest in Thy Greatest Name, inasmuch as Thou hast enabled me to hearken unto Thy verses. I entreat Thee by the rivers of the highest Paradise and the revelations of Thy grace in the Garden on high, by the waves of the ocean of Thy beneficence and the effulgent rays of the luminary of Thy munificence, to grant that this handmaiden of Thine be steadfast in Thy love, make mention of Thee and speak forth in praise of Thee. Ordain for her, then, such as Thou hast ordained for those women who circled round Thy throne at eve and dawn break. None other god is there but Thee, the Lord of the Day of Resurrection.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Lord of all being and Possessor of all things visible and invisible! I entreat Thee by the pearls of the ocean of Thy knowledge and the effulgent rays of the luminary of Thy loving-kindness, to assist me to make mention of Thee and speak forth in praise of Thee, and to set my face unto the splendors of the Dayspring of Thy grace.

O Lord, Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden am I, believing in Thee and in Thy verses and acknowledging Thy oneness and Thy singleness. I beseech Thee to withhold not from me such as Thou dost possess; potent art Thou to do as Thou willest. None other God is there beside Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Compassionate.

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Glory be to Thee, O Lord my God, and praise be unto Thee, inasmuch as Thou hast illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, hast honored me with Thy presence, granted that I look upon the traces of Thy pen, and hast inclined mine ear to hearken unto Thy voice. I entreat Thee by Him Who is the Orient of Thy Cause, the Dayspring of Thy Dispensation and the Ocean of Thy knowledge, to ordain for this maidservant of Thine that which shall enable her to abide by the utmost steadfastness in Thy Cause.

O Lord, I am Thy handmaiden and the daughter of Thy handmaiden. I beseech Thee by Thine effulgent Light, and Thy refulgent Name, to ordain for me that which shall assist me to make mention of Thee, extol Thy virtues, and render service unto Thy Cause. Thou art verily the All-Bounteous unto Whose grace the whole universe beareth witness, and unto Whose might testify all created things. Thou givest and Thou dost withhold, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all creation, and of all things, visible and invisible. None other god is there beside Thee, the Powerful, the Almighty.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! Thou art the Almighty and worthy of all praise, the Lord of majesty, the Everlasting. I testify that Thy grace hath enveloped me and Thy mercy embraced me, inasmuch as Thou hast illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge, hast graced mine eyes by gazing upon the horizon of Thy Manifestation and looking upon the traces of Thy pen, and hast favored mine ears by listening unto Thy voice.

I beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy boundless compassion and by Thy Most Great, Thy Most Pure, Thy Most Exalted Name, to protect me by the power of Thy sovereign might and to ordain for me every good mentioned in Thy book. Send down, then, upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty such as is befitting of Thy generosity and munificence. Assist me, moreover, in standing firm in Thy love. Thou art, in truth, the Omnipotent, the All-Bountiful, and the Help in Peril, the Generous, the Lord of plenty.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Lord of all being and Possessor of all things visible and invisible! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Prison, by that which hath befallen Thee on account of the froward who have disbelieved in Thee and Thy verses, by the revelations of Thy grandeur and omnipotence, by Thine indubitable proofs that have encompassed Thy realm, and by the lights of Thy countenance whereby the horizons of the hearts of Thy lovers are made radiant, to assist him who hath turned unto the heaven of Thy grace, holding fast the cord of Thy bounty.

Thou seest that he, O Lord, is fully assured of Thy oneness and singleness, and hath recognized what Thou hast revealed in Thy book. I implore Thee to illumine his deeds with the light of Thine acceptance and to enable him to be among them that have rendered service unto Thee in Thy days. Ordain for him, then, the best of this world and the world to come. Thou art, in truth, the Lord of all men and the King of the throne on high and of the earth below. None other god is there beside Thee, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great, Thy Most Holy, Thine All-Glorious Name, and by the light of Thy Cause shining in effulgence from the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty, and by the waves of the ocean of Thine utterance, and by the effulgences of the Luminary of Thy proof, to write down for me, with Thy Most August Pen, that which shall draw me nigh unto Thee, O Thou King of all men.

I entreat Thee, O Lord, by Thy resplendent signs and the refulgent splendors of the Sun of Thy grace dawning from the horizon of the realm of creation, to open before my face the door of Thy loving-kindness and Thy glory. Thou shalt verily fulfill whatsoever be Thy will, and in Thy grasp are the reins of the former and latter generations.

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My God, My God! I testify that this day is Thy Promised Day foretold in Thy books, Thy scrolls, Thy psalms and Thy tablets, on which Thou hast revealed that which lie hid in Thy knowledge and concealed in the treasuries of Thine unerring protection.

I entreat Thee, O Lord, by Thy Most Great Name, which hath struck such terror that the nations have been made to tremble, to assist Thy servants and handmaidens to stand firm in Thy Cause and arise to serve Thee. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. Thou dost protect whomsoever Thou willest in Thy power and sovereignty. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling, the Almighty.

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Glory be unto Thee, O God, O Thou in Whose hand are the reins of all created things and in Whose grasp is dominion of the heavens and earth! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy visage which illumineth the farthest reaches of the world, to send down upon us from the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall draw us nigh unto the ocean of Thy tender mercies and enable us to be among those whom no censure hath deterred from setting their faces toward Thy countenance, and whom the malice of the idolaters is powerless to hinder from advancing toward the direction of Thy command. Thou art, in truth, the Munificent, the God of abounding grace.

I entreat Thee to withhold us not from the ocean which hath billowed in Thy name and surged at Thy behest. Thine is the power to do what Thou wilt, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. None other god is there beside Thee, the Transcendent, the All-Glorious, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the All-Wise.
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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made to be the crown of all names and by which heaven and earth have been illumined, to number me with those who have drunk deep of the wine of Thy Revelation proffered by the hand of Thy tender mercy, who have stood so steadfast in Thy Cause that evil suggestions are impotent to shut them out from Thy wondrous verses, and the veils of words are powerless to hinder them from turning unto the Manifestations of Thy grace.

Number me, O Lord, among them that are resolute in Thy Cause and confirmed in Thy love. Ordain for me, then, such as Thou hast ordained for Thy faithful ones, whom Thou hast made to be the Daysprings of certitude on Thine earth and the Dawning-Places of faith in Thy realm. Thou art He in Whose grasp is dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Thou doest as Thou wilt in Thy sovereignty, and dost decree what Thou desirest in Thy might. None other god is there beside Thee, the Almighty, the Transcendent, the Unapproachable, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.
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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Creator of the Point, Who art the Ordainer, the Adorner, the Protector and Champion whereof! I testify unto that which the Tongue of Thy majesty uttered when Thou wert ascendent upon the throne of the Bayán in the heart of the contingent realm, and I acknowledge that which hath flowed from Thy Most August Pen amidst mankind. I beseech Thee by the mysteries which lie hid in Thy knowledge and the verses treasured in Thy tablets, and by Thy command, whereby the names have been struck with terror whilst the hearts of the people of Bahá have been consoled—to send down the rains of Thy loving-kindness from the heaven of Thy mercy upon one who hath turned towards Thee and held fast unto Thee.

I beseech Thee, O Thou Lord of the world and King of eternity, by the fragrances of Thy verses and the splendors of the dawn of Thy Manifestation, by Thy sweet-scented breezes that have quickened the people of

the grave, and by Thy signs whereby the decree of resurrection was made manifest and the trumpet blown, to enable me to make mention of Thee and praise Thee, be steadfast in Thy love, take refuge in Thy presence, and cling unto the hem of the robe of Thy bounty. Thou art He Whose purpose neither the vicissitudes of the world nor the doubts of its peoples can frustrate. None other god is there beside Thee, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

I beseech Thee, moreover, O Thou Lord of all names and Fashioner of the heavens, to grant that the people of Bahá be possessed of such steadfastness in Thy love that they shall fear neither the ascendancy of the oppressors nor the opposition of the froward, who have ascended the pulpits—which Thou hast created for the sake of Thy remembrance and praise—and who preach concerning Thee such things as cause the denizens of the tabernacle of Thy majesty and the pavilion of Thy glory to wail and lament. Thou art well aware of the hateful blasphemies they have uttered while standing on these very same pulpits in Thy days; Thou hast yet forborne and concealed their iniquity despite the compelling power of Thy might.

O Lord, do aid Thou Thy heedless servants to look upon that which hath been revealed from Thee and to set their faces toward Thy horizon. Thou art the God of preeminent mercy and all-encompassing grace, and Thou hast proclaimed Thyself to be the All-Merciful, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the All-Bounteous. O Lord, ordain for Thy loved ones the best of this life and the life to come. None other god is there beside Thee, Who art the Lord of the throne on high and of the earth below. Forgive them, moreover, in Thy bounteousness which hath preceded the entire creation. None other god is there beside Thee, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

O Lord, Thou seest how Thy handmaidens and Thy servants have turned unto Thee, longing for the tokens of Thy grace. I beseech Thee by Thy name, the Ever-Forgiving, to forgive them in Thy generosity, Thy graciousness, and by virtue of Thy name, the Munificent. Destine for them such as shall draw them nigh unto Thee. Potent art Thou to do what Thou wilt. Thou art verily the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

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Glory be unto Thee, O God! I testify that the light of Thy days hath enveloped Thy servants, and that Thy most sweet voice hath awakened such of Thy creatures as were fast asleep. I beseech Thee by the suns of the heavens of Thy Dispensation and the trees of Thy paradise and heavenly garden, to protect Thy lovers from the evil of Thine enemies. Render them aid, moreover, with the hosts of wisdom and utterance. Thou art, in truth, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the Beneficent.

O Lord, Thou seest Thy servant turning unto the gate of Thy grandeur and holding fast the cord of Thy grace. Ordain for him, I entreat Thee, the good of this world and the world to come. Thou art verily the Lord of all men. None other god is there beside Thee, the Gracious, the Munificent.

