

RUHI INSTITUTE • BOOK 5 • RELEASING THE POWERS OF JUNIOR YOUTH

Passages for Memorization

UNIT 1 • LIFE'S SPRINGTIME

SECTION 5

You may wish to memorize the prayer below:

O Lord! Make this youth radiant, and confer Thy bounty upon this poor creature. Bestow upon him knowledge, grant him added strength at the break of every morn and guard him within the shelter of Thy protection so that he may be freed from error, may devote himself to the service of Thy Cause, may guide the wayward, lead the hapless, free the captives and awaken the heedless, that all may be blessed with Thy remembrance and praise. Thou art the Mighty and the Powerful.

'Abdu'l-Bahá • Bahá'í Prayers • p. 254

UNIT 2 • AN AGE OF PROMISE

SECTION 9

You may wish to memorize the following excerpts from prayers revealed by Bahá'u'lláh:

Inspire them, O my Lord, with a sense of their own powerlessness before Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Self, and teach them to recognize the poverty of their own nature in the face of the manifold tokens of Thy self-sufficiency and riches, that they may gather together round Thy Cause, and cling to the hem of Thy mercy, and cleave to the cord of the good-pleasure of Thy will.

Bahá'u'lláh • Prayers and Meditations by Bahá'u'lláh • no. 36 • p. 38

Divest, then, Thy servants, O my God, of the garments of self and desire, or grant that the eyes of Thy people may be lifted up to such heights that they will discern in their desires naught except the stirring of the gentle winds of Thine eternal glory, and may recognize in their own selves nothing but the revelation of Thine own merciful Self, that the earth and all that is therein may be cleansed of whatever is alien to Thee, or anything that manifesteth aught save Thy Self.

Bahá'u'lláh • Prayers and Meditations by Bahá'u'lláh • no. 206 • p. 271

UNIT 3 • SERVING AS AN ANIMATOR

SECTION 7

...reflect on this statement of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's to gain further insight into the nature of the veils that can inhibit spiritual perception. Memorize it if you wish.

Know thou, verily, there are many veils in which the Truth is enveloped: gloomy veils; then delicate and transparent veils; then the envelopment of Light, the sight of which dazzles the eyes, as doth the sun which is enveloped only in its own light and, as we look at it, the sight is blinded and eyes are dazzled.

I beg of God to remove all the veilings and familiarize the light with all eyes, so that man may not be veiled from witnessing the Sun of Truth.

Bahá'u'lláh • Prayers and Meditations by Bahá'u'lláh • no. 36 • p. 38

SECTION 14

You may wish to memorize the above quotations if you do not already know them by heart.

The Day-Star of utterance, shining resplendent from the dayspring of divine Revelation, hath so illumined the Scrolls and Tablets that the kingdom of utterance and the exalted dominion of understanding vibrate with joy and ecstasy and shine forth with the splendour of His light.

Bahá'u'lláh • Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh Revealed after the Kitáb-i-Aqdas • p. 199

Say: We have caused the rivers of Divine utterance to proceed out of Our throne, that the tender herbs of wisdom and understanding may spring forth from the soil of your hearts.

Bahá'u'lláh • Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh • XVIII • p. 47

Through the breaths of Thine utterance the heaven of understanding hath been adorned, and by the effusions of Thy pen every moldering bone hath been quickened.

Bahá'u'lláh • Prayers and Meditations by Bahá'u'lláh • no. 32 • pp. 33-34

It is clear and evident, therefore, that the first bestowal of God is the Word, and its discoverer and recipient is the power of understanding. This Word is the foremost instructor in the school of existence and the revealer of Him who is Almighty. All that is seen is visible only through the light of its wisdom. All that is manifest is but a token of its knowledge. All names are but its name, and the beginning and end of all matters must needs depend upon it.

Bahá'u'lláh • The Tabernacle of Unity • p. 4