



Deeds Not Words God is One!

The Lord's Prayer

(Sung)

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done in earth, as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil: For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

--Matthew 6. 9-13

A Jewish prayer

Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart be acceptable
in thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my
redeemer.

--Psalm 19.14



A Baha'i Prayer

Lauded be Thy name, O my God! I
entreat Thee by the fragrances of the
Raiment of Thy grace which at Thy
bidding and in conformity with Thy
desire were diffused throughout the
entire creation, and by the Day-Star
of Thy will that hath shone brightly,
through the power of Thy might and
of Thy sovereignty, above the
horizon of Thy mercy, to blot out
from my heart all idle fancies and
vain imaginings, that with all my
affections I may turn unto Thee, O
Thou Lord of all mankind! I am Thy
servant and the son of Thy servant,
O my God! I have laid hold on the
handle of Thy grace, and clung to
the cord of Thy tender mercy. Ordain
for me the good things that are with
Thee, and nourish me from the Table
Thou didst send down out of the
clouds of Thy bounty and the heaven
of Thy favor. Thou, in very truth, art
the Lord of the worlds, and the God
of all that are in heaven and all that
are on earth.

-- Bahá'u'lláh

From Christian Holy Writings:

The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do; for they preach but do not practice.

-Matthew 23.2-3

From Jewish Holy Writings:

Not study is the chief thing, but action; and whoso multiplies words, multiplies sin.

-Mishnah, Abot 1.17

From Moslem Holy Writings:

O you who believe, wherefore do you say what you do not? Very hateful is it to God, that you say what do not.

-Qur'an 61.2-3

From Zoroastrian Holy Writings:

Just as a man or a woman has known what is truth, so he or she should practice that truth with zeal, and should teach it those persons who should practice it so, as it is!

-Avesta, Yasna 35.6

From Baha'i Holy Writings:

"O Son of My Handmaid! Guidance hath ever been given by words, and now it is given by deeds. Every one must show forth deeds that are pure and holy, for words are the property of all alike whereas such deeds as these belong only to our loved ones. Strive then with

heart and soul to distinguish yourselves by your deeds. In this wise We counsel you in this holy and resplendent tablet."

-Hidden Words (Persian) #76



From Christian Holy Writings:

Now as they went on their way, he entered a village; and a woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

-Luke 10.38-42

From Moslem Holy Writings:

The knowledge is very superficial which remains only on your tongue: the intrinsic merit and value of knowledge is that you act up to it.

-Balaga, Saying 90

From Hindu Holy Writings:

I do act as I talk and live up to my words in deed.

-Basavanna, Vacana 440

From Buddhist Holy Writings:

Though he recites many a scriptural text, but does not act accordingly, the heedless man is like a cowherd who counts others' cattle. He has no share in the fruits of the religious life. Though he can recite few scriptural texts, but acts in accordance with the teaching, forsaking lust, hatred and ignorance, with right awareness and mind well emancipated, not clinging to anything here or in the next life, he shares the fruits of the religious life.

-Dhammapada 19-20

From Baha'i Holy Writings:

The essence of faith is fewness of words and abundance of deeds; he whose words exceed his deeds, know verily his death is better than his life.

-Baha'u'llah



From Christian Holy Writing:

Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who observes his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

-James 1.22-24

From Moslem Holy Writings:

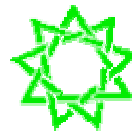
The one who would have the worst position in God's sight on the Day of Resurrection would be a learned man who did not profit from his learning.

-Hadith of Darimi

From Buddhist Holy Writings:

As a flower that is lovely and beautiful, but is scentless, even so fruitless is the well-spoken word of one who does not practice it. As a flower that is lovely, beautiful and scent-laden, even so fruitful is the well-spoken word of one who practices it.

-Dhammapada 51-52



From Baha'i Holy Writings:

O SON OF DUST! Verily I say unto thee: Of all men the most negligent is he that disputeth idly and seeketh to advance himself over his brother. Say, O brethren! Let deeds, not words, be your adorning.

-Bahá'u'lláh: Persian Hidden Words, Pages: 4-5

The Bahá'ís should adorn themselves with this holy raiment ... People have grown weary and impatient of rhetoric and discourse, of preaching and sermonizing. In this day, the one thing that can

deliver the world from its travail and attract the hearts of its peoples is deeds, not words; example, not precept; saintly virtues, not statements...

--Shoghi Effendi: A Chaste and Holy Life, Page: 62



PRAYER FOR AMERICA

O Thou kind Lord! This gathering is turning to Thee. These hearts are radiant with Thy love. These minds and spirits are exhilarated by the message of Thy glad-tidings. O God! Let this American democracy become glorious in spiritual degrees even as it has aspired to material degrees, and render this just government victorious. Confirm this revered nation to upraise the standard of the oneness of humanity, to promulgate the Most Great Peace, to become thereby most glorious and praiseworthy among all the nations of the world. O God! This American nation is worthy of Thy favors and is deserving of Thy mercy. Make it precious and near to Thee through Thy bounty and bestowal.

Abdu'l-Bahá