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God, our Lord and the Lord of heaven and earth, hath testified that there is none other god but Him, the One, the Incomparable, the Omnipotent, the Unconstrained.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Lord of all men, at Whose behest the divine laws and commandments have been revealed! I entreat Thee by the sweet-scented breezes of Thy days and the manifestations of Thy majesty in Thy lands, to grant that those who have turned unto Thee be possessed of the utmost steadfastness, in such wise that they will be hindered neither by the veils of the various sects, nor by the wayward suggestions of those who have disbelieved in both the beginning and the end.

I moreover beseech Thee to ordain for whomsoever hath desired Thee that which Thou hast destined for such of Thy creatures as are wholly devoted unto Thee and have drawn nigh unto Thee. Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest. None other god is there but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I testify unto Thy sovereignty and Thine omnipotence, unto Thy oneness and Thine unconstrained authority, and that Thou art God, with none other god beside Thee. From everlasting Thou hast overshadowed all things and been supreme over all in the kingdom of names. Thy mercy and Thy loving-kindness are peerless, and Thy grace and Thy bounty are all-encompassing. I beseech Thee, Who art the Lord of all being and Possessor of the seen and unseen, by Thy voice whereby all things have been enraptured, and by the light Thy countenance whereby heaven and earth have been illumined, to enable Thy servants to stand resolute in Thy Cause and to arise in Thy service.

O Lord, Thou seest one who hath turned toward Thee, clung to Thy cord and set his face toward the lights of Thy visage. Ordain for him, O Thou Lord of the world, such as shall solace his eyes and the eyes of Thy loved ones. Send down, then, upon him the rains of Thy grace from the heaven of Thy bounty and the clouds of Thy generosity. Potent art to do what pleaseth Thee. Thou art verily the Almighty Whose will no sect can subvert, the Sovereign King Whose sight nothing can veil. Thou art, in truth, the Speaker in both the beginning and the end. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Glorious, the All-Bounteous.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God! This servant of Thine testifieth unto the self-subsistent reality of Thine Essence and the destitution of Thy creatures, and unto the majesty of Thy Cause and Thy sovereignty. I beseech Thee, O Thou by Whose behest the rivers flow and the winds blow, by Thy Name whereby Thou hast opened the portals of divine bounty unto the nations, to assist the one who hath turned unto Thee and uttered Thy praise on a day when most of Thy creation hath denied Thee.

Write down for him, moreover, O God of the world, such as is befitting of Thy generosity and munificence. Thine is the power to do whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all in the heavens and on earth. None other god is there beside Thee, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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My God, my God! Withhold not Thy loved ones from the oceans of Thy generosity and munificence. Transmute their rebellion, O my God, into forgiveness, their powerlessness into might, their perplexity into assurance, and their silence into praise and exposition with such wisdom as hath been ordained by Thy Most August Pen.

O Lord, assist them with the hosts of Thy power and might, then write down for them such as Thou hast ordained for the wholly detached among them that are faithful unto Thee. Thou art unconstrained in Thy behest, revealed in Thy Manifestation, and have spoken forth in Thy prison. None other god is there beside Thee, the Omnipotent, the Help in Peril, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose Name the dove of utterance warbleth her melodies upon the loftiest branches, and the call of the faithful crieth out from the midst of the most exalted station! I beseech Thee by the manifestations of Thy beauty in the Highest Paradise, by the daysprings of Thy love in the Garden Most Sublime, by the stars in the heaven of Thy bounty, and by the sound of the motion of Thy pen whereby the hearts of Thy chosen ones are enraptured—to ordain for one who hath turned unto Thee the best of this world and the world to come.

Thou seest him, O Lord, drawing near to Thee, submissive before Thy laws and precepts, with his gaze locked upon the horizon of Thy good-pleasure. I implore Thee to hinder him not from drawing nigh unto the ocean of Thy Manifestation and the Daystar of Thy grace. Thou art verily the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the All-Bounteous.

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Praise be to Thee, O my God, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou Who art my Desire and the Desire of all them in the heavens and on earth, in that Thou hast led Thy servants unto Thy path, given them to drink from the chalice of Thy love, and made known to them that which hath brought them nigh unto Thee and unto that which Thou hast revealed by Thy Most Exalted Pen in Thy books and Thy tablets. I beseech Thee, O Lord, by the mysteries which lie hid in Thine omniscience and concealed in Thy scriptures, to aid Thy loved ones to render Thy Cause victorious with the hosts of Thy verses and incontestable proofs.

O Lord, Thou seest one who hath arisen amidst Thy servants in Thy remembrance and praise, and whose sole desire has been to promulgate such as Thou hast sent down in Thy book. I entreat Thee by the motion of Thy Most Exalted Pen and its melody, by the Sadratu'l-Muntahá and its rustling, to aid him under all conditions to spread abroad Thy writings, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of the religions. Thine is the power to do what Thou wilt. None other god is there beside Thee, the Almighty, Whose help is implored by all.

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Praise be to Thee, O my God, inasmuch as Thou hast given me to drink from the cup of Thy bounty, adorned me with the raiment of Thy knowledge, guided me unto Thy attributes, and enraptured my heart by the sweet sound of Thy voice when it called aloud from the Realm on High. I testify that Thou didst make Thyself manifest and reveal that which Thou didst desire, in Thy might which hath subdued all things and Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all in heaven and on earth.

Thou seest me, O Lord, detached from aught else except Thee and enraptured by Thy verses. I entreat Thee by Him Who is Thy Lamp Who preserved Himself not from assailing winds, to ordain for me, by Thy Most Exalted Pen, such as Thou hast written down for Thy chosen ones. Potent art to do what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of the kingdom of names. None other god is there beside Thee, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of all creation and King of things visible and invisible! I entreat Thee by Him Who is the Desire of the heavens and earth, to protect Thy lovers from such as have repudiated Thine evidence and waged war against Him Who is Thine own Self. Grant, moreover, that they who have affirmed Thy oneness drink deep, at all times, of that which hath flowed from the lips of Thy bounty and tender mercies. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest. None other god is there but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Transcendent, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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O Thou Lord of the world and Sovereign of its peoples! I beseech Thee by Thine Immemorial Essence and Everlasting Being, to aid me to turn toward Thy most exalted horizon and resplendent station. Thou seest me, O Lord, turning toward Thee and speaking forth Thy praise. I entreat Thee to enable me to serve Thee and be severed from aught else except Thee.

Write down for me, then, O my God, such as Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, who have attained to the recognition of Him Who is the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Manifestation of Thine incontrovertible proofs. Powerful art Thou to do as Thou willest. None other god is there beside Thee, the Help in peril, the Self-Subsistent.

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My God, my God! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned unto Thee and have besought from the ocean of Thy generosity such as shall enable me to be detached from aught else except Thee, to extol Thy virtues and soar in Thine atmosphere. I testify that the wine of Thine utterance hath

overcome me and the Salsabíl of Thine exposition hath intoxicated me. I beseech Thee by the glances of Thine eyes, by Thy voice, by Thy command whereby Thou hast subdued all beings and enraptured all created things, to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall purge me of the doubts of them that have repudiated Thy Manifestation, disputed Thy signs and turned aside from Him Who is the Dayspring of Thine attributes and the Dawning-Place of Thine injunctions. Ordain for me, O Lord, in Thy generosity, such as shall make me unwavering in Thy Cause and in my service unto Thy loved ones. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the Ever-Forgiving, the Compassionate.

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Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of the heavenly kingdom and Sovereign of the celestial dominion! I beseech Thee by Thy Name whereby the Resurrection came to pass and its mysteries were made manifest, whereby the Hour struck and its portents were revealed, and whereby the veils were torn asunder, to enable me to endeavor in Thy service and stand steadfast in that which Thou hast made known unto me in Thy generosity and munificence.

O Lord, I bear witness that the hearts of Thy chosen ones melt in the thirst of remoteness, and how the souls of Thy loved ones burn in the flames of separation. I entreat Thee by the lights of Thy countenance and the secrets held in Thy knowledge, to draw me nigh unto the ocean of Thy bounty and the Euphrates of Thy mercy. Thou art, in truth, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the All-Bounteous.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of heaven and earth, Holder of the reins of all mankind! I entreat Thee by that which is hidden in Thy knowledge, inscribed in Thy Book, and foretold by the pen of Thy command, to aid Thy servants to acknowledge Thy oneness and confess Thy singleness. Withhold them not, O Lord, from the ocean of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy generosity. Thou knowest full well what lieth in their hearts, and Thine is the power to transform and vivify them. They are verily Thy servants and Thy children whom Thou hast called into being in Thy bounty and whom Thou hast reared in Thy grace. I beseech Thee to protect them from the burning heat of the sun and the assault of the deluge. Thou art, in truth, the Unconstrained; none other god is there beside Thee, the Almighty, the All-Bounteous.

Blessing and peace be upon Thy loved ones and Thy chosen ones, who have forsaken their passions and held fast unto that which hath shone forth from the Daystar of Thy will and sovereign purpose. These are they, O Lord, who have arisen to render victory unto Thy Cause, and who have sustained such suffering in Thy path that the people of Thy celestial dominion and heavenly kingdom have wept for their sake. Aid them at all times, O Lord, to serve Thy Cause, speak forth Thy praise and make mention of Thee. None other god is there beside Thee, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Almighty.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the God of the seen and the unseen, and ascendent on the throne of Thy name, the Well-Beloved! I beseech Thee by the splendors of Thy countenance and the Daysprings of Thy Revelation, to enable Thy people to be steadfast and resolute in Thy Cause, in such wise that the world shall be set beneath their feet, while they ascend unto Thy Most Name and turn unto Thee with their faces, their hearts, their souls, their eyes and with the very blood of their veins; lest there remain in the realm of being any name save Thy name, O Thou Who art the Lord of Mercy, and any praise save praise of Thee, O Thou by Whom the luminary of the divine proof hath shone forth from the horizon of certitude.

O Lord, do Thou take the hands of Thy loved ones in the hands of Thy might, and protect them from the iniquity of the people of the Bayán who have rejected Thee and Thy Revelation. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest. Thou art, in truth, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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Glory be unto Thee, O God, O Revealer of incontrovertible proofs, and Lord of all names and attributes! I beseech Thee by the light which hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy Manifestation and hath illumined the planes of Thy grace and bounty, by Thy command which hath encompassed all things, and by Thy sovereignty whereby all in heaven and on earth have been subdued, to assist me in that which is befitting of the heaven of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy bounty.

