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Comprising prayers and tenets of various religious  
traditions, belief systems, and philosophies  
(arranged in order of age)

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# Hinduism

## Shri Vishnu Mantra

I sing praising the Lord Vishnu. He who has the peace demeanor and visage. He who sleeps and reposes on the serpents. He who has a lotus shaped navel. He who is the master and lord of all the gods

I pray to the Lord Vishnu. He who holds the universe in his hands. He whose vision exceeds beyond all the skies. He whose color and visage is changeable like the clouds he who is filled with goodness in every part of his body.

I sing praise to the Lord Vishnu. He who is the husband of the goddess of wealth He whose eyes (nayanam) are surreal like a lotus flower he who yogis yearn to reach through meditation.

I sing praises to the Lord Vishnu. He who removes all our fears due to our inborn nature. And he who is the master of the entire universe and creation.

## Meditation On Lord Shiva

I prostrate myself before the five-faced Lord of Parvati, who is adorned with various ornaments, who shines like the crystal jewel, who is seated peacefully in the lotus pose, with moon-crested crown, with three eyes, wearing trident, thunderbolt, sword and axe on the right side, who holds the serpent, noose, bell, damaru and spear on the left side, and who gives protection from all fear to His devotees.

# Judaism

## Shema Yisrael

Blessed be the name of the glory of His kingdom forever and ever.

You shall love the L-rd your G-d with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you today shall be upon your heart. You shall teach them thoroughly to your children, and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for a reminder between your eyes. And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates.

And it will be, if you will diligently obey My commandments which I enjoin upon you this day, to love the L-rd your G-d and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, I will give rain for your land at the proper time, the early rain and the late rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine and your oil. And I will give grass in your fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be sated. Take care lest your heart be lured away, and you turn astray and worship alien gods and bow down to them. For then the L-rd's wrath will flare up against you, and He will close the heavens so that there will be no rain and the earth will not yield its produce, and you will swiftly perish from the good land which the L-rd gives you. Therefore, place these words of Mine upon your heart and upon your soul, and bind them for a sign on your hand, and they shall be for a reminder between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, to speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you rise. And you shall inscribe them on the doorposts of your house

and on your gates - so that your days and the days of your children may be prolonged on the land which the L-rd swore to your fathers to give to them for as long as the heavens are above the earth.

The L-rd spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to the children of Israel and tell them to make for themselves fringes on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to attach a thread of blue on the fringe of each corner. They shall be to you as tzizit, and you shall look upon them and remember all the commandments of the L-rd and fulfill them, and you will not follow after your heart and after your eyes by which you go astray—so that you may remember and fulfill all My commandments and be holy to your G-d. I am the L-rd your G-d who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your G-d; I, the L-rd, am your G-d. True.

## Zoroastrianism

### Yatha Ahu Vairyo

Just as is the will of the Lord God, so too, is that of the Spiritual Leader,

Owing to his Godliness.

The gifts of the Good-mind (Vohu-man) are for those, who work in this world and wield in accord with the Will of Mazda.

The kingdom of Ahura's heaven is for him, who rendereth succor unto the poor.

### Ashem Vohu

Righteousness is the highest virtue,

That alone is happiness.

Happiness is to him,

Who is righteous for the sake of the highest Righteousness.

# Jainism

## Navkar Mantra

I bow in reverence to Arihants  
I bow in reverence to Siddhas  
I bow in reverence to Acharyas  
I bow in reverence to Upadhyayas  
I bow in reverence to all Sadhus

This five-fold salutation  
Destroys all sins  
And amongst all auspicious things  
Is the most auspicious one

# Buddhism

## Bodhisattva Prayer For Humanity

May I be a guard for those who need protection,  
A guide for those on the path,  
A boat, a raft, a bridge for those who  
wish to cross the flood.  
May I be a lamp in the darkness,  
A resting place for the weary,  
A healing medicine for all who are sick  
A vase of plenty, a tree of miracles.  
And for the boundless multitudes of living beings  
May I bring sustenance and awakening,  
Enduring like the earth and sky  
Until all beings are freed from sorrow  
And all are awakened.

— *Shantideva*



# Confucianism

## The Five Virtues

**Ren** – Benevolence

**Yi** – Righteousness

**Li** – Propriety

**Zh** – Wisdom

**Xin** – Trustworthiness

# Taoism

## Lao Tzu Prayer for Peace

If there is to be peace in the world,  
there must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations,  
there must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities,  
there must be peace between neighbors.

If there is to be peace between neighbors,  
there must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home,  
there must be peace in the heart.

