

The Wisdom of Hazrat Inayat Khan

INVOCATION

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.

SALAT

Most gracious Lord, Master, Messiah, and Savior of
humanity, We greet Thee with all humility.
Thou art the First cause and the Last Effect, The Divine
Light and the Spirit of Guidance, Alpha and Omega.
Thy Light is in all forms, Thy Love in all beings: in a loving
mother, in a kind father, in an innocent child, in a
helpful friend, in an inspiring teacher.
Allow us to recognize Thee in all Thy holy names and
forms; as Rama, as Krishna, as Shiva, as Buddha.
Let us know Thee as Abraham, as Solomon, as
Zarathushtra, as Moses, as Jesus, as Mohammed,
and in many other names and forms, known and
unknown to the world.
We adore Thy past; thy presence deeply enlightens our
being, and we look for Thy blessing in the future.
O Messenger, Christ, Nabi, the Rasul of God!
Thou Whose heart constantly reacheth upward, Thou
comest on earth with a message, as a dove from above,
when Dharma decays, and speakest the Word that is put
onto Thy mouth, as the light filleth the crescent moon.
Let the start of the Divine Light shining in Thy heart be
reflected in the hearts of Thy devotees.
May the Message of God reach far and wide, illuminating
and making the whole of humanity as one single family in
the Parenthood of God.
Amen.

SAUM

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 Thy 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.

KHATUM

O Thou, who art the Perfection of Love, Harmony, and
Beauty, the Lord of heaven and earth,
Open our hearts that we may hear Thy voice, which
constantly cometh from within.

Disclose to us Thy Divine Light, which is hidden in our
souls, that we may know and understand life better.

Most Merciful and Compassionate God:

give us Thy great Goodness;

teach us Thy loving Forgiveness;

raise us above the distinctions and differences which
Divide us;

send us the peace of thy Divine Spirit;

and unite us all in thy Perfect Being.

Amen.

DOWA

Save me, my Lord, from the earthly passions and the
attachments which blind mankind.

Save me, my Lord, from the temptations of power, fame,
and wealth, which keep man away from Thy glorious vision.

Save me, my Lord, from the souls who are constantly
occupied with hurting and harming their fellow-man, and

who take pleasure in the pain of another.
Save me, my Lord, from the evil eye of envy and jealousy,
which falleth upon Thy bountiful Gifts.
Save me, my Lord, from falling into the hands of the playful
children of earth, lest they light use me in their games;
they might play with me and then break me in the end,
as the children destroy their toys.
Save me, my Lord, from all manner of injury that cometh
from the bitterness of my adversaries and from the
ignorance of my loving friend,
Amen.

NAYAZ

Beloved Lord, Almighty God!
Through the rays of the sun,
Through the waves of the air,
Through the All-pervading Life in space,
Purify and revivify me, and, I pray,
Heal my body, heart and soul.
Amen.

NAZAR

O Thou, the Sustainer of our bodies, hearts, and souls,
Bless all that we receive in thankfulness.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE UNIVERSAL

O Thou, Who art the Maker, Molder, and Builder
of the Universe,
Build with Thine own hands the Universal, our Temple for
Thy Divine Message of Love, Harmony, and Beauty.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Send Thy peace, O Lord,
which is perfect and everlasting,
that our souls may radiate peace.
Send Thy peace, O Lord,
that we may think, act, and speak
harmoniously.
Send Thy peace, O Lord,
that we may be contented and thankful
for Thy bountiful gifts.

Send Thy peace, O Lord,
that amidst our worldly strife
we may enjoy Thy bliss.

Send Thy peace, O Lord,
that we may endure all, tolerate all,
in the thought of Thy grace and mercy.

Send Thy peace, O Lord,
that our lives may become a divine vision,
and in Thy light all darkness may vanish.

Send Thy peace, O Lord,
our Father and Mother, that we, Thy children on earth,
may all unite in one family.
Amen.

PIR

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 m heart by breathing thy peaceful atmosphere,
O inspiring Guide through life's puzzling ways,
In thee I feel abundance of blessing.

NABI

A torch in the darkness, a staff during my weakness,
A rock in the weariness of life,
Thou, my Master, makest earth a paradise.
Thy thought giveth me unearthly joy,
Thy light illuminateth my life's path,
Thy words inspire me with divine wisdom.
I follow in thy footsteps, which lead me to the eternal goal.
Comforter of the broken-hearted,
Support of those in need,
Fiend of the lovers of truth,
Blessed Master, thou art the Prophet of God.

RASUL

Warner of coming dangers,
Wakener of the world from sleep,

Deliverer of the Message of God,
Thou art our Savior.
The sun at the dawn of creation,
The light of the whole universe,
The fulfillment of God's purpose,
Thou, the eternal, we seek refuge in thy loving enfoldment.
Spirit of Guidance, Source of all beauty, and Creator of harmony,
Lover, Lover, and Beloved Lord.
Thou art our divine ideal.

THE SILSILA

The Chain of Transmission within a Sufi Order is of central importance in the Sufi work. It is a major conduit of the *baraka* of any genuine Sufi school, and links the mureeds of that order with the combined spiritual power of their spiritual antecedents and with the unseen transformative forces that transpire behind the outward manifestation of the chain, which is called the *Silsila* ("chain" or "pedigree"). A "lineage-holder" within a Sufi order will have the *Silsila* of the lineage committed to memory, and the *Silsila* is recited at pivotal occasions such as the group zikr of the order and especially at initiation.

The representation of the Chain of Transmission is called the "*Shajara*" ("Tree"). The *Shajara* which appears here is that of Hazrat Pir-o-Murshid 'Inayat Khan's primary spiritual lineage, though he was initiated into the four major Sufi lineages represented in India. It is worth noting that at each juncture, there may be several *shaykhs* deputized to carry on a lineage. A *shajara* is a tracing of initiatic ancestry rather than a representation of the full flow of *baraka* from the Source.

THE TEN SUFI THOUGHTS

- There is one God, the Eternal, the Only Being; none else exists save He.
- There is one Master, the Guiding Spirit of all souls, who constantly leads his followers towards the light.
- There is one Holy Book, the sacred manuscript of nature, the only scripture which can enlighten the reader.
- There is one Religion, the unswerving progress in the right direction towards the ideal, which fulfills the life's purpose of every soul.
- There is one Law, the Law of Reciprocity, which can be observed by a selfless conscience together with a sense of awakened justice.
- There is one Brotherhood, the human brotherhood, which unites the children of earth indiscriminately in the fatherhood of God.

There is one Moral Principle, the love which springs forth from self-denial, and blooms in deeds of beneficence.

There is one Object of Praise, the beauty which uplifts the heart of its worshipper through all aspects from the seen to the Unseen.

There is one Truth, the true knowledge of our being within and without, which is the essence of all wisdom.

There is one Path, the annihilation of false ego in the real, which raises the mortal to immortality and in which resides all perfection.

THE THREE OBJECTS OF THE SUFI ORDER

To realize and spread the knowledge of unity, the religion of love and wisdom, so that the bias of faiths and beliefs may of itself fall away, the human heart may overflow with love, and all hatred caused by distinctions and differences may be rooted out.

To discover the light and power latent in man, the secret of all religion, the power of mysticism, and the essence of philosophy, without interfering with customs or beliefs.

To help to bring the world's two opposite poles, East and West, closer together by interchange of thought and ideals, that the Universal Brotherhood may form of itself, and man may see with man beyond the narrow national and racial boundaries.