

## **Hinduism**

Om bhur bhuva suvah  
tat savatur varenyam  
Bhargo devasya dhimahi  
Dhiyo yo na pracodayat

(We meditate on the glory of that Being who has produced this universe; may She enlighten our minds.)

*Rig Veda 3.62.10 Translated by Swami Vivekananda*

## **Buddhism**

May all beings everywhere plagued by sufferings of body and mind  
Obtain an ocean of happiness and joy by virtue of my merits.  
May no living creature suffer, commit evil, or ever fall ill.  
May no one be afraid or belittled, with a mind weighed down by depression.

*The Bodhisattva Vow of Shantideva*

## **Zoroastrianism**

Ashem vohu Vahishtem asti  
Ushta asti; Ushta ahmaahi  
Hyat ashaai Vahishtaai ashem.

(Righteousness is the best good and it is happiness. Happiness is to him/her who is righteous for the sake of the best righteousness.)

*Zoroastrian prayer recited daily.*

## **Taoism**

The way that becomes a way  
is not the Immortal Way  
the name that becomes a name  
is not the Immortal Name  
the maiden of Heaven and Earth has no name  
the mother of all things has a name  
thus in innocence we see the beginning  
in passion we see the end  
two different names  
for one and the same  
the one we call dark  
the dark beyond dark  
the door to all beginnings

*Translated by Red Pine (Bill Porter, 1996)*

## **Indigenous**

O, Wakan Tanka, whose voice I hear in the wind, whose breath gives life to all the world. Hear me; I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice.

*Lakota Prayer. Translated by Yellow Lark*

## **Jewish**

HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE HaShem OUR GOD, THE HaShem IS ONE.

And thou shalt love HaShem thy G-d with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart;

and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thy house, and upon thy gates.

*Deuteronomy 6:4-9, JPS*

### **Christianity**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*Matthew 5:1-12*

### **Islam**

In the name of God Most Gracious Most Merciful  
Praise be to God the Cherisher and Sustainer of the Worlds  
Most Gracious Most Merciful

Master of the Day of Judgement

Thee do we worship and Thine aid we seek

Show us the Straight Way

The way of those on whom thou has bestowed Thy Grace those whose portion is not wrath and who do not go astray.

*Qur'an Surah 1: 1-7 Translated by Abdullah Yusef Ali*

### **Truth**

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

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