# Native American

Let us know peace.  
For as long as the moon shall rise,  
For as long as the rivers shall flow,  
For as long as the sun shall shine,  
For as long as the grass shall grow,  
Let us know peace.

— *Cheyenne Prayer*

May all I say and all I think  
be in harmony with Thee,  
God within me,  
God beyond me,  
Maker of the Trees.

— *Chinook Prayer*

Fill us with the Light.  
Give us the strength to understand,  
and the eyes to see.  
Teach us to walk the soft Earth  
as relatives to all that live.

— *Sioux Prayer*

Hold on to what is good,  
even if it's a handful of Earth.  
Hold on to what you believe,  
even if it's a tree that stands by itself.  
Hold on to what you must do,  
even if it's a long way from here.  
Hold on to your life,  
even if it's easier to let go.  
Hold on to my hand,  
even if someday I'll be gone away from you.

— *Pueblo Prayer*



# Catholicism

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

# Islam

## The Tashahhud

All compliments, prayers and pure words are due to Allaah. Peace be upon you, O Prophet, and the mercy of Allaah and His blessings. Peace be upon us and upon the righteous slaves of Allaah. I bear witness that there is no god except Allaah and I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger.

## Blessings upon the Prophet

O Allaah, send prayers upon Muhammad and upon the family of Muhammad, as You sent prayers upon Ibraaheem and the family of Ibraaheem, You are indeed Worthy of Praise, Full of Glory. O Allaah, bless Muhammad and the family of Muhammad as You blessed Ibraaheem and the family of Ibraaheem, You are indeed Worthy of Praise, Full of Glory.

# Shinto

## Prayer for Purification

Spirits of purification, created for order and the mother that they inhabit the Sky, exactly as when, The God Izanagi no Mikoto bathed in the narrow estuary, of a covered river with trees, permanently leafy.

With all the respect from the depth of our hearts, We ask that they hear us, such as the spirit that hears our intent, with sharpened ears, together with Spirits of the Sky and the Land, Take the badnesses, disasters, sins and purify all.

Miroku Oomikami, You bless us and protect us.

Meishu Sama, You bless us and protect us.

For expansion of our soul, And the fulfillment of your will!



# Druze

## Prayer of Thanks and Praises

Blessings to God who made us feel His Presence with our hearts everywhere. Thanks to you, our Lord, for making contemplation a medium for the happiness and settledness of souls; you always quench our thirst with peace and reflection. All praises are yours, oh Soul of our souls.

# Sikhism

*Re man Hari seo aisee preet kar jaisee jal kamleh*  
(Sri Raga)

My soul hearken unto me!  
Love thy Lord as the lotus loves water  
Buffeted by waves its affection does not falter.  
Creatures that have their being in water,  
Taken out of water, die.  
My soul if thou hast not such love  
How wilt thou obtain release?  
If the Word of the wise is within us  
We shall accumulate a store of devotion.

My soul hearken unto me!  
Love thy Lord as a fish loves water.  
The more the water, the greater the joy,  
Greater the tranquility of its body and mind.  
Without water it cannot live one watch of the day  
Only God knows the anguish of its heart.

My soul hearken unto me!  
Love thy Lord as the Chatrik loves the rain.  
Although the lakes be full, the plains flooded and green  
It will not drink one drop.  
By God's grace, its thirst will be slaked  
But destiny may doom it to die.

My soul hearken unto me!  
Love thy Lord as water loves milk.  
It takes on the heat, boils and evaporates  
before the milk can suffer.  
He alone unites, He alone separates  
He alone bestows true greatness.

My soul hearken unto me!  
Love they Lord as the Chakvi loves the sun  
It sleeps not a wink for the distant sun it deems close.  
The perverse of mind know not that the godly  
are ever in His presence.  
The perverse of mind make many calculations  
What the Creator does comes to pass.  
Much as all desire to evaluate Him,  
He cannot be evaluated.  
Through the teaching of the guru can He be found  
And with the True One comes tranquility.  
If the true guru presents it, true love will not sunder  
We are given the gift of knowledge  
and learn the secret of the three worlds.  
If we trade in goodness,  
we shall not forget the name that is pure.  
Birds that fed on land and water  
have sported and left their feeding ground.  
We are here a watch or two on borrowed time;  
our sport is also for the day and the morrow.  
He whom Thou unitest with Thyself  
find their true abode.  
Without the guru, love cannot be born  
The dross of the ego cannot be rinsed away.  
He who recognizes the God within  
Understands the secret of the Word and is happy.  
Disciples of the guru know their real selves,  
No need have they for anyone's help.  
Why speak of those who are already one with God?  
They have the Word and are fulfilled.  
The perverse of mind do not comprehend,  
They are separated from God and suffer.  
O Nanak! there is but one gate to the Lord's mansion  
And there is no other sanctuary.

