

PRAYER

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O Mazda, we invite in our house (and community) (Fravashis) of the holy who are content (with their spiritual development) and who are of righteous inclination, and free from deception (guile), souls that deserve our (warm) welcome. O Mazda, elevate (the wellbeing of) our community (here and elsewhere) (by endowing us) with righteous persons who possess Khwareh (which is the aura surrounding us that reflect our spiritual progress), (well-deserved) prosperity and power for promoting goodness (in this world). May our God-worshipping (Zoroastrian) religion live in long-lasting (eternal) excellence.

O Mazda, endow our households (and the entire Zoroastrian community) with the knowledge about our earthly existence most urgently (so that) we can attain Asha (righteousness) most swiftly and (also) enable the righteous persons to attain (spiritual) strength most urgently (so as to) bring about the spread of (our) Ahurian faith most swiftly (in the world) (time being of great essence in Zoroastrian theology). We invite here ever beneficent Fravashis of the righteous, good and heroic persons (may they bless us with) healing stemming from Asha, (which is) as wide as the (whole) earth, as long as the (longest) river and high as the sun so that the good persons can realize their mission (wishes) (on earth) for overcoming the evil and enhancing the growth of joy and Khwareh.

May in our abodes (and in our community) hearkening to God's exhortations triumph over ignoring them, may peace triumph over anarchy, generosity over stinginess, benevolent mentality over hostile mentality, rightly spoken word over false words, Asha (truth) over Druja (lie), so that we may revere and adore Amesha Spentas and Sraosha. We make an everlasting offering of proper worship and adulation, offering of goodness, vitality, and love, and (even) of our entire being. May never depart from our house the happy luster (Khwareh), nor our wishes for abundance, nor our offspring (innately intelligent children). Teach (us the ways for realizing true) happiness for righteous, and good (and) long-lasting friendship (with Thee, O Mazda). Amen!