O Lord, Thou seest the one who is ignorant seeking the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the sinner the sea of Thy pardon and magnanimity. In Thy bounty and munificence, frustrate not his hopes, I pray Thee. Thou art He by Whose voice all things have cried out, and before Whose Name all in heaven and on earth have bowed. None other god is there beside Thee, Help in Peril, the Almighty, the All-Bounteous.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by the sweetness of Whose utterance they that uphold Thy oneness have hastened unto the threshold of Thy door, and by the light of Whose countenance the faithful have set their faces unto the horizon of Thy grace. I entreat Thee by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued the kingdoms of heaven and earth, to aid us to make mention of Thee, speak forth Thy praise and serve Thy Cause throughout Thy lands.

Thou art He, O my God, Who hath made known unto us the Ocean of Thine omniscience, the Heaven of Thy wisdom, and the Daystar of Thy Manifestation. I beseech Thee to suffer not that we be bereft of the virtue of steadfastness in Thy Cause. O Lord, Thou art, verily, the Munificent, the God of abounding grace.

Write down for us, then, with Thy Most Exalted Pen, such as Thou hast ordained for those whom the doubts of the learned could not deter from setting their faces unto Thee, whom the vain fancies of the people of the Bayán could not withhold from gazing upon the horizon of Thy loving-kindness. So nourish us, O my Lord, from the cup of steadfastness that the veils of this world and the peoples whereof will be powerless to

hinder us from turning unto Thee, and impotent to prevent our advancing toward Thee. None other god is there but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Transcendent, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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My God, my God! I testify to Thy oneness and Thy unity, and unto that which Thou hast made manifest in Thy power and sovereignty. O my Lord, I have been so overcome by the intoxicating Kawthar of Thy love, that I have forgotten myself and all that pertaineth unto me. Thou seest that my heart, O Lord, hath melted in my exile from Thee, and my soul hath burned in separation from Thee. Blessed is the land that hath been honored by Thy fragrant breezes, and the habitation that hath attained unto Thy footsteps. Thou seest my tears, O Lord, and hearest my sighs in my remoteness from the station wherein the throne of Thy Manifestation was established, and the perfumes of Thy Revelation were diffused. I beseech Thee by the heads that have been severed in Thy path, the breasts that have been pierced in seeking Thy good-pleasure, and the hearts which Thou hast made to be treasuries of Thine affection, to write down for Thy loved ones, with Thy Most High Pen, the recompense of attaining Thy presence.

I am he, O my God, who hath besought Thine abode, that I might stand before the gate of Thy majesty, hearken unto Thy most sweet voice, and gaze upon Thy most exalted horizon. I entreat Thee by the ocean of Thy generosity, the daystar of Thy grace, and the heaven of Thy munificence, to withhold not mine ear from hearing Thy voice, though it be from but a single letter. Suffer not that I be deprived, O my Beloved, of the revelations of Thy grace, the tokens of Thy loving-kindness, and that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Potent art to do what Thou wilt. None other god is there beside Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Munificent.

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O Lord, grant us patience and forbearance, make firm our steps, and render us victorious over those heedless souls who have turned aside from Thee, arisen against Thee, disputed Thy signs, waged war against Thy Self, and endeavored to lead Thy creation into error with such artifice that the people of Thy heavenly kingdom and dominion have wailed and lamented. I beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy most exalted Word and most beautiful names to protect Thy loved ones from the evil of them that have purposed to put out Thy light with their doubts and wayward suggestions, and to extinguish the fire of Thy Lote-Tree with the whisperings and calumny to which they have clung. I beseech Thee, O Possessor of all being and Lord of the seen and unseen, to preserve Thy lovers from their wickedness and deceit. Thou art He unto Whose power and majesty all created things have testified. None other god is there beside Thee, the Protector, the Helper, the Assister, the Munificent.

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Glory be unto Thee, O God, O Thou by Whose Name the doors have been opened wide in the kingdom of creation and the ocean of reunion hath surged before all who have turned unto Thee, O Creator of the heavens! I testify that Thou hast, from everlasting, been omnipotent by virtue of Thy Self-Subsistent Being, and supreme by the potency of Thine own behest. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Exalted Word, and by the sweet fragrances of Thy raiment which have diffused amidst the heavenly concourse, to make known unto Thy loved ones such as shall enable them to render service unto Thy Cause and speak forth in Thy remembrance and praise.

Do thou make manifest before them, O Lord, what Thou hast desired in Thy days and that which Thou hast decreed with the pen of Thy Command, for I am fully persuaded that if they were to realize that which hath been destined for them in Thy kingdom, they would take flight with ardent longing, soar into the atmosphere of Thy commandments, and hold fast to that which they have been bidden in Thy book. Illumine the vision of their hearts, O Lord, in Thy generosity and grace. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand are the reins of all things and in Whose grasp is the kingdom of all names! I beseech Thee by Thy most exalted Word to aid Thy servants to turn toward the ocean of Thy good-pleasure; do Thou nourish them, moreover, with the sweetness of Thy laws and precepts. I know of a certainty that Thou dost not command anyone save unto that which shall benefit him in every world amongst Thy worlds.

Enable them, O Lord, to recognize Thy wisdom which Thou hast concealed in Thy verses and sent down in Thy book. Ordain, moreover, for Thy loved ones such as shall solace their eyes and bring serene assurance unto their souls. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee, and by Thy Name is every wise precept revealed.

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O my God and the God of all the world, my Lord and the Lord of the nations! I entreat Thee by Thy Most Great Name, whereby tribulations have arisen amidst the tribes of the earth, the thunder hath lamented and the clouds have wept, to shield Thy companions from the wickedness of Thine enemies who have violated Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and who have striven to lead Thy creatures into error, notwithstanding that Thou hast set the path clearly before them and have revealed to them the way of guidance.

Thou seest, O Lord, how they turn away from Thy signs and protest against Thine indubitable proofs, in such wise that they have opened wide the gate of deceit and doubt before the faces of Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee, O my God, by the suns of the heaven of Thy tender mercies and the effulgent splendors of Thy countenance, to aid Thy companions to be so steadfast in Thy Cause that the doubts of Thine enemies

and the wayward suggestions of the wicked-doers will be impotent to cause them to fall into error. Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

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My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having called me into being from the loins of one amongst Thy loved ones. I beseech Thee, O Thou by Whom the dawn breaketh and the winds blow, to assist me to be steadfast in Thy Cause and in such as shall draw me nigh unto Thee under all conditions. I have turned unto Thee, O Lord, and entreat Thee to open the door of Thy loving-kindness before my face, by the power of Thy might. Thine is the power to do what Thou willest. None other god is there but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsistent.

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My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy knowledge, and for having enabled me to recognize Him Who is the Dayspring of Thy signs. I beseech Thee by those who have flown into the atmosphere of Thy nearness and who have forsaken such as they possessed in order to exalt Thy Word and heed Thy command, to enable me to be detached from aught else except Thee and to cling unto the cord of Thy loving-kindness.

I entreat Thee, moreover, O Thou Lord of all being and Possessor of all things visible and invisible, to grant that my utterance be possessed of such influence as is inspired by Thee, and such potency as is borne of Thee, that it may guide Thy servants to Thy Most Great Path and draw them nigh unto Thy True Faith. Thine is the power to do as Thou willest. None other god is there beside Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsistent.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! Thou seest me detached from aught else beside Thee, enraptured by Thy verses, uttering Thy praise and arising to serve Thy Cause. I entreat Thee by the hidden mysteries held in Thy knowledge and the writings wrapt within Thy pen, to aid me and my son to turn unto the splendors of Thy countenance and hold fast the hem of the robe of Thy mercy.

Destine for us, O Thou Who art the Desire of the world and Lord of the nations, such as shall bring us ever nearer unto Thee, and ordain for us the good of this world and the world to come. Thou art, in truth, the Lord of all mankind. None other god is there beside Thee, the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

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My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having led me unto Thy path and given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thine utterance proffered by the hand of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Creator of the world and the Educator of its peoples, by Thy Most Great Name, whereby the mysteries of things past and to come were made manifest, and the sovereignty of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, was revealed, to grant that I be aflame in the fire of Thy love and enraptured by Thy verses, and that I adhere unto the wisdom which Thou hast ordained in Thy psalms and tablets.

Destine for me, moreover, O Thou Who art my Desire and my Lord, that which shall exalt me in Thy glory, and enable me to speak forth Thy praise and be content with Thy good-pleasure. Thou art He Who doeth as He willeth, Who is verily the Forgiving, the Omnipotent, the Compassionate, the Munificent.

O Lord, I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant, hoping for the marvels of Thy grace. I entreat Thee by Thy command upon whose revelation the ocean of divine bounty surged and the fragrance of Thy name the Munificent was diffused, O Thou Who art the Fashioner of all, to grant that my deeds be clothed in the adornment of Thy good-pleasure. Thou art verily the Omnipotent, the Incomparable, the One, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose Name all creation hath been called into being, by Whose command the entirety of the universe hath been subdued, and by the vibrating influence of Whose most exalted Word all things have been made to tremble! I beseech Thee by the gaze of Thy loving-kindness and the warbled melodies of the dove of Thy unity, to inscribe with the fingers of Thy might upon the foreheads of Thy chosen ones that whereby they will be recognized by Thy servants and Thy creatures.

Thou dost behold, O my God, my Desire and my King, how Thy servants are engrossed by their worldly possessions, made heedless by their own affairs, and withheld, on account of their worldly limitations, from recognizing Thy chosen ones who have arisen to serve Thy Cause, have proclaimed that which was uttered by the tongue of Thy majesty, and have borne testimony unto such as was affirmed by Thy Most Exalted Pen in the first days of Thy Dispensation.