## Protestantism

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.



# Bahá'í

Blessed is the spot, and the house,  
and the place, and the city,  
and the heart, and the mountain,  
and the refuge, and the cave,  
and the valley, and the land,  
and the sea, and the island,  
and the meadow where mention  
of God hath been made,  
and His praise glorified.

— *Bahá'u'lláh*

## Intone, O My Servant

Intone, O My servant, the verses of God that have been received by thee, as intoned by them who have drawn nigh unto Him, that the sweetness of thy melody may kindle thine own soul, and attract the hearts of all men. Whoso reciteth, in the privacy of his chamber, the verses revealed by God, the scattering angels of the Almighty shall scatter abroad the fragrance of the words uttered by his mouth, and shall cause the heart of every righteous man to throb. Though he may, at first, remain unaware of its effect, yet the virtue of the grace vouchsafed unto him must needs sooner or later exercise its influence upon his soul. Thus have the mysteries of the Revelation of God been decreed by virtue of the Will of Him Who is the Source of power and wisdom.

— *Bahá'u'lláh*

# Gnosticism

## The Gnostic's Prayer

Almighty God, whose footstool is the highest firmament:

Great Ruler of Heaven, and all the powers therein:

Hear the prayers of Thy Servants,  
who put their trust in Thee.

We pray Thee, supply our needs from day to day:  
command Thy heavenly host to comfort and succor us:  
That it may be to Thy glory and unto the good of man.

Forgive us our transgressions

as we forgive our brothers and sisters:

be present with us: strengthen and sustain us:

For we are but instruments in Thy hands.

Let us not fall into temptation:

defend us from all danger and evil:

Let Thy mighty power ever guard and protect us.

Thou great fount of knowledge and Wisdom:

Instruct Thy servants by Thy holy presence:

Guide and support us, now and forever.

Amen.

# Wicca

## The Wiccan Rede

Bide the Wiccan Laws we must  
In Perfect Love and Perfect Trust.  
Live and let live. Fairly take and fairly give.  
Cast the Circle thrice about  
to keep the evil spirits out.  
To bind the spell every time  
let the spell be spake in rhyme.  
Soft of eye and light of touch,  
Speak little, listen much.  
Deosil go by the waxing moon,  
chanting out the Witches' Rune.  
Widdershins go by the waning moon,  
chanting out the baneful rune.  
When the Lady's moon is new,  
kiss the hand to her, times two.  
When the moon rides at her peak,  
then your hearts desire seek.  
Heed the North wind's mighty gale,  
lock the door and drop the sail.  
When the wind comes from the South,  
love will kiss thee on the mouth.  
When the wind blows from the West,  
departed souls will have no rest.  
When the wind blows from the East,  
expect the new and set the feast.  
Nine woods in the cauldron go,  
burn them fast and burn them slow.  
Elder be the Lady's tree,  
burn it not or cursed you'll be.  
When the Wheel begins to turn,  
let the Beltane fires burn.



When the Wheel has turned to Yule,  
light the log and the Horned One rules.

Heed ye flower, Bush and Tree,  
by the Lady, blessed be.

Where the rippling waters go,  
cast a stone and truth you'll know.

When ye have a true need,  
hearken not to others' greed.

With a fool no season spend,  
lest ye be counted as his friend.

Merry meet and merry part,  
bright the cheeks and warm the heart.

Mind the Threefold Law you should,  
three times bad and three times good.

When misfortune is enow,  
wear the blue star on thy brow.

True in love ever be,  
lest thy lover's false to thee.

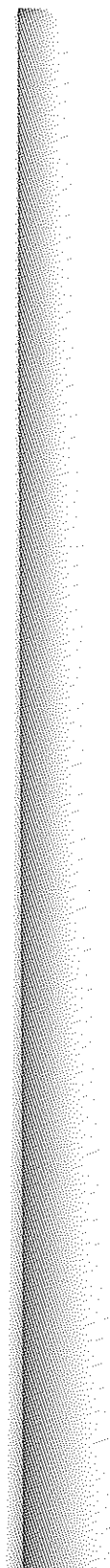
Eight words the Wiccan Rede fulfill:  
An ye harm none, do what ye will.

## Non-religious

I love the man that can smile in trouble,  
that can gather strength from distress,  
and grow brave by reflection.

'Tis the business of little minds to shrink,  
but he whose heart is firm,  
and whose conscience approves his conduct,  
will pursue his principles unto death.

— *Thomas Paine*



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