### Stupa



Forget the world, and so command the world. Be a lamp, or a lifeboat, or a ladder. Help someone`s soul heal. Walk out of your house like a shepherd. Stay in the spiritual fire. Let it cook you. Be well-baked loaf and lord of the table. Come and be served to your brothers. You have been a source of pain. Now you`ll be the delight. Rumi

Prayer of the Christ

May the divine source descend upon us a table of sustenance and nournishment from heaven, that will be a feast for the first of us and for the last of us. And may it bestow upon us goodness and sustenance, for you and only you is the best of givers. Notice how each particle moves Notice how everyone has just arrived here from a journey Notice how each one is a different food Notice how the stars vanish as the sun comes up And how all the streams stream towards the ocean Look at the cooks preparing special plates for everyone according to what they need. Look at this cup that can hold the ocean Look at those who see the face Look through Shams eyes into the water that is entirely jewels. Rumi

"From the highest spheres of existence, has descended upon you a dove, She descended unwillingly, and if she was given a choice she would have chosen to stay, to be in the highest of spheres with the highest of companions. Descended, she became acquainted and intimate with all that there is here. And now it is difficult to separate and leave." From an Arabic poet Ibn Sina

There is a prayer of christ in the Koran Blessed be me And God made me the blessed one Wherever I am And not a defiant tyrant Peace be on me on the day I am born and on the day I die And on the day I resurrect.

When gods generosity flooded existence I was fashioned And since the earliest lessions of love , from the earliest of times I was bestowed upon the teachings of love And from the ingredients of my heart God has fashioned the key that unlocks the treasure of all meaning. Omar Khayyam

In beauty I walk

With beauty before me I walk With beauty behind me I walk With beauty above me I walk With beauty around me I walk It has become beauty again Today I will walk out, today everything negative will leave me I will be as I was before, I will have a cool breeze over my body. I will have a light body, I will be happy forever, nothing will hinder me. I walk with beauty before me. I walk with beauty behind me. I walk with beauty below me. I walk with beauty above me. I walk with beauty around me. My words will be beautiful. In beauty all day long may I walk. Through the returning seasons, may I walk. On the trail marked with pollen may I walk. With dew about my feet, may I walk. With beauty before me may I walk. With beauty behind me may I walk. With beauty below me may I walk. With beauty above me may I walk. With beauty all around me may I walk. In old age wandering on a trail of beauty, lively, may I walk. In old age wandering on a trail of beauty, living again, may I walk. My words will be beautiful...

Walking in Beauty: Closing Prayer from the Navajo Blessing Way Ceremony

> Your body is a divine stream As is your spirit

When your two great rivers merge, one voice is found And the earth applauds In excitement

> Shrines are erected to those songs The hand and the heart have sung As they served The world

> > With a love, a love

We cherish

St John of the Cross

#### Peace

Quiet yourself Reach out with your mind's skillful hand. Let it go inside of me And touch God.

Don't be shy , dear Every aspect of Light we are meant To know

> The calm hand holds more Than baskets of good From the market

> The calm soul knows more That anything this world Can offer from her Beautiful Womb.

> > St John of the Cross

Be a light A lifeboat A lamp or a ladder. Walk out of the house Like a sheperd And Help someone's soul to heal

Rumi

"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."

> The way of the bodhisattva Shantideva

Awake, my dear! Be kind to your sleeping heart. Take it out into the vast fields of Light And let it breath....

#### Hafiz

## New beginnings are often disguised as painful endings Lao Tzu

'Why are you so enchanted by this world, when a mine of gold lies within you?' Rumi

Anyone who genuinely and constantly with both hands looks for something, will find it.

Though you are lame and bent over, keep moving toward the Friend. With speech, with silence, with sniffling about, stay on the track.

Whenever some kindness comes to you, turn that way, toward the source of kindness.

Love-things originate in the ocean. Restlessness leads to rest. Rumi

# Shape shifting

How beautiful it is to migrate away from a former land every day! How lovely it is to perch on a different branch every day! How nice it is to keep flowing uncontaminated, unfrozen! All the words of yesterday vanished with the passing day, o my soul! Now it is time to tell something new and fresh..

Rumi

All people on the planet are children, except for a very few. No one is grown up except those free of desire.

Rumi

May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others. May you use the gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.

St Theresa of Avila