I beseech Thee, O Lord, by the sovereign might of Thy will and the compelling power of Thy behest, to grant unto the people of Thy dominion such as Thou hast ordained for them in Thy generosity and gracious favors. From everlasting hast Thou overshadowed all who dwell on earth and wholly transcended Thy creation. None other god is there beside Thee, the Compassionate, the Giving, the Forgiving, the Munificent.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose Name the gates of men's hearts have been opened wide, and by the fingers of Whose might the veils in which souls are wrapt have been torn aside! I beseech Thee by Thy most sweet voice by which the kingdom of creation and the inmost realities of all names have been

enraptured, to reveal through Thy Most Exalted Pen unto the People of Bahá such as shall preserve them from that which pertains unto self and desire, and shall draw them near to the Most Effulgent Horizon.

O Lord, Thou seest Thy loved ones turning toward Thee and clinging to the hem of Thy munificence; ordain for them such as Thou hast destined for Thy chosen ones who renounced the world and the things thereof in Thy days, and who soared on the wings of detachment through the atmosphere of Thy nearness. Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest. None other god is there but Thee, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose might the world is stricken with terror, and in fear of Whom the hearts of its peoples have been sore shaken! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name, whereby the kingdom of names hath been made manifest and all things have been called into being, to aid Thy servants to attain unto the utmost steadfastness. Write down for them, moreover, in Thy generosity and grace, such as shall solace their eyes, bring assurance unto their souls, and gladden their hearts.

O Lord, Thou seest them turning unto Thee and setting their gaze upon Him Who is the Orient of Thy Revelation, the Dayspring of Thy proof and the Revelator of Thy command. I entreat Thee to withhold them not from the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy divine favor.

This is the Day, O Lord, which Thou hast made to be associated with Thine own Self, and which Thou, in Thy power and sovereignty, hast pronounced the king of the centuries and ages. I beseech Thee to preserve Thy chosen ones from the evil of the tyrants amongst Thy creatures. Thou art He Whose dominion neither all the canons of the world nor the ascendancy of the nations can subvert. Thou doest and Thou dost decree as Thou willest, and art in truth the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of the nations, Who shinest effulgent from the horizon of eternity in Thy Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by Thy glory which hath encompassed the entire creation and by Thy might whereby all things have been subdued, to ordain for Thy loved ones, who have sought Him Who is the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and who have attained to the court of Thy Cause, every good which Thou didst reveal in Thy Book and which Thou didst promise them in Thy scrolls and tablets.

O Lord, make them resolute in the path of Thine irrevocable decree, and do Thou assist them in what is best for them both in this world and the world to come, O Thou Who art the God of all creation. Glorify them, O Thou Source of all being, in Thy grace which pervadeth the seen and unseen. The reins of the world are in Thy hand; Thou dost exalt whomsoever Thou willest and Thou dost ordain whatsoever Thou pleasest for whomsoever Thou desirest. In Thy grasp is dominion of all things; Thou dost adorn whomsoever Thou willest with the vesture of majesty and grandeur, and Thou dost clothe whomsoever Thou willest in the raiment of glory and splendor. None other god is there beside Thee, the King, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the Self-Existent.

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I beseech Thee, Who art the Lord of the entire creation and the Edifier of all that is come into being, by Him Who is the Revelator of the divine verses, by Whom idle fancies and wayward suggestions have been effaced, to assist Thy chosen ones, Thy loved ones and Thy dear companions to render Thy Cause victorious and endeavor in Thy service.

O Lord, deprive not the letters of Thy Book from the ocean of Thy knowledge, nor the leaves of Thy trees from the rustling breezes of Thy grace. O Lord, attract them by Thy Most Exalted Word unto Thy Most High Horizon, and aid them in such wise that neither the opposition of the froward nor the tyranny of the oppressor will hinder them.

O Lord, sanctify their hearts from the remembrance of aught else except Thee, their souls from attachment unto aught else beside Thee, and their tongues from the praise of anyone save Thee. Purify them, O my God, in Thy generosity and beneficence, and cleanse them from whatsoever is not met with Thy good-pleasure. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. Thou art equal to fulfilling what Thou hast desired, and ordaining whatsoever Thou hast purposed. Thou art, verily, the Ordainer, the Omniscient.

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Glory be unto Thee, O God of all creation and Desire of all contingent things! I beseech Thee by the splendorous rays of the Sun of Truth, to assist Thy loved ones and companions as Thou wilt and desirest. Send down, then, the rains of Thy grace and mercy upon him who hath turned unto Thee, and ordain for him, as a token Thy divine favor, the good of this world and the world to come. Thine is the power to do whatsoever Thou pleasest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all things. None other god is there beside Thee, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of the world and Desire of the nations! Thou art He Who hath manifested Himself and revealed such as Thou hadst ordained and foretold aforesaid in Thy books, Thy scrolls and Thy tablets. I beseech Thee by this Day, on which the Event hath come to pass and the divine Guidance been revealed, whereon mankind hath been sorely perplexed and the sons of disbelief stricken with terror, to aid Thy loved ones to be steadfast in Thy Cause.

This is a Day, O Lord, whereon convulsions have seized the earth, the mountains been scattered to dust and the standard of justice been established. I beseech Thee by Thy most excellent attributes and by Him Who is the Dayspring of Thy verses, O Thou in Whose grasp is the power over all things, to send down the showers of Thy bounty from the heaven of Thy grace. Write down, moreover, for the one who hath stood faithful to Thy Covenant and Thy Testament such as becometh Thy magnanimity, Thy majesty and Thy sovereignty.

My suppliant hands are upraised, O Lord, unto the heaven of Thy loving-kindness. Do Thou with me as is becoming of Thee, O Thou before Whose outstretched hand—the hand of Him Who is the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Abundant, the Munificent—the very essence of generosity and the inner reality of clemency is humbled. Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!

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Do Thou ordain, O God of all names, for Thy loved ones who dwell in Thy Kingdom that which is befitting of Thy munificence, O Fashioner of heaven and earth. These are Thy servants, O my God, whom no prejudice hath debarred from their recognition of Thee and their drawing nigh unto the Dayspring of Thine inspiration, and whom the veils of mankind have failed to shut out from gazing on the splendors of Thy beauty. O Lord, make their eminence apparent amidst men and reveal their true standing unto the people of Thy realm. Praise be unto Thee, O Lord, in that Thou hast so exalted them that their names flow from the pen of Thy command, and the tongue of Thy power and glory speaketh forth in remembrance of them.

Make known unto them, O Lord, this most glorious, this pre-eminent, and exalted station, that they may arise with heart and soul in Thy service, that haply there may revealed from them that for which they were created upon the dawning of the effulgent light of Thy countenance. Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest. In Thy hand is dominion of all things, and in Thy grasp is the kingdom of command. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the Incomparable.

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My God, my God! The sweet-scented fragrance of Thy knowledge hath so enraptured me, and the living waters of Thine utterance have so overcome me, that I have forgotten my own self and aught else besides, indeed, all in the heavens and on earth. I beseech Thee, O Thou Lord of all names, by Thy Name, face to face wherewith the idolaters have lamented, the heedless have cried out and the unbelievers been stricken with terror, to ordain for me in Thy Kingdom such as shall ever endure by virtue of Thine everlasting eternity.

O Lord, I am the suppliant, and Thou art He Who answereth my prayers. I am in want, and Thou art the Self-Sufficing. I am powerless, and Thou art the All-Powerful, the Unfailing. Unto Thee be praise, O Thou in Whose hand is possession of the kingdom of the heavens! Unto Thee be thanksgiving, O Thou in Whose grasp is dominion of the universe! Unto Thee be glory, O Thou Who art the Beloved of all them that have recognized Thy truth, the Desire of all them that have devoted themselves to Thee, the Hope of all them that uphold Thy unity!

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Praise be to Thee for that Thou hast enabled Thy loved ones to adhere

unto virtue and abide by such laws as they were commanded to observe in Thy Perspicuous Book. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy visage which hath illuminated the heavens and the earth, to write down for them that which shall assist them at all times and under all conditions. Thou art verily the Lord of eloquent exposition and the Revelator of religions. Rain down then, O Lord, from the firmament of Thy mercy such blessing as is accorded of Thee. Verily, Thou art the Compassionate, the Munificent.

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Glory be unto Thee O my God, O Thou the Lord of Manifestation, Whose shed the glory of His effulgence upon the branch of Sinai! I beseech Thee by this light which blazed forth from the horizon of the firmament of detachment, whereby the precept of trust and resignation found confirmation in the realm of creation, and I entreat Thee by those who have been slain in Thy path, by the hearts that have melted for love of Thee, and by the blood shed on the earth of submission before Thy face, to forgive those that have attained to this most exalted station and pinnacle of glory. Ordain for them, with Thy Most August Pen, that whereby the wafting perfume of their faith and devotion shall never be debarred from the realms of Thy remembrance and praise.

Thou seest them, O Lord, enraptured by the sweet-scented breezes of Thy Revelation and severed from aught else except Thee in Thy days. I entreat Thee to give them to drink of the fountain (Kawthar) of Thine everlasting eternity proffered by the hand of Thy gracious favor. Write down for them, moreover, with the pen of Thy grace, the recompense of attaining unto Thy presence.

I beseech Thee, O God of all names, by Thy behest whereby Thou hast subdued the kingdoms of heaven and earth, and by Thy voice whereby the denizens of the celestial dominion have been enraptured, to aid us in such as is in accord with Thy love and good-pleasure, and in that whereby our stations shall be exalted in the court of Thy majesty and the precinct of Thy nearness.

We are Thy servants, O Lord; we have turned toward the effulgent rays of the Luminary of Thy Manifestation, Which arose from the horizon of the heaven of Thy bounty. I implore Thee by the waves of the ocean of Thine utterance surging before the eyes of Thy creatures, to assist us in performing such deeds as we are bidden in Thy Perspicuous Book. Of all who show mercy, Thou art verily the Most Merciful. Thou art, in truth, the Desire of all who dwell in the heavens and all who abide on earth.

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My God, my God! Thou dost behold the impoverished one who hath stood at the gate of Thy wealth, the ailing one who hath hastened unto the ocean of Thy healing, the wronged one who hath longed for Thy justice and Thy tender mercies. I beseech Thee by the splendors of the morn of Thy Manifestation, and by the Word whereby the hearts of Thy chosen ones have been enraptured, to withhold not from me the outpourings of Thy bounty in Thy days and the wafting fragrances of Thy verses.

