

Use the photos below (or pictures of your child and their friends) to create a "quilt." Tape different colored squares of paper together and add a picture to each square, or just paste the pictures in a quilt format on a colored piece of paper. Paste the words of the prayer and the other images on the back of the "quilt."

O Thou kind Lord! These lovely children are the handiwork of the fingers of Thy might and the wondrous signs of Thy greatness. O God! Protect these children, graciously assist them to be educated and enable them to render service to the world of humanity. O God! These children are pearls, cause them to be nurtured within the shell of Thy loving-kindness. Thou art the Bountiful, the All-Loving.

- Abdu'l-Bahá



Trace your child's hands and put an "earth" into them to represent how they should help all on earth. Create the earth by cutting out a blue circle and adding green shapes for continents. Glue the quotation on the back.

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that which will benefit mankind.

-Baha'u'llah

Devotional on Helpfulness

Help, then, your Lord with the hosts of goodly deeds and a praiseworthy character.
(Baha'u'llah, Tablets of Baha'u'llah, p. 120)

Waste not your hours in idleness and sloth, but occupy yourselves with what will profit you and others.
(Baha'u'llah, The Kitab-i-Aqdas, p. 30)

I ask you not to think only of yourselves. Be kind to the strangers, whether come they from Turkey, Japan, Persia, Russia, China or any other country in the world. Help to make them feel at home; find out where they are staying, ask if you may render them any service; try to make their lives a little happier.
(Abdu'l-Baha, Paris Talks, p. 15)

When you call on the Mercy of God waiting to reinforce you, your strength will be tenfold. Look at me: I am so feeble, yet I have had the strength given me to come amongst you: a poor servant of God, who has been enabled to give you this message! I shall not be with you long! One must never consider one's own feebleness, it is the strength of the Holy Spirit of Love, which gives the power to teach. The thought of our own weakness could only bring despair. We must look higher than all earthly thoughts; detach ourselves from every material idea, crave for the things of the spirit; fix our eyes on the everlasting bountiful Mercy of the Almighty, who will fill our souls with the gladness of joyful service to His command 'Love One Another'.
(Abdu'l-Baha, Paris Talks, p. 38)

Therefore, order your lives in accordance with the first principle of the divine teaching, which is love. Service to humanity is service to God. Let the love and light of the Kingdom radiate through you until all who look upon you shall be illumined by its reflection. Be as stars, brilliant and sparkling in the loftiness of their heavenly station.
(Abdu'l-Baha, The Promulgation of Universal Peace, p. 8)

O Thou divine Providence, pitiful are we, grant us Thy succour; homeless wanderers, give us Thy shelter; scattered, do Thou unite us; astray, gather us to Thy fold; bereft, do Thou bestow upon us a share and portion; athirst, lead us to the well-spring of Life; frail, strengthen us that we may arise to help Thy Cause and offer ourselves as a living sacrifice in the pathway of guidance.
(Abdu'l-Baha, Selections from the Writings of Abdu'l-Baha, p. 314)

My Book About Helpfulness

Helpfulness is doing acts of service.

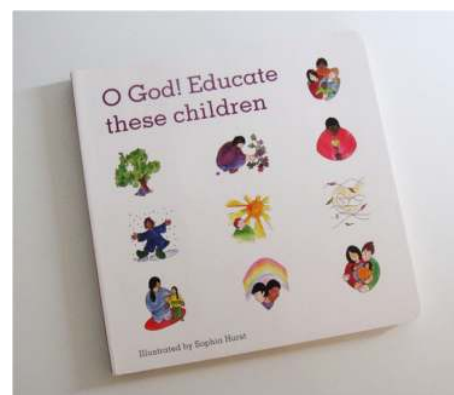
When we see someone needs help, we offer ourselves and our skills.

Helping others makes us feel happy and makes others happy too.

We can also ask others for help when we need it.

We can also pray to God to help us.

When everyone helps each other, we all feel good.



Helpfulness

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