

CLOSING PRAYERS (*recited together*)

1. O Source of Love revealed in the Scriptures,  
who have poured your Spirit into all creatures,  
grant us wisdom to choose a path that can lead to immortality.  
May our bodies be strong, may our tongues be sweet;  
may our ears always hear the sound your voice,  
and may our love for you grow more and more.  
May we grow in spiritual wealth, and may we have food and clothes.  
May students come to us from far and near,  
like a river flowing all the year.  
May we be enabled to guide them all to train their senses and still their minds.  
May this be our wealth, may this be our fame.  
O Source of love, may we enter into you,  
and may you reveal yourself to us, the Pure One revealed in the many.  
You are the refuge of all who love you; we love you:  
make us your own!  
(adapted from the *Taitriya Upanishad*)

2. O adorable God of mercy and love,  
salutations and prostrations unto you.  
You are omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient,  
You are Being, Knowledge and Bliss, the Indweller of all beings.  
Grant us an understanding heart, equal vision, a balanced mind, faith, devotion and wisdom.  
Grant us inner strength to avoid temptation and control the mind.  
Free us from egoism, lust, greed,

anger, hatred and jealousy.  
Fill our hearts with divine virtues.  
Let us ever remember you, let us ever sing your glories.  
Let your name be ever on our lips, and let us abide in you forever.  
OM Shanti, shanti, shanti!  
(from Swami Sivananda)

3. Loving God,  
increase in us understanding and knowledge,  
and set us free from the bondage of greed, hatred and ignorance,  
so that we may awake, arise and advance until the goal is reached, giving our bodies to work and our minds to you.  
May we work vigorously, keeping within spiritual discipline to bring peace in our hearts, peace in our family,  
peace in our cities, peace in our planetary home, peace in the world.  
May we learn to master ourselves, sublimate our combative energies into creative channels,  
and freely offer ourselves in the service of others and you.  
Help us to ever strive to keep on these lines  
to promote peace on earth and goodwill among peoples.  
By your Grace, may we all prosper!  
(adapted from the Singaporean Inter-Religious Organization)

4. Loving God, help us to conquer  
evil in all of its forms,  
which so easily takes root in the  
hearts of people today,  
and whose immeasurable effects  
already weigh down our world  
and block the paths toward the  
future.

From famine and war, deliver us.

Accept this cry laden with the  
sufferings of all people.

Let there be revealed once more in  
the history of the world  
the infinite saving power of merciful  
love.

May it put a stop to evil,  
may it transform consciences,  
may your love reveal the light of  
hope for all.

(adapted from the Novena for Justice  
and Peace of the United States  
Conference of Catholic Bishops)

5. From the point of Light within the  
Mind of God

let light stream forth into human  
minds.

Let Light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the  
Heart of God

Let love stream forth into human  
hearts.

May the Coming One return to  
Earth.

From the center where the Will of  
God is known

let purpose guide all little human  
wills -

The purpose which the Masters  
know and serve.

From the center which we call the  
human race

let the Plan of Love and Light work  
out

and may it seal the door where evil  
dwells.

Let Light and Love and Power  
restore the Plan on Earth.

(The Great Invocation, Alice Bailey)

6. Oh God, I offer myself to you,  
to build with me and do with me as  
you will.

Relieve me of the bondage of self,  
so that I may better do your will.

Take away my difficulties,  
that victory over them may bear  
witness to those I would help  
of your power, your love, and your  
way of life.

May I always do your will.

(adapted from the Third Step Prayer  
of AA)

7. O God, seek me out of your mercy  
that I may come to you;  
and draw me on with your grace  
that I may turn to you.

O God, I shall never lose hope of you  
even though I disobey you,  
and I shall never cease to fear you  
even though I obey you.

O God, the very worlds have  
themselves driven me to you,  
and my knowledge of your bounty  
has brought me to stand before you.

O God, how shall I be disappointed  
seeing that you are my hope,  
and how shall I be despised seeing  
that in you is my trust?

O you who are veiled in shrouds of  
glory,

so that no eye can perceive you!

O you who shine forth in the  
perfection of your splendor,  
so that the hearts of mystics have  
realized your majesty!

How shall you be hidden seeing that  
you are ever manifest,  
or how shall you be absent seeing  
that you are ever present and watch  
over us?

(Ibn 'Atâ Allah of Alexandria)



8. Toward the One,  
the Perfection of Love, Harmony,  
and Beauty,  
the Only Being,  
United with all the Illuminated  
Souls,  
Who form the Embodiment of the  
Master,  
the Spirit of Guidance.  
Praise be to Thee, Most Supreme  
God,  
Omnipotent, Omnipresent, All-  
pervading, the Only Being.  
Take us in Thy Parental Arms, raise  
us from the denseness of the earth,  
Thy Beauty do we worship, to Thee  
do we give willing surrender.  
Most Merciful and Compassionate  
God, the Idealized Lord of the whole  
humanity,  
Thee only do we worship, and  
towards Thee Alone we aspire.  
Open our hearts towards Thy  
Beauty, illuminate our souls with  
Divine Light,  
O Thou, the Perfection of Love,  
Harmony and Beauty, All-powerful  
Creator, Sustainer,  
Judge and Forgiver of our  
shortcomings, Lord God of the East  
and of the West,  
of the worlds above and below, and  
of the seen and unseen beings:  
Pour upon us Thy Love and thy  
Light,  
give sustenance to our bodies, hearts  
and souls,  
use us for the purpose that Thy  
Wisdom chooseth, and guide us on  
the path  
of Thine Own Goodness.  
Draw us closer to Thee every  
moment of our life,  
until in us be reflected Thy Grace,  
Thy Glory,  
Thy Wisdom, Thy Joy and Thy  
Peace.  
*Amen.*  
(Hazrat Inayat Khan)

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