Thou seest me, O Lord, turning unto Thy Most Exalted Horizon and holding fast unto Thy cord, O Thou Who art the Lord of mankind and the Sovereign of this world and the world to come! I entreat Thee to

suffer not that I be bereft of the bounties Thou dost possess, and such as Thou hast ordained for Thine elect, who have not violated Thy Covenant and Testament, who have hastened to the field of sacrifice in their yearning to behold Thy visage, and who have laid down their lives in Thy path.

I beseech Thee, O God of all names and Fashioner of the heavens, by Thy Name, the Exalted, the All-Glorious, to forgive me, my parents, and whomsoever hath held fast unto Thy cord and clung to the hem of Thy robe. Thou art He, O Lord, unto Whose grace and munificence testify all created things. None other god is there beside Thee, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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Unto Thee be praise, O my God! Unto Thee be thanksgiving, O Thou Who art my Desire, for having enabled me to recognize Him Who is the Dayspring of Thy Manifestation, the Dawning-Place of Thy commandments and the Fountainhead of Thy laws. I beseech Thee by Thy companions who have forsaken such as they possessed for the sake of exalting Thy Cause, and whom the changes and chances of this world were powerless to deter from drawing nigh unto Thy Most Great Name, to grant that I be a servant unto Thy Cause, faithful in my love for Thee, and unwavering in my affections toward Thee. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest. None other god is there but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having illumined my heart with the light of Thy knowledge and having sent down unto me such as is everlasting in Thine eternity. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the world, by Thy Most Great Name, whereby Thou hast opened wide the portal of divine grace before all in the heavens and on earth, and by the splendors of Thy kingdom and the mysteries of Thy dominion, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and resolute in my love for Thee, in such wise that the world and the things whereof will be powerless to hold me back from approaching the court of Thy glory and drawing nigh to Thee. In truth, Thou art the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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My God, My God! Thou seest me, under all conditions, set in motion at Thy behest, and savoring Thy blessings and Thine inward and outward bounties. I beseech Thee by this grace which Thou hast ordained for me without regard to my own deserving, to aid Thy companions to endeavor in that whereby Thy Cause will be exalted amidst Thy servants.

I entreat Thee, O Thou Who art the Revelator of verses and the Expounder of incontrovertible proofs, by Thy Most Great Name, confronted wherewith the hearts of the world's people are sore perplexed, to write down for the one from whom the perfume of Thy love is diffused such as is befitting of Thy generosity and bountiful favor. None other god is there but Thee, the Incomparable, the One, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

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My God, my God! The light of Thy countenance hath guided me, the fire of Thy Lote-Tree hath enraptured me, Thy Most Exalted Word hath overcome me, and Thy most sweet voice hath awakened me. I beseech Thee by Thy name, the Self-Subsisting, and by Thy Cause which Thou hast revealed on this Day, to assist Thy chosen ones to serve Thy Cause with wisdom and eloquent exposition. Aid him, moreover, whom Thou seest turning his face unto the light of Thy visage and yearning for the marvels of Thy mercy and bountiful favor. Send down upon him, O Lord, from the heaven of Thy munificence that which shall make him steadfast and resolute and enable him to tenaciously cling unto Thy radiant hem, and adhere to Thine irrevocable, ineluctable command.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God, O Thou Lord of all being and Knower of the mysteries of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy resplendent signs, and by the wafting of the sweet-scented breezes of Thy loving-kindness at the dawn of the effulgent light of the Daystar of Thy Dispensation in the realm of creation, to so assist Thy companions in serving Thy Cause that the opposition of no man and the denial of none in all the climes of the earth will hinder them.

Strengthen, O my God, their limbs by Thy might, and illumine their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge. Inscribe, then, their names in Thy Book, and ordain for them that which shall endure in the eternity of Thy kingdom and dominion.

Thou seest, O Lord, one who hath turned unto Thee; I entreat Thee by Thy prophets and Thy messengers, to forgive him and those who believe in Thee and Thy verses, then accept from him his works in Thy path. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the Transcendent, the Omniscient, the All-Informed. None other god is there but Thee, the Incomparable, the All-Wise.

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Unto Thee be praise, O my God, for having guided Thy companions to the Most Great Ocean in Thy grace and generosity, and for having given them to drink therefrom in Thy loving-kindness and mercy. I beseech Thee by Thy Name whereby the rock crieth out and the stone speaketh forth, to assist them on each day to serve Thee, to make mention of Thee, and praise Thee. Accept from them, moreover, such as they have done for love of Thy good-pleasure. O Lord, Thou art the Munificent, the God of grace abounding. None other god is there but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest Thy righteous servants amidst the wicker-doers among Thy creation, and Thy loved ones, distinguished for their outstanding virtue, in the midst of the oppressors from amongst Thy people, who have repudiated Thy resplendent proof and the effulgent Manifestation of Thy Name, in such wise that they have arisen against them and have done with them as they will. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the God of power and might, by Thine all-compelling sovereignty and Thy wrathful scourge, to lay hold of them with Thine incontrovertible strength, and to subvert their designs against Thy loved ones.

O Lord, Thou seest that all things in Thy realm are as the dry, fallen leaf confronted by the tempests of Thy will and purpose. I entreat Thee by Thy might which all contingent beings are powerless to befittingly mention, and which the tongues of all creatures are impotent to becomingly praise, to shelter Thy loved ones neath the shadow of Thy protection. Hold back, then, by Thine all-encompassing dominion, them that are set upon committing evil deeds. Sever, O Lord, the hands that are stretched out towards Thy lovers in tyranny and injustice, and the tongues which utter words against them in rancor and malice, then return to them such as they conspired against those that have advanced towards Him Who is the Orient of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thine inspiration. Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest. Thou art, verily, the Wrathful, the All-Compelling, the Chastiser, the Avenger, the Almighty.

I beseech Thee, moreover, O my God, to give Thy loved ones to drink from the Kawthar of Thy tender mercies proffered by the hand of Thy bountiful favor, that the potency of this wine may so enrapture them that they will fear not the ascendancy of Thine enemies who claim amongst the people that they bear Thy name, though all the atoms testify that they have turned away from Thy countenance and drawn near unto their own passions in Thy days. Thou knowest full well, O my God, that they have spread corruption and fomented sedition in Thy realm, and have forbidden Thy servants to set their faces unto Him Who is the Orient of Thy Manifestation and the Dayspring of Thy light.

I entreat Thee, furthermore, O my God, by Thy Most Great Name, whereby the world hath been illumined, to ordain for him who hath arisen at Thy command and for those who have suffered imprisonment in Thy path and for love of Thee, and who have patiently endured hardships and abuses in seeking Thy good-pleasure, that which shall draw them ever nearer unto Thee in every world amongst Thy worlds. Exalt, then, their names in Thy realm and glorify the words uttered in their commemoration amidst Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the Generous Giver, the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! I am He Who recognized Thy singleness before the existence of the universe, and Who confessed Thy oneness ere contingent beings were made manifest. I entered the school of the divine unity at that moment which Thou didst sanctify of time and duration. I make mention, O my God, of such as I beheld in that most subtle, abstruse and most glorious Station, that Thy servants and the people of Thy realm might swoon away.

I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the God of all names and Creator of heaven and earth, to give Thy

servants receptive ears and discerning eyes, that they might hearken to Thy verses and gaze upon Thy Beauty that shineth resplendent from the Most Exalted Horizon. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest. None other god is there beside Thee. In truth, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Munificent.

Thou knowest full well, O My God, that a letter hath come before Me from one of Thy loved ones who believeth in Thee and Thy verses, who yearneth after Thy grace and tender mercies, and desireth to draw nigh unto Thee and stand in Thy presence. Write down for him, O Lord, such as Thou hast written down for Thy chosen ones who have attained unto the Kawthar of reunion in Thy days, and who have heard Thy voice with their own ears when they stood before the throne by Thy leave and behest. Forgive him, moreover, O My God, in Thy generosity and bounteousness, and do Thou destine for him that which he hath desired. Thou art, in truth, the Omnipotent, the Transcendent, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

Forgive, then, O My God, him who is named Muḥammad ‘Alí, who hath attained unto recognition of Thee and hath affirmed such as Thou hast commanded him in Thy tablets. Ordain for him, through the marvels of Thy compassionate grace, such as is in accord with Thy love and good-pleasure. Over all things dost Thou stand supreme, and everything testifieth that Thou art the Lord of all creation and the God of all beings. None other god is there beside Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! Thou seest one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned to Thee, who hath acknowledged Thy oneness and recognized Thy singleness, and whom sorrows have overcome in Thy path. Our Lord, the All-Merciful! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which is supreme over all created things and transcendent above the contingent realm, to draw her nigh unto Thee in every world amongst Thy worlds, and to ordain for her that which shall solace her eyes and bring assurance unto her soul. Thou art, verily, the Ever-Forgiving, the Munificent.

I moreover entreat Thee, O God of all names and Creator of the heavens, to grant that she be content with Thy decree under all conditions and certain that whatsoever Thou doest unto any soul is that which is best for them in Thy tablets. Illumine her heart, O Lord, with the light of Thy knowledge. Do Thou deliver her from the ocean of sorrow in the hands of Thy loving-kindness, and so give her to taste of the sweetness of Thine utterance that she may discover therein such as shall delight her when the ocean of Thy mercy surgeth and the effusion of Thy bounty and grace giveth forth of its abundance.

Write down for her such as Thou hast written for the preeminent amongst Thy handmaidens, and aid her to be steadfast in Thy love and gaze toward the direction of Thy bountiful favors. Send down upon her and her daughter of all glory the most glorious thereof, and of all splendor the most splendid thereof. Thou art He from Whose grasp nothing can escape. Thou givest bountifully unto him who cometh before Thee and Thou forgivest him who doth commune with Thee in prayer. Thou art, in truth, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

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Thou seest, O my God, how the Beloved of the world is in the hands of them that have veiled themselves from Thee, and how He is subject to the oppressors. His eye hath beheld such as none other eye hath seen; His ear hath heard such as none other ear hath ever heard. Thou art, in truth, the All-Merciful, Who art omnipotent over all creation. I beseech Thee by Thy Name whereby the standards of Thy victory were upraised amidst Thy servants and the ensigns of Thy sovereignty exalted amongst Thy creatures, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace such as shall cause the earth of men's hearts to bloom in green verdure. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. None other god is there but Thee, the Cherished, the Well-Beloved.

