**Prayers and Verses for Children (and Teachers) to Memorize: Grade 1**

**Lesson 1: Purity of heart**

*Prayer*: O God, guide me, protect me, make of me a shining lamp and a brilliant star. Thou art the Mighty and the Powerful.

*Verse*: O Son of Spirit! My first counsel is this: Possess a pure, kindly and radiant heart....

**Lesson 2: Justice**

*Verse*: Tread ye the path of justice for this, verily, is the straight path....

**Lesson 3: Love**

*Verse*: O Friend! In the garden of thy heart plant naught but the rose of love...

**Lesson 4: Truthfulness**

*Prayer*: O Thou Kind Lord! I am a little child, exalt me by admitting me to the kingdom. I am earthly, make me heavenly; I am of the world below, let me belong to the realm above; gloomy, suffer me to become radiant; material, make me spiritual, and grant that I may manifest Thine infinite bounties; Thou art the Powerful, the All-Loving.

*Verse:* Truthfulness is the foundation of all human virtues.

**Lesson 5: Generosity**

*Verse:* To give and to be generous are attributes of Mine; well is it with him that adorneth himself with My virtues.

**Lesson 6: Selflessness**

*Verse*: Blessed is he who preferreth his brother before himself.

**Lesson 7: Joyfulness**

*Verse*: O Son of Man! Rejoice in the gladness of thine heart, that thou maybest be worthy to meet Me and to mirror forth My beauty.

**Lesson 8: Sincerity**

*Verse*: We should at all times manifest our truthfulness and sincerity...

**Lesson 9: Humility**

*Verse:* O Son of Man! Humble thyself before Me, that I may graciously visit thee.

**Lesson 10: Thankfulness**

*Prayer:* Blessed is the spot, and the house, and the place, and the city, and the heart, and the mountain, and the refuge, and the cave, and the valley, and the land, and the sea, and the island, and the meadow where mention of God hath been made, and His praise glorified.

*Verse:* Be thou happy and well pleased, and arise to offer thanks to God, in order that thanksgiving may conduce to the increase of bounty.

**Lesson 11: Forgiveness**

*Verse:* ... let your adorning be forgiveness and mercy and that which cheereth the hearts of the well-favored of God.

**Lesson 12: Honesty**

*Verse:* Beautify your tongues, O people, with truthfulness and adorn your souls with the ornament of honesty.

**Lesson 13: Compassion**

*Prayer:* Thy name is my healing, O my God, and remembrance of Thee is my remedy. Nearness to Thee is my hope, and love for Thee is my companion. Thy mercy to me is my healing and my succor in both this world and the world to come. Thou, verily, art the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

*Verse:* The Kingdom of God is founded upon equity and justice, and also upon mercy, compassion, and kindness to every living soul.

**Lesson 14: Detachment**

*Verse:* Know that thy true adornment consisteth in the love of God and in thy detachment from all save Him...

**Lesson 15: Contentment**

*Verse:* The source of all glory is acceptance to whatsoever the Lord hath bestowed, and contentment with that which God hath ordained.

**Lesson 16: Kindness**

*Verse:* Blessed is he who mingleth with all men in a spirit of utmost kindliness and love.

**Lesson 17: Courage**

*Verse:* The source of courage and power is the promotion of the Word of God, and steadfastness in His Love.

**Lesson 18: Hopefulness**

*Prayer:* O my Lord! O my Lord! I am a child of tender years. Nourish me from the breast of Thy mercy; train me in the bosom of Thy love, educate me in the school of Thy guidance and develop me under the shadow of Thy bounty. Deliver me from darkness, make me a brilliant light; free me from unhappiness, make me a flower of the rose garden; suffer me to become a servant of Thy threshold and confer upon me the disposition and nature of the righteous; make me a cause of bounty to the human world, and crown my head with the diadem of eternal live. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Seer, the Hearer.

*Verse:* Be thou every hopeful, for the bounties of God never cease to flow upon man.

**Lesson19: Trustworthiness**

*Verse:* Trustworthiness is the greatest portal leading unto tranquility and security of the people.

**Lesson 20: Enkindlement / Love of God**

*Verse:* Verily, I supplicate God to enkindle in thy heart the fire of His love...

**Lesson 21: Radiance**

*Verse:* O Son of Being! Thou art My lamp and My light is in thee. Get thou from it thy radiance and seek none other than me.

**Lesson 22: Faithfulness**

*Verse:* Happy is the faithful one who is attired with the vesture of high endeavor and hath arisen to serve this Cause.

**Lesson 23: Patience**

*Verse:* He, verily, shall increase the reward of them that endure with patience.

**Lesson 24: Steadfastness**

*Verse:* Supremely lofty will be thy station, if thou remainest steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord.

**Additional Prayers the Teacher can Memorize** (as mentioned at the start of Lesson 5, where it says "By this time, you will have memorized the four prayers that you said to start the first few classes.")

**Lesson 1:**

O God! Educate these children. These children are the plants of Thine orchard, the flowers of Thy meadow, the roses of Thy garden. Let Thy rain fall upon them; let the sun of reality shine upon them with Thy love. Let Thy breeze refresh them in order that they may be trained, grow and develop and appear in the utmost beauty. Thou art the Giver. Thou art the Compassionate. ~ 'Abdu'l-Bahá

**Lesson 2:**

O God! Rear this little babe in the bosom of Thy love and give it milk from the breast of Thy Providence. Cultivate this fresh plant in the rose garden of Thy love and aid it to grow through the showers of Thy bounty. Make it a child of the kingdom, and lead it to Thy heavenly realm. Thou art powerful and kind, and Thou art the Bestower, the Generous, the Lord of surpassing bounty. ~ 'Abdu'l-Bahá

**Lesson 3:**

O my Lord! Make Thy beauty to be my food, and Thy presence my drink, and Thy pleasure my hope, and praise of Thee my action, and remembrance of Thee my companion, and the power of Thy sovereignty my succorer, and Thy habitation my home, and my dwelling-place the seat Thou has sanctified from the limitations imposed upon them who are shut out as by a veil from Thee. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Most Powerful. ~ Bahá'u'lláh

**Lesson 4:**

Create in me a pure heart, O my God, and renew a tranquil conscience within me, O my Hope! Through the spirit of power confirm Thou me in Thy Cause, O my Best-Beloved, and by the light of Thy glory reveal unto me Thy path, O Thou the Goal of my desire! Through the power of Thy transcendent might lift me up unto the heaven of Thy holiness, O Source of my being, and by the breezes of Thine eternity gladden me, O Thou Who art my God! Let Thine everlasting melodies breathe tranquility on me, O my Companion, and let the riches of Thine ancient countenance delivery me from all except Thee, O my Master, and let the tidings of the revelation of Thine incorruptible Essence bring me joy, O Thou Who art the most manifest of the manifest and the most hidden of the hidden. ~ Bahá'u'lláh