

AVATAR MEHER BABA'S PRAYERS AND ARTIES



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THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

O Parvardigar, the Preserver and Protector of all !

You are without Beginning, and without End;

Non-dual, beyond comparison; and none can measure You,

You are without colour, without expression, without form, and without attributes.

You are unlimited and unfathomable, beyond imagination and conception; eternal and imperishable.

You are indivisible; and none can see You but with eyes divine.

You always were, You always are, and You always will be;

You are everywhere, You are in everything; and You are also beyond everywhere and beyond everything. You are in the firmament and in the depths.

You are manifest and unmanifest, on all planes, and beyond all planes

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You are in the three worlds, and also beyond the three worlds.

You are imperceptible and independent.

You are the Creator, the Lord of Lords, the Knower of all minds and hearts; You are omnipotent and omnipresent.

You are Knowledge Infinite, Power Infinite and Bliss Infinite

You are the ocean of Knowledge, All-Knowing, Infinitely-Knowing; the Knower of the past, the present and the future; and You are Knowledge itself.

You are all-merciful and eternally benevolent.

You are the Soul of souls, the One with infinite attributes.

You are the trinity of Truth, Knowledge and Bliss.

You are the Source of Truth, the Ocean of Love.

You are the Ancient One, the Highest of the High; You are Prabhu and Parameshwar; You are : 2: the Beyond-God, and the Beyond-Beyond God also; You are Parabrahma; Consection Allah; Elahi; Yazdan; Ahuramazda; Code Almighty, and God the Beloved.

You are named Ezad, the Only One worthy of worship.

-Meher Baba

REPENTENCE AND PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

We repent, O God Most Merciful, for all our sins; for every thought that was false or unjust or unclean; for every word spoken that ought not to have been spoken; for every deed done that ought not to have been done

We repent for every deed and word and thought inspired by selfishness, and for every deed and word and thought inspired by hatred.

We repent most especially for every lustful thought and every lustful action; for every lie; for all hypocrisy; for every promise given but not fulfilled, and for all slander and backbiting.

Most especially also, we repent for every action that has brought ruin to others; : 3 : for every word and deed that has given others pain; and for every wish that pain should hefail others

In your Unbounded Mercy we ask you to forgive us, O God! for all these sins committed by us, and to forgive us for our constant failures to think and speak and act according to Your Will.

-Meher Baba

PRAYER FOR BABA LOVERS AND MANDALI

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Beloved God, help us all to love you more and more, and more and more and still yet more, till we become worthy of union with you; and help us all to hold fast to Baba s daaman till the very end.

-Meher Baba

MEHER BABA'S ARATI *

by Hank Mindlin

How can one fathom your fathomless being? How can we know you. we see with gross eyes. A glimpse of your shadow has blinded our seeing; How could your glory ever be realized.

Chorus

Consumed is my mind in your fire and flame; Accept it, O Meher, in Oneness. Consumed is my heart in the sound of your name. Accept, O Meher, my Arti, Accept, O Meher, my song.

 Thoughts cannot reach you and words cannot speak you, Infinite ocean of unending bliss Though we beseech you, how can we seek you? How can the Finite know Limitlessness?

Chorus

 At your command, suns and stars give their light; What in the worlds can I offer as mine? Even my gift of love would be naught in your sight But veiled reflections of your Love Divine.

Chorus

 You are the Ancient One, Lord of Creation, : 5 : How can we measure your true majesty? (louder)

YOU ARE THE CHRIST!

the Divine Incarnation

(softly)

Dear Lord, plese don't be indifferent to me.

Chorous

 You are the beginning and end of all things; 'Tis you alone who assumes every role. Sinners and Saints! beggars and Kings. You are the Source and you are the Goal.

Chorous

 How can one fathom your fathomless being? How can we know you, we see with gross eyes. A glimpse of your shadow has blinded our seeing, How could your glory ever be realized.

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AUSTRALIAN ARTI * by Francis Brabazon

O glorious, eternal Ancient One Your face is a bright, transcendental sun-Lighten this dark world and the tears I weep; My heart, Meher, I give to you to keep.

Creator, yet creationless you are-Truth and Truth's Body, divine Avatar Who, through compassion the three worlds maintains-Destroy this Ignorance that life sustains

These five lights are the whirling spokes of breath Of the world-wheel that bears me on to death Unless you, who are infinitely kind Break the wheel's hub which is conditioned mind.

This incense is my love, these fruits my art, Which to please you I have shaped from my heart Accept them as you would a simple flower That has no use beyond its shining hour.

You are my Self, I sing to you in praise And beg your love to bear me through the days Till you, the Everliving Perfect One Illume my darkness with your shining Sun. Copyright by Meher Baba Foundation, Australia.

GUJARATI, ARTI

BY MEHER BABA

Boojaaway naar jallatni ay kar koodratnay farmaa too

Chhay laagi aash bhaktonay kay bakshay nooray eema too

Ayaa moorshad Meher Baba charanapar toojnaa dhariary sir

Khoodaanaa zaatathi waakef thaee betho Meherbaa too

Too chhay maalik hakikatno too aashak bhi nay aaref bhi

Too chhay dariyaa-ay wahedat maarayfatno ho-ee toofaa too

Hamo raharav nay aiy saalek bakhash jay gnyaan Ezadnoo

TRANSLATION OF GUJARATI ARTI

by Adi K. Irani

Oh God command that the fire of our ignorance be extinguished

Your lovers yearn for you to bestow upon them the Light of Faith,

- Oh Murshed Meher Baba we (Your lovers) lay our heads at your Feet
- Oh Meher Baba, You have made yourself perfectly aware of your Godhood
- You are the Lord of Truth, You are the Lover and the Beloved in One
- Being the torrent of infinite Knowledge, You are the Ocean of Oneness,
- Oh, Master, bestow upon us, the Wayfarers, the Knowledge of Ezad (the only One worthy of worship)

Kay too Paramaatmaa gnyaani chhay nay mookhtaaray irfaa too

Koodaanaa Premno piaalo pilaavi mast hamnay kar

Chhay toojpar jaan sadkay saakiyaa aapi day payamaa too

Hamaari naav bhar dariay taraaway tow hamay tariay

Hamaaraa naakhoodaa aiy Meher Baba chhay neegahbaa too

Hamaaraa naakhoodaa aiy Meher Baba chhay neegahbaa too "Boojaaway"

- For You, Oh Paramatama are Omniscient and are Divine Knowledge itself.
- Give us to drink of the cup of God's Love that we become intoxicated
- Oh Saki, we offer our lives in sacrifice to You, give us this draught
- Only if You steer our ship while in mid ocean can we remain afloat
- Oh Meher Baba, the Captain of our ship, You are our Protector.
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HINDI ARTI

by Bhau Kalchuri

Aadi sachaytana shaanti nikaytana namo Brahma aao Meher Prabhu arati apanaao

Prem deep may hiay jalaavoo Nibid andhayraa mitataa paavoo Apanaa sub kooch toomhay chadhaavoo Toom moojhko sarsaao Meher Prabhu arati apnaao

Jivan ki har saans hamaari Ban jaa-ay Prabhu gati toomhaari Hay karoonaakar leelaa-dhaari Toom Kaaraoonaa barsaao Meher Prabhu arati apannao

Banay arati jeevan mayraa Aadi anta-kaa laya ho ghayraa Khoolay nayan aur dikhay savayraa Toom moojmay chhaa jaao Meher Prabhu