O Lord, Thou seest Thy loved ones at the hands of the wicked-doers and Thy chosen ones amidst the tyrants from amongst Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which hath subdued all names and encompassed all heaven and earth, to assist Thy loved ones by the wonders of Thy victory. Then so enrapture them that their spirits soar through the atmosphere of ardent love for Thee, and number them with those who are unwavering in their love for Thee, in such wise that the feet of the perplexed will be made firm and the souls of the doubtful assured. Thou art He in Whose grasp is dominion of all things. Thou doest as Thou willest in Thy sovereignty and Thou dost decree as Thou desirest in Thy might. None other god is there but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Omnipotent, the All-Powerful.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of the Nations, my Lord and the Lord of the world! Give ear unto my sighs and look upon the tears of mine eyes that I have shed in my separation and exile from Thee. Do Thou remember me, O my God, with the equity which Thou hast commanded Thy servants to uphold. Doth anyone from amongst Thy lovers have it in his power to look upon a city and not see Thee dawning in effulgence from its horizon? Is any soul able to enter a garden and not see Thee ascendent therein upon the throne of Thy grandeur and majesty?

Hearts have melted, O Lord, in their separation from Thee and have burned in the flames of exile from Thee! I beseech Thee to sprinkle the waters of the ocean of Thy presence over Thy loved ones; grant, moreover, that they hearken unto Thy voice and stand present before the gate of reunion with Thee. Thou art He Who hath made manifest His Beauty, sent down His verses, and revealed such as was hidden in His knowledge. The veils of the worlds can never veil Thy sight, nor can the affairs of them that have disbelieved in Thee and Thy signs frustrate Thy purpose. Write down, O Lord, for those aflame in the fire of remoteness such as Thou hast written for the people of nearness. Thou art He Who hath arisen with the greatest justice amid heaven and earth, and all things testify unto Thy generosity and Thy munificence, Thy grace and Thy beneficence. None other god is there but Thee, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O King of all men and Sovereign of all days! I beseech Thee by this Day which Thou hast illuminated with the light of Thy countenance and which Thou hast foretold in Thy scriptures, Thy psalms and Thy tablets, to enable me to serve Thee, aid Thy Cause, speak forth Thy praise, and set my face toward Thy horizon.

O Lord, I am Thy powerless thrall who hath clung to Thy name, the Almighty. I entreat Thee, O Desire of the world and Beloved of the nations, by Thy Most Great Name, to write down for me with Thy Most Exalted Pen such as shall immortalize my remembrance in Thy heavenly kingdom and Thy celestial dominion. Thou art the Munificent, O Lord, and I am the supplicant standing at the door of Thy grace; do with me as is befitting of Thy grandeur and sovereignty, and becoming of Thy bountiful favor and generosity.

Leave me not unto my own self, O Lord, nor look upon my standing, my station or my deeds, but rather look unto the ocean of Thy bounty, the heaven of Thy munificence and the luminary of Thy divine favor. Thou art He unto Whose grace the entire creation doth testify, and unto Whose beneficence the whole universe beareth witness. Ordain for me whatsoever Thou desirest; adorn me, moreover, with the raiment of steadfastness amidst Thy creatures. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! Thou hearest the cries of Thy lovers from the outermost climes of the earth, and Thou dost perceive the flames of their ardent longing and the sighs of their hearts in Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which hath encompassed the whole universe and by Thy sovereignty which pervadeth the entire creation, to gather them neath the shade of the Lote-Tree of Thy singleness. Write down for them, then, the recompense of one having drawn near to the ocean of reunion with Thee and the living fountain of Thy presence. Thine is the power to do as Thou willest. None other god is there beside Thee, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

Aid them, O Lord, to recognize Him Who is the Dayspring of Thy oneness and the Manifestation of Thy singleness, for Thy oneness is not affirmed save through Him Who speaketh forth in Thy Name, and Thy singleness is not realized save through the recognition of Him Who hath arisen at Thy command and dawned forth from the horizon of Thy transcendent majesty. Rain down, O Lord, from the heaven of Thy bountiful favors such as shall cleanse hearts and souls of whatsoever be abhorrent to Thy good-pleasure. Ordain for Thy faithful ones that which shall profit them in this world and the world to come, and shall draw them nigh, under all conditions, unto Him Who is the Wellspring of Thy grace and the Orient of Thy bounty. Thou art, in truth, the Supreme, the Almighty, the Munificent.

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O my God, my Master, my Aspiration! I beseech Thee by Thy Name whereby Thou hast opened the gates of men's hearts unto recognition of Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Dayspring of Thy signs and the Orient of Thy Revelation, to grant that I be among those women who believed in Thee, attained unto Thy presence, stood present before the effulgent splendors of Thy Beauty, and who heard Thy most sweet voice when Thou didst give utterance to Thy verses in the kingdom of creation.

O Lord, I am one of Thy handmaidens; I have turned toward the direction of Thy grace and beneficence; number me not with them that have renounced Thy Beauty in Thy days. Send down, then, upon me such as shall profit me in this life and the life beyond. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous, the Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Beloved, my most cherished Hope and Desire! I beseech Thee by the fire of Thy Word whereby such as are devoted unto Thee have been attracted to the Horizon of Thy Revelation, and whereby such as are nigh unto Thee have hastened toward the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration, to ordain for Thy loved ones such as shall profit them in this world and the world to come. Thou art verily the Lord of all men; unto Thy munificence do the tongues of all beings and the inmost realities of all created things testify. Thou art, indeed, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

O my God! Before this Prisoner hath arrived the letter of Thy servant, who hath clung to the cord of Thy bounty, held fast the hem of Thy munificence and grace, and yearned after the ocean of Thy bountiful favors and forgiveness. Forgive him, O Lord, in Thy clemency and beneficence, and destine for him such as Thou hast decreed for Thy chosen ones. Make him steadfast in Thy Cause, O my God, and unwavering in his love for Thee, that he may make mention of Thee amongst Thy servants. Clothe him, moreover, in the robe of Thy forgiveness and generosity. From everlasting, Thou hast been potent to do as Thou willest, and Thou shalt ever be as Thou wert in the eternity of eternities. None other god is there but Thee, the Almighty, the Munificent.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest me in the Most Great Prison by reason of that which the hands of the nations have wrought. I beseech Thee, O King of eternity, to bless the seat of the world with the dayspring of justice and the orient of the luminary of Thy grace, that all in existence, whether seen or unseen, may be illuminated thereby. Withhold not Thy servants from the gentle winds of Thy grace in Thy days; enable them, moreover, to recognize the Manifestation of Thy command and the Abode of Thy sovereignty. Thou art by Thy dominion potent to do as Thou willest. None other god is there but Thee, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

Thou knowest, O Lord, how the Lote-Tree loveth Her boughs and Her branches who are devoted unto

Thee. I beseech Thee to preserve them from raging tempests; grant, then, that they sway by reason of the rustling of the sweet-scented breezes of Thy will and behest, that the perfume of Thy merciful bounteousness may suffuse Thy lands and the fragrance of Thy garment be diffused throughout Thy realm. Over all things art Thou supreme, and able to do as Thou willest. None other god is there but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

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My God, My God! Praise be unto Thee for having made me dwell in the realms of exile and having abandoned me to the clutches of the oppressor; and thanksgiving be unto Thee for that Thou hast enabled me to laud Thy virtues whilst I am subject to the profligate. Thou seest me and my people amongst them who have failed to perceive the sweet fragrance of equity, and from whom such hardships befall us as have not befallen any other in all the worlds. The most powerless of men hath raised his scourge against us, and he who is more wretched than the ashes hath arisen against us in repudiation. And for this do I render Thee thanks, O Lord of all them that have recognized Thy truth!

Do Thou enable Thy loved ones, O my God, to have patience in Thy path and fortitude in their love for Thee. Over all things art Thou verily supreme. Write down for them, moreover, such as shall draw them nigh unto the threshold of Thy sanctity, and send down upon that which shall preserve them from the evil suggestions of the infidels amongst Thy creation. Thou art, in truth, the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the Most Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! Unto Thee do I repent; Thou art, in truth, the Pardoning, the Munificent. Glory be unto Thee, O Lord! I testify that I have committed what hath caused the firmament of justice to be cleft and the earth of equity to be rent asunder. Have mercy upon me in Thy generosity; Thou art, indeed, of all who show mercy the Most Merciful.

By reason of my tyranny have Thy companions devoted unto Thee uttered their sighs and Thy trusted ones drawn nigh unto Thee shed their tears. By reason of my seditious rebellion hath Thy holiness been profaned and the denizens of the realms of Thy knowledge and grace have wept. I testify that I have surpassed in error the wicked-doers amongst Thy creatures, and that I have committed such as hath caused the hearts of Thy chosen ones to melt in anguish. Have mercy upon me, O my Lord and Master! Forgive me, then, in Thy grace; Thou art, in truth, the Forgiving, the Munificent.

I testify that I have perpetrated that which hath cast a shadow over the radiant faces of those who dwell in the highest Paradise and which hath caused the leaves of the Garden on high to fall. I beseech Thee, O Thou Refuge of the terror-stricken, O Thou Solace to the bereaved, O Thou the dearest Hope of men of insight, to pardon my abominable deeds that have withheld me from plunging into the depths of the ocean of Thy generosity and loving-kindness and entering the court of Thy glory and bountiful favor.

Alas, alas! The tree of my hope hath been felled by the sword of my cruelty, and the veil concealing my

piteousness and low estate hath been burned away in the flames of my sinful rebellion. Where is the visage wherewith I may turn my face unto the light of Thy countenance? Where is the worthiness whereby I may draw nigh unto the ocean of Thy pardon and clemency? Thou didst create me that I might exalt and proclaim Thy word, and yet I have made it as naught and debased it!

