

Prayerful Paths

Have you ever faced a tough decision and struggled with what to do? Maybe you had an argument with a friend and you didn't know how to resolve it. Or you landed a role in the school play, only to discover that rehearsals conflicted with band practice.

Life is a journey that's full of decisions, and the best path

isn't always clear. Investigate lots of options. You can talk with family and friends and write about your feelings in a journal.

Prayer can also help. When we pray about a decision, we connect our hearts to God and ask for guidance. It may take time, but a new idea or a peaceful feeling may be signs that you're going in a positive direction.

READ THIS PRAYER, THEN CHECK OUT THE HIGHLIGHTED WORDS BELOW.



O Thou Lord of wondrous grace!

Bestow upon us new blessings. Give to us the freshness of the spring. We are saplings which have been planted by the fingers of Thy **bounty** and have been formed out of the water and clay of Thy tender affection. We thirst for the living waters of Thy favors and are dependent upon the **outpourings** of the clouds of Thy generosity. Abandon not to itself this grove wherein our hopes **aspire**, nor withhold therefrom the showers of Thy loving-kindness. Grant that from the clouds of Thy mercy may fall **copious** rain so that the trees of our lives may bring forth fruit and we may **attain** the most **cherished** desire of our hearts. —'Abdu'l-Bahá

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| 1. Bestow | A. Generosity |
| 2. Bounty | B. Abundant, more than enough |
| 3. Outpourings | C. Try to reach a lofty goal, strive |
| 4. Aspire | D. To reach or accomplish |
| 5. Copious | E. Loved, held close, dear |
| 6. Attain | F. Something that streams out rapidly |
| 7. Cherished | G. Give a gift |

DRAW A LINE FROM EACH WORD TO ITS DEFINITION.

THEN WRITE YOUR ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS.

What is a "most cherished desire" of your heart? _____

What are some blessings that you're thankful for? _____

