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THE GURU'S PRAYER
FOR ALL SELF-REALIZATIONISTS

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Father, Thou alone art the King sitting on the
throne of my heart;
May I always remember not myself but Thee.
All those who come to me, bless them.
Thou art my life, my love, my everything;
To Thee I pledge unconditional loyalty.
May Thy love shine forever on the sanctuary of
my devotion,
And may I be able to awaken Thy love in all
hearts.

As Thou hast given me the will, strength, and
power
To bring other souls back to Thy grace—
Those who have wandered,
Brothers and sisters straying on the pathway of
incarnations—

Make me the transparent medium
Through which Thy light enters their hearts,
dispelling darkness forevermore.

Father, Mother, Friend, Beloved God,
I thank Thee from my inmost soul
That Thou hast graced my life with Thine
omnipresence.

Help me to spread Thy message.
I want to extol not myself but Thee;
Be Thou the Speaker through my voice;
May my will always express Thy will;
Be Thou the only Desire behind all my desires.

All Thy devotees who come to me, I offer at
Thy feet.

Change them, Father.

Do for them as Thou wilt.

Not my wish, but Thine, for Thou art the Lord
of my heart.

Thou hast ever blessed me by granting all my
prayers.

In this closing chapter of my life
Be Thou the one Life guiding me,
Giving me the sole longing to place Thee
In the hearts of all devotees Thou hast sent me.

May Thy greatest blessing be
That they remain constantly with Thee,
In wakeful hours and in time of sleep and dreams;
With Thee ever through eternity,
And feeling Thy presence even in this dream of
incarnation.
Be Thou alone the King reigning in their hearts.

All my love, all my devotion, all my loyalty
I pour at Thy feet;
For I see the dreams of this life have all passed
away,
And Thou alone art ever my Beloved.
May I rouse that love in the hearts of others,
That they see Thy presence
Behind the delusion of this life.

What words shall I speak from the sincerity of
my heart?
The greatest gift I have to bestow
On those I love, Thy devotees,
Is awakening Thy love in their hearts,
For Thy love's sake.

Father, Mother, Friend, Beloved God,
No more with words will I pray.

But with my heart, with the fervor of my
intuition;
For I know Thou art listening to my voice of
prayer
And to every call of my soul.

THE SELF-REALIZATIONIST'S PRAYER
OF DEDICATION TO GOD

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Father, Mother, Friend, Beloved God,
Unite our thoughts at a boundless altar
Where Thine omnipresence may shine forth.
Let us realize that Thou art the True Goal we are
seeking.

Be not indifferent to us, though we be indifferent
to Thee:

Remember us, though we remember Thee not.
Our loyalty to Thee may come and go,
But ever art Thou the Unfaltering Friend.

Receive the unctuous fervor of our souls.
Many times has the nightingale song of sense
pleasures

Lured away our love from Thee.
Now accept our undying devotion.

We pour the offering of all desires at Thy holy
feet.

O Lord, receive us.

Thou wilt not cast us away.

Thou art mighty to save Thy devotees;

We cannot be lost, for we are Thine.

Thou art the Immortal Shelter, forsaking us
never.

Though we have sought the desires and ambi-
tions of this life,

We now see they were only Thy tests

To bring us at last into Thine arms.

May we not be engrossed in trivial thoughts,
moods, and the habits of incarnations;

Protect us from ourselves.

Test us with delusion, with punishment, if it be
Thy will,

But let us never be oblivious of Thy presence.

No more with mere words and fragments of
sincerity,

But from the depths of our yearning souls

We offer to Thee our loyalty:

In health or sickness,

In wealth or poverty.

In security or disaster,
In attunement or delusion,
In life or death,
We stand before the altar of devotion,
Unconditionally loving Thee alone
Forever and forever,
Forever, forever, and forever.