I am he, O my God, who repudiated Thy grace, disputed Thy signs, denied Thy proof and Thy testament. Thou seest, O my God, how my tears debar me from the wonders of Thy remembrance and praise, and how my sighs bear witness unto my heedlessness and my error, which are fully manifest before Thine omniscience. I verily disdained to shrink in deference before Him Who is the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, the Dayspring of Thine indubitable revelations, the Repository of Thy knowledge, and the Wellspring of Thy laws and injunctions.

Alas, alas for my heinous errors that have made me far removed from the shore of the ocean of Thy nearness, and for my odious offenses that have hindered me from standing at the door of Thy grace! Wilt Thou then leave him bereft, O my God, who hath confessed his tyranny and recognized his sin, and who hath affirmed Thine all-embracing clemency and all-encompassing generosity? Alas, alas! This ocean of error hath turned unto the ocean of Thy heavenly favor; this sea of heedlessness and waywardness hath sought the sea of Thy pardon and mercy. By Thy glory, O Thou the Desire of the world and Beloved of the nations! I long to weep and lament over myself for so long as Thy sovereignty and Thy dominion endure. How could I not weep? I weep for my tyranny in the days whereon the luminary of Thy justice had dawned effulgent from the horizon of the heaven of Thy behest. How could I not weep? I weep for my remoteness from the court of Thy nearness, my error when Thy bounty was sent down, and my disbelief amidst the manifestations of Thy grace and blessings.

I am he, O my God, who fled from the shadow of Thy mercy and took unto himself a place amongst Thine enemies. Would that I had been content with this! Nay, rather I gave voice to such things which pierced the hearts of them that dwell in the tabernacle of Thy glory and majesty, and which caused blood to flow from the eyes of them that abide in the cities of Thy knowledge and wisdom.

Glory be unto Thee, O my God and Master! How many a day Thou hadst turned unto this servant of Thine, and named his name in Thy generosity and called him unto the ocean of Thy mercy and the horizon of Thy grace; yet he renounced Thee and disavowed the marvels of Thy loving-kindness and heavenly bestowals. Have mercy, O Lord, on him who hath none but Thee to have mercy upon him, who hath no refuge except Thee, no deliverance save by Thy generosity and no salvation but by the power of Thy might.

I testify, O my God, that by reason of my injustice the fruits of the Sadratu'l-Muntahá have lost their sweet savor and the leaves of the highest Paradise been scorched yellow!

Thou seest me, O my God, returning unto Thee and repenting all that I have committed with my hands, my tongue, my heart and my pen. I beseech Thy clemency, O Lord of all creation, and Thy munificence, O God of bounty! I bear witness unto Thy bounteousness and loving providence, and to my own tyranny and blasphemy amongst Thy chosen ones and Thy faithful ones. Alas, alas! By reason of the oppression I have inflicted convulsions have laid hold on the denizens of the realms of justice and equity and moreover those who have circled round Thy throne, O Lord of all men and Sovereign of the heavens above and the dust below!

I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty, Thy majesty and Thy might which have encompassed Thy heaven and Thine earth, by Thine ancient pardon and universal grace, to write down for me such as shall purify me of

the defilement of my deeds which have prevented me from drawing nigh unto Thy most hallowed court and sanctified station. I testify that I have been among them that worship their own delusions whilst thinking themselves to be of the people of certitude, and that I have been an idolater whilst believing myself to be among them that affirm the oneness of the Divinity.

Alas, alas! My face is blackened in Thy presence on account of my doings; such as I have committed hath made me far removed from the gate of Thy heavenly bestowal which hath been opened before all in Thy heaven and on Thine earth. Alas, alas! I have cast the darts of my vain imaginings against the very body of Thy Cause, and have drawn the swords of my rebellion against the temple of Thy will. Alas, alas! The hearts of Thy sainted ones have burned in the flames of my heedlessness, and all things have lamented over my iniquity. Shall repenting to Thee bring me nigh unto the court of Thy glory? Shall setting my face unto Thy gate save me from myself and my injustice, and deliver me from the evil of my deeds, my tyranny and heedlessness? Nay, I swear by Thy glory and Thy majesty! Nothing in the realm of creation shall avail me, save that it be at Thy command and in accordance with Thy decree.

O Lord, I testify in this moment that Thou art, in Thine Essence, sanctified of all likeness, and that Thy Being is transcendent above all that can be uttered by men. Thou art, verily, the Self-Sufficing and Most Exalted, both in the beginning and in the end.

My God, my God! Take me in the arms of Thy might and deliver me from the abyss of self and passion and from the fire of wickedness and profligacy. I know not, O my God, the face wherewith I am to look unto Thee, after having beheld that my offenses and transgressions have interposed between me and Thy good-pleasure and nearness, and have withheld me from standing before the seat of Thy justice. At eventide I make mention of Thee, O my God; at dawnbreak I call upon Thee, O my Beloved; and in the twilit hours ere morn I supplicate Thee, O my Lord, by Thy name, the All-Bountiful, by Thy name, the All-Bounteous, and by Thy name, the Generous. By Thy glory, by the pervasive power of the sweet-scented breezes of Thy Revelation and the potency of Thy will! My hope is well-nigh extinguished by reason of the evil I have done and the atrocities I have committed.

O Lord, I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and Thy handmaiden. I have hastened unto the ocean of forgiveness burdened with my sin which is greater than the mountains of the earth and more encompassing than the shadow's domain. I entreat Thee, O Thou the Self-Sufficing, the Most High, by the wonders of Thy generosity, Thy grace, and Thy mercy which pervade the heavens and earth, and by Thy pardon which doth encompasseth the entire creation. None other god is there but Thee, the Lord of the divine names and attributes.

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I beg Thy forgiveness, O Lord, with the entirety of my being—my tongue, my heart, my breath, my soul, my spirit, my body, my flesh, my bones, my blood, my skin—and Thou art verily the Ever-Forgiving, the Compassionate.

I supplicate Thee, O my God, in such wise that Thou shalt surely waft the breezes of Thy forgiveness over the rebellious and clothe the sinners in the beautiful robe of Thy pardon.

And I supplicate Thee, O my Lord, in such wise that the potency of Thy pardon and loving providence

shall be made manifest, and the daystar of Thy munificence and grace shall shed its light over the sinful.

And I supplicate Thee, O Thou Who art my Forgiver and Fashioner, in such wise that the erring shall hasten toward the direction of Thy clemency and magnanimity, and the seeking shall stand before the gate of Thy mercy, O Thou Who art the All-Merciful, the Compassionate.

And I supplicate Thee, O my Master, in such wise that Thou hast made this prayer a fire to burn away all faults and rebellion from every goodly man who hath repented before Thee with tearful eyes, and to purge the whole creation from the defilements of sin, and whatsoever is abhorrent unto Thy Self, the Almighty, the Omniscient.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God! Thou seest me in the hands of the enemy, while my son (Mírzá Mihdí), dyed crimson with his own blood, lieth prostrate before Thy face, O Thou in Whose hand is the kingdom of all names! I have sacrificed, O Lord, that which Thou hadst given me, that humanity might be quickened and all the lands of the earth united.

I beseech Thee, O Thou Quickener of the hearts of men, by Thy Name whereby the most great division hath appeared amidst humanity, to send down upon Thy loved ones from the clouds of Thy mercy such as shall draw them nigh unto Thee. Rend asunder, O my God, the veil that hath been interposed between Thee and Thy servants, that they might recognize Thee in Thy days and advance toward Him Who is their Cherished Desire, Who hath descended from the heaven of Thy command.

Write down, O my God, for them that have turned unto the Furthest Habitation, Thy Most Glorious Presence, such as Thou hast written down for the faithful amidst Thy creatures, who have attained unto Thy presence and hearkened unto Thy voice. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the Munificent.

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Glory be unto Him Who hath awakened His servants by His voice, Who hath exalted them to the heaven of His knowledge, and Who hath adorned them with the raiment of justice in His generosity and bounteousness.

O Lord, Thou seest one who hath turned unto Thee and Thou dost behold how he confesseth Thy oneness and Thy singleness. I beseech Thee by the murmuring water of Thy munificence from which Thou hearest the affirmation of that which Thy books, Thy psalms and Thy tablets uphold, to open before his face the portals of Thy loving-kindness and grace; provide him, moreover, with every good Thou hast revealed in Thy book. Thou art, in truth, the All-Bounteous, the Munificent.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord my God, my Master, my Support, my cherished Desire and best Beloved!

This servant of Thine doth affirm and confess that which the tongue of Thy majesty hath uttered and such as hath been revealed in Thy books, Thy psalms and Thy tablets.

O Thou by the light of Whose countenance the horizons are illumined, by the living waters of Whose utterance hearts are purified, with the crown of Whose bountiful favor men are honored, and with the raiment of turning unto Whose horizon their temples are adorned! I beseech Thee to send down from the firmament of Thy grace upon Thy companions such bounty, such blessing and such nourishment as are bestowed of Thee. Thou art, in truth, the Munificent, the God of grace abounding.

O Lord, Thou seest one who hath turned unto Thee, who hath made mention of Thee and spoken forth Thy praise, and arisen to serve Thee. I implore Thee to make him a standard in Thy name amidst Thy creation and an ensign in Thy remembrance amongst Thy servants. Thou art the Omnipotent God unto Whose power, Whose might, Whose sovereignty, Whose majesty and Whose dominion testify all created things. None other god is there but Thee, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Lord of all creation! Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Well-Beloved! Bewilderment hath taken hold of me in Thy days, inasmuch I behold the fire kindled and set ablaze in the trees of the Paradise of Thy presence and the living waters flowing from the tongue of Thy majesty; and yet despite this token of divine Providence and boundless mercy, I see that the generality of Thy servants are deprived thereof and shut out therefrom, on account of their attachment unto the dictates of self and passion.

O Lord, Thou seest in these very days how Thy lovers are aflame in Thy path and how their hearts are illumined in their love for Thee. I entreat Thee, O Thou Lord of the world, to ordain for the one who hath attained unto the implementation of Thy laws in Thy days such as Thou hast decreed for Thy chosen ones and Thy dear companions. Thou art, in truth, the Omnipotent, the Self-Sufficing, the Most Exalted, both in the beginning and in the end.

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Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names and the Fashioner of the heavens! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant and Thy handmaid; I recognize Thy oneness and Thy unity and testify unto Thy majesty and Thy sovereignty, and confess the truth of that which Thou hast revealed in Thy perspicuous Book, which hath informed men of “the Great Announcement” and proclaimed unto them the glad-tidings of the manifestation of Thine effulgence on the Day of Judgement, by Thy saying, “A Day when the people shall stand before the Lord of the worlds.”

O Lord, Thou seest me turning unto Thee, holding fast the cord of Thy loving-kindness, clinging unto the hem of the robe of Thy grace. Ordain for me such as shall enable me to act in accord with that which Thou hast counseled me in Thy Book. I testify that Thou hast sent the messengers and revealed the scriptures, that thereby Thy creatures might be rightly guided and brought nigh unto the court of Thy chosen ones, Thy trusted ones and Thy loved ones.

I entreat Thee, O Thou Educator of the realm of being and Possessor of things seen and unseen, by the waves of the ocean of Thy bounty and the splendors of the luminary of Thy generosity, and by Him Who is Thy Beloved One, Whom Thou didst ordain to be the Dayspring of Thy names, the Dawning-Place of Thine attributes, the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Orient of Thy will, the ocean of Thy knowledge and the firmament of Thy wisdom, by Whose footsteps the spheres of the heaven of Thy nearness were honored, by Whose name the ensigns of idolatry were torn asunder amidst Thy servants and the standards of Thy unity raised aloft in Thy lands, by Whom the exponents of disbelief and idle fancy were made to lament, by Whom the countenance of Faith was wreathed with smiles, by Whom the Daystar of divine manifestation dawned forth from the horizon of the Hijaz, by Whom the pillars of hypocrisy were sore shaken, by Whom Yathrib trembled and Batha' was made to flow, and by Whom the Kingdom of Names was adorned—I entreat Thee to enable me under all conditions to speak forth Thy praise, make mention of Thee and extol Thy bounty amidst Thy servants, and to observe such as Thou hast commanded me in Thy clemency and munificence.

Thou seest, O Lord, how the sinner hath hastened unto the ocean of Thy forgiveness, the one sore athirst unto the living waters of Thy presence, and the impoverished one unto the treasury of Thy wealth. I beseech Thee by the compelling power of Thy will and by Thy name whereby Thou hast subdued Thine earth and Thy heaven, to ordain for me that which shall preserve me from self and passion. Thou art verily the Lord of all men and the King of the throne above and of the earth below. None other god is there but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Do Thou pronounce Thy blessings, O Lord my God, my Master, my Support, my Desire and my Adored One, upon Him Who is the Sovereign of the World and the Educator of the Nations, by Whose Revelation the stations of the divine names were revealed in Thy realm, and the revelations of the heavenly attributes were made manifest amidst Thy creatures; and upon His kindred and His Companions, by whom Thy sovereignty and Thy might were revealed and the reality of Thy oneness confirmed amidst men, and who strove with true striving in Thy Cause and who rendered true victory unto Thy Religion. Thou didst say in regard to them, and Thy word is the truth, “They are honored servants who precede Him not in speech and who observe His command.” And in another place Thou didst say, “Men whom neither buying nor selling distract from the remembrance of God.”

I beseech Thee by them and by the splendors of Throne to leave me not unto myself and my own will and desire. I entreat Thee moreover by Thy majesty, O Thou Who art the Lord of all creation and the Supreme Objective of the universe, to number me with them who desire naught but that which Thou hast desired for them in Thy generosity, and who have subsumed their own desires in Thy desire, and their own will in Thy will. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest. Nothing whatsoever can frustrate Thy purpose. Thou doest as Thou willest and Thou rulest as Thou pleasest. Thou art, verily, the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful.

Alas, alas, O my God! If Thou wert to debar me from the flowing waters of Thy forgiveness and the ocean of Thy mercy, who is there who could have mercy upon me or forgive me? Alas, alas, I have set aside that which Thou hast commanded me, and have committed such as Thou hast forbidden me! I swear by Thy glory! Although I confess unto my grievous offenses and my great sins, I testify that they are not worthy to be mentioned before the waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy pardon and the sun of Thy munificence. Thou knowest full well that this servant of Thine is bereft of all things save powerlessness and weeping. Have mercy upon him, O my God, who hath raised his hands in hope unto the firmament of Thy loving-kindness, and who hath turned with his heart towards the horizon of Thy pardon. Thou art, verily,

the Munificent, the God of grace most plenteous. None other god is there but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bounteous.

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech by Thy Most Glorious Name, Thy Great Announcement, the Dawning-Places of Thy Revelation, the Manifestations of Thy Self, and the Daysprings of Thine inspiration, to assist us to remember Thee and to praise Thee, and observe such Thou hast commanded us in Thy Book.

I entreat Thee, O Thou Creator of the world and Quickener of the nations, by the splendors of Thy heavenly kingdom and celestial dominion, by Thy chosen ones and Thy dear companions, and by Him in Whom Revelation was ended and the manifest, straight Path revealed, to ordain for us such as shall make us far remote from aught else beside Thee and draw us nigh unto Thee. Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest, and in Thy grasp are the reins of all in the heavens and on earth.

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Unto Thee be praise, O my God, God of the throne above and of the dust below, my Lord, and the Lord of this world and the world to come, for having awakened me whilst I was slumbering, for having made me rise whilst I was reposing, for having made me speak forth whilst I was silent, for having enlightened me whilst I was ignorant, and for having taught me whilst I was heedless.

Unto Thee be glory, O Everlasting Sovereign, and all grace be Thine, O King of heaven and earth, inasmuch as Thou hast opened mine eyes to look upon Thy horizon, hast honored me with Thy days, hast enabled me to hearken unto Thy verses, hast illumined my heart with the light of Thy love, and hast adorned my head with the crown of Thy knowledge.

Thou hast lifted the veil from off my face, O my God, and made known unto me Him Who is the Repository of Thy Revelation and the Treasury of the pearls of Thy knowledge, and Thou hast guided me unto that horizon from which the Daystar of Thy beauty hath arisen and from which the Revelator of Thy Cause and Thy wisdom, Whose name was inscribed by Thy Most High Pen in Thy books, Thy psalms, Thy scrolls and Thy tablets, hath shone forth.

O Lord, Thou seest me clinging to the hem of Thy bountiful favor and holding fast the cord of Thy generosity. I am he, indigent and needy, who hath hastened unto the ocean of Thy wealth; I am he, poor and impoverished, who hath drawn nigh unto the horizon of Thy bounty; I am he, the stranger, who hath sought his heavenly home in the precincts of Thine all-embracing mercy. Withhold not from him, O Lord, the resplendent rays of the sun of Thy loving-kindness, nor deny him the effusions of the clouds of Thy grace and the firmament of Thy bountiful favor.

O Lord, Thou seest that mine eyes are awaiting the sight of the wonders of Thy generosity, and that my hands are upraised unto the heaven of Thy bounty. I entreat Thee, O Sovereign of the realms of names and Lord of the kingdom of the divine decree, to assist me as Thou willest and pleasest. Do Thou ordain for me that whereby my remembrance shall endure so long as Thy kingdom on high and Thine exalted dominion

endure.

I swear by Thy glory, O Thou the Lord of the world, the Beloved of the nations, Who art manifest in the Most Great Name! If Thou wert to aid me to remember Thee, to extol Thy virtues and immerse myself in the ocean of Thy good-pleasure, I would cling unto the hem of the robe of Thy Munificence with the hands of all them that have drawn nigh unto Thee and all them that are faithfully devoted to Thee, in order that Thou mayest grant me in Thy generosity such as I have desired of Thee, and that Thou mayest ordain for me in Thy grace and magnanimity such as I have sought from Thee.

I swear by Thy glory, O Best Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations! I am a supplicant who shall not turn back from Thy door disappointed, a wayfarer who shall not turn away poor and wretched. Thou seest, O my God, that I seek refuge at Thy door, and that I knock upon it hoping for Thine eternal grace, Thy wondrous favor, and Thine all-embracing clemency. This is a Day, O Lord, wherein Thy sovereignty is manifest, Thy might all-compelling, the standards of Thy name exalted throughout Thy lands, and the ensigns of Thy remembrance upraised in Thy realm. Ordain for whomsoever hath turned unto the Euphrates of Thy mercy the recompense of one who hath beheld Thy visage, who hath entered the snow-white spot and the highest Paradise at Thy leave and behest.

The days in which Thou hast obliged Thy servants to observe the Fast have ended, O Lord, and the days of Riḍván, which Thou hast made to be a festival unto the people of Thy lands, have drawn nigh. I implore Thee, O Thou Who art my Desire and the Desire of all them that have drawn nigh unto Thee, Who art my Beloved and the Beloved of all them that are wholly devoted unto Thee, to open wide the portals of Thy goodly bestowals before the eyes of Thy servants. Thou art verily the Revelator of the verses and the King of the heavens and earth.

O Lord, I have set my face unto the effulgent light of Thy countenance, and my heart unto Thy Most Exalted Station and Thy Most Resplendent Place of Revelation, which Thou hast entitled “the Most Great Prison” in Thy crimson scroll. I beseech Thee to preserve me from the tyrants from amongst Thy servants, who have turned away from Thy Beauty and repudiated Thy signs. Give me to drink, moreover, under all conditions, of the wine of life eternal proffered by the hand of Thy bountiful favor, lest I be so engrossed in the affairs of men that I fail to set my face unto Thee, or so enthralled by the vanities of the world that I neglect to turn unto Thy horizon.

O Lord, I am he who hath sought, under all conditions, Thy pardon and Thy good-pleasure, and who hath yearned to repose neath the shade of the Lote-Tree of Thy Cause and to bow before the manifestations of the splendors of Thine omnipotence. Thou art the Almighty God unto Whose sovereignty all with a heart to understood bear witness, and unto Whose power and majesty all endowed with utterance testify. None other god is there but Thee, the Omnipotent, the Transcendent, the All-Bounteous, the Magnanimous, the Munificent.

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