



THE GAYATRI PRAYER

AUM. Let us meditate on the glory of that effulgent Reality from whom the whole universe is projected. May He enlighten our minds. AUM.

THE ETERNAL TRUTHS

I AM AN ABSOLUTE MONIST. I BELIEVE:

“Truth is one; men call it by various names.”

“God, Brahman, is Consciousness-Existence-Bliss Absolute.”

“Everything is the manifestation of God, the Divine Reality.”

“The soul of man is of identical nature with the God of the universe.”

“Make thine own self pure by good thoughts, good words, good deeds.”

“Realize thyself.”

“By the realization of one’s own self, the absolute Self is realized.”

“God is the light of the heavens and the earth.”

“He who realizes God becomes one with God.”

“I am that I Am.”

“I and my Father are one.”

“I am Brahman, the absolute Self.”

THOUGHT JEWELS

“Nature is the living symbol of God’s intelligence, power, beauty, glory and perfection. Nature is spiritual in its essential substance. It holds within itself the secrets of divine mystery. It is the created universe. The transcendental God manifests himself into manifold forms and individuals, and nature becomes a reality. The soul of nature is the God of the cosmos, just as the soul of man is the supreme Spirit of the universe. In their essence the soul of nature and the soul of man are identical, because they are both of and from God.”

—Swami Premananda

“One Hundred and One Noble Qualities”

Golden Lotus Temple

ORDER OF SERVICE

April 21, 2024



Prelude: Prelude: “The Moon Has Risen” (*Der Mond ist aufgegangen*)

.....Matthias Claudius / Johann Abraham Peter Schulz

Organist: Cordelia Dreisonstok

Subjective Meditation

Prayer No. CIII, p 139

Hymn 1: “Lead, Kindly Light”John B. Dykes

Prayer No. CXXX, p 167

Aum Shanti Shanti Shanti Hari Aum Shanti

(May absolute peace pervade the whole Universe.)

Offertory: “Misirlou”in the style of Jan August

Srimati Karuna, Minister

“**Earthly Treasures**”

Hymn 2: “One Thought I Have”John B. Dykes
Benediction

Postlude: “The Spirit of Wisdom” (*Isis und Osiris*)
from The Magic Flute, K. 620..... W.A. Mozart

HYMN 1.

Lead kindly light, amid th’ encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on!

The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead Thou me on!

Keep Thou my feet! I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Shouldst Lead me on;

I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead Thou me on!

I loved the garish day. In spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will; remember not past years.

So long Thy power hath blessed me, sure it
Still will lead me on

O’er moor and fen, o’er crag and torrent,
till the night is gone;

And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Amen

REFLECTIONS

“A balance within our physical, mental and spiritual life should come naturally but tends to require a special effort. Such effort reflects the harmonization of energy, breath and thought that underlies the study and practice of Yoga. With each stage of unfoldment and each spiritual attainment comes both a greater mastery and a greater attunement to the cosmic vibration of all life.”

—Srimati Karuna

HYMN 2.

One thought I have, my ample creed,
So deep it is and broad,
And equal to my every need,
It is the thought of God.

Each morn unfolds His blessings new,
I take in trust my road;
And rising freshly to my view,
Shines forth the thought of God.

Be still the light upon my way,
My pilgrim staff and rod,
My rest by night, my strength by day,
O blessed thought of God.

Amen

WORDS OF WISDOM

“Through nature we see and feel the ways and means of God and understand the world as the word of God. The light that illumines Nature is the same Light that illumines our own souls: God is the Light of the heavens and earth. With this reverence the earth becomes an altar for our worship of God.”

—Swami Kamalananda
“The Forest of Forever”

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Your children are cordially invited to attend our Sunday School in the Church of the Children at 11a.m.

Books on Vedic and Yoga Philosophy

Swami Premananda

Prayers of Self-Realization
Prayers of Soul

Srimad-Bhagavad-Gita: The Revelation of the
Supreme Self

The Path of the Eternal Law: Dhammapada
Eight Upanishads
Four Upanishads

Inner Path to God: 2001 Thought Jewels
Seven Mystic Holydays

Sayings of Shyamacharan Lahiri
The Gayatri Prayer

Light on Kriya Yoga: The Mystic Way; The Mystic
Ritual; The Mystic Revelation

Raja Yoga (Patanjali's Yoga Sutras)
One Hundred and One Noble Qualities

The Blessedness of the Inner Life
Meditation and Self-Unfoldment

The Path of Pure Consciousness (Jnana Yoga)
The Law of Self-Manifestation (Karma Yoga)

The Magnetic Power of Love (Bhakti Yoga)
Seven Gifts of God to Me

God: The Universal Reality
Chintamani (Thought Jewels)

The Sanctity of the Senses

The Way of Wisdom and Self-Liberation
"Thine is The Glory"

Greater Things Are Yet To Come
Life Beyond Death and
14 Questions on Reincarnation

The Cosmic Cross

By Swami Kamalananda

Frontiers of the Spirit

Mahatma Gandhi: An American Profile
"I Am An Absolute Monist"

The Mystic Cross

"Moha-Mudgar: A Dance Drama"

Reflections on Still Waters

"Yours Faithfully, M.K. Gandhi"
Forest of Forever

By Srimati Karuna

Lights On The Path
Prayer Beads

MYSTIC CROSS ILLUSTRATION

8"x10" color depiction of the Chathachakra,
the six centers of subjective illumination.



THE GOLDEN LOTUS TEMPLE OF THE SELF-REVELATION CHURCH OF ABSOLUTE MONISM

The Golden Lotus Temple of the Self-Revelation Church of Washington, D.C., was designed and built by Swami Premananda. The cornerstone of this most distinctive edifice was laid by the Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia, assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge, on May 17, 1952. This was the first time in the history of Masonry and religion that a Grand Master laid the cornerstone of a house of worship of which a Swami was the minister. Upon the completion of the Golden Lotus Temple the first service was held on November 23, 1952.

IDEAL

Every man is essentially divine. Man is the divine self. The ideal of human existence is the recognition of man's spiritual self. Religion is the realization of man's divine nature, otherwise called self-realization. When man realizes his true self, spirituality guides his daily life and conduct. Life guided by spiritual vision insures inner contentment and world peace.

LIBRARY

The Library of India contains books by great thinkers of the world, but especially books on philosophy, religion, art and culture by men of wisdom of India. For further details consult the librarian.

MISSION HOUSE, CHURCH AND PARISH HOMES

The Mission House, the Church and Parish Homes of the Self-Revelation Church provide spiritual residence for members, students and workers.

OUR INDIA MISSION

Our India Mission was founded in 1944 and maintained exclusively by the Washington congregation for over 25 years. "Sevayatan" is located on 120 acres at Jhargram, District Midnapur, West Bengal. The services of the Mission include free school, vocational school and teacher's training college, medical clinic, emergency relief and other charitable services to the community.

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PRAYER OF DEVOTION

"Heavenly Father, may thy love shine forever on the sanctuary of my devotion, and may I be able to awaken thy love in all hearts."

Swami Yogananda Paramhansa of India
Guru-Preceptor

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