

Knowledge

O LORD, CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE, AUTHOR OF ALL LIFE, THE SOURCE OF ALL TALENT AND CREATIVITY, WHO HAS ENDOWED MAN WITH THE DESIRE TO LEARN AND THE DESIRE TO CREATE, GRANT THAT EACH OF US WILL ALWAYS BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT ALL OUR OWN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITIES TO LEARN AND TO CREATE IS A GIFT FROM THEE. GRANT, O LORD, THAT NONE OF US WILL EVER USE THIS GREAT GIFT AS EITHER A MEANS OF IMPOSING OUR WILL ON OTHERS OR AS AN EXCUSE FOR EVADING OUR OWN SOCIAL AND FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES, BUT RATHER THAT WE, EACH OF US, WILL ALWAYS USE THIS GIFT TO BETTER THE LOT OF ALL MANKIND AND NEVER USE IT AS A PRETEXT FOR SPECIAL PRIVILEGE. BLESS, O LORD, THESE FINE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE GRADUATING FROM THIS GREAT UNIVERSITY TODAY. GRANT THEM THE INSIGHT TO CONTINUALLY REALIZE THAT LEARNING AND CREATIVITY MUST ALWAYS BE WEDDED TO COMPASSION IF IT IS TO HELP THEM BUILD MEANINGFUL LIVES. PROTECT THEM FROM THE PITFALLS OF ARROGANCE, SELFISHNESS, AND OPPORTUNISM. GRANT THEM THE STRENGTH AND COURAGE TO FACE AND OVERCOME LIFE'S MANY PROBLEMS AND THE EMPATHY AND SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING TO ALWAYS BE MOVED BY THE SUFFERING OF OTHERS AND THE SIGHT OF INJUSTICE. IMPLANT IN THEIR HEARTS THE LOVE OF KINDNESS, RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND MERCY. AND MAY WE ALL BE BLESSED BY THEIR KNOWLEDGE, BY THEIR CREATIVITY AND BY ALL THE WORKS OF THEIR HANDS.

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O God, Creator of the Universe who has endowed man with the desire to learn

and create grant that <sup>all of us</sup> we will ~~never~~ <sup>never be</sup> ~~forgetful~~ <sup>mindful of the fact</sup>

that all our learning and all our power of creation is a gift from Thee.

Grant O' God that we <sup>will</sup> never use this

gift <sup>either</sup> ~~our~~ <sup>our</sup> learning ~~and~~ <sup>or</sup> our power of creation <sup>as a means to</sup> ~~to impose our will~~ <sup>on others</sup> ~~and to subject others~~ <sup>to our own</sup> ~~responsibilities~~

irresponsibly. Bless O God these

fine young men and women who

are graduating from this great

university today. Grant them the insight

to always realize that learning must

always be wedded to compassion if <sup>it is to enable them</sup> they are to  
 build meaningful lives. Protect them  
 from the pitfalls of arrogance, selfishness  
 and opportunism. Grant that they will  
<sup>never</sup> lose courage in the face of life's  
<sup>the sympathetic melody which will engage them</sup> obstacles and that they will always be  
<sup>drawn to be</sup> moved by the suffering of others and the sight  
 of injustice. Implant in their hearts the love of  
 kindness, righteousness and mercy. And  
 may we all be blessed by <sup>the</sup> <sup>fruits</sup> <sup>of</sup>  
 all their <sup>hands</sup> <sup>labors</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>deeds</sup>

Blessed art thou O' God who has favored  
 man with knowledge.

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O Lord Creator of the Universe, Author of  
all life the Source of <sup>all</sup> talent and creativity  
who has endowed man with the desire to  
learn and the desire to create. Grant that  
each of us will always be mindful of the fact  
that all our <sup>own</sup> individual capacities to learn  
and to create ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> a gift from Thee. Grant  
O Lord that none of us will ever use this great  
gift as either a means of imposing our will on  
others or as an excuse for evading our own  
social and family responsibilities but <sup>rather</sup> that we  
will always ~~realize~~ <sup>each of us</sup> ~~that this is a gift which~~ <sup>will always</sup> ~~we must always share with others and never~~  
<sup>use it to better the lot</sup>  
<sup>of all mankind</sup>

ברוך אתה ה' אלהינו ה' אלהינו  
Blessed art thou O Lord who has favored man with knowledge

use it as a <sup>protect</sup> ~~source~~ of special privilege. Bless O God

these fine young men and women who are  
graduating from this great university today. Grant

them the might to <sup>continually</sup> always realize that

learning <sup>creativity</sup> must always be wedded to compassion if  
it is to help them build meaningful lives. Protect them

from the pitfalls of arrogance, selfishness and oppor-  
tunism. Grant them the strength and courage to face

and overcome life's many problems and to ~~be~~ <sup>show</sup> empathy

and sympathetic understanding to always be moved by  
the suffering of others and the sight of injustice. Implant

in their hearts the love of kindness, righteousness and

mercy. And may we all be blessed by their knowledge, by

their creativity and by all the works of their hands.

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וְיָדַעְתִּים אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וְיָדַעְתִּים אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וְיָדַעְתִּים אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם

O Lord Master of the Universe who has

endowed man with understanding and charged him with the task of exploring and subduing nature Grant that as

we gather here today to honor these

fine young scholars we will always be mindful of the fact that knowledge must always be wedded to compassion and social responsibility and not used to

just gratify our selfish desires. Grant that none of us will ever use our

knowledge to take advantage of the ignorant or as a means of exploiting the poor or

as a way of avoding our duties. Grant  
that we will always consider our  
knowledge and talent as a special gift  
from Thee to be used to do Thy work here  
on earth - to draw men closer together, <sup>END</sup> ~~and~~  
suffering, poverty and disease, and bring peace to  
the world. Grant success to these  
young scholars and continued opportunity  
to Bahai Buth to pursue its good works.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו  
Blessed art Thou O Lord who guides the  
steps of all mankind

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O Lord, Father of Mankind, who has created us to be his partner in creation, grant that all those who are graduating from this great institution of learning today, will always be mindful of the fact that knowledge must always be coupled ~~together~~ with compassion and understanding, if we are to build a world of Peace. Grant <sup>that</sup> the love of kindness, righteousness and mercy will be engraven upon their hearts. Grant that all of us will always remember that ~~only through education coupled with the love of mercy and kindness can true Peace be spread throughout the world.~~ <sup>alone without an understanding heart</sup> Grant that this understanding will enlighten all our hearts and the hearts of all mankind.

Blessed art Thou Lord who has graciously endowed man with knowledge and understanding.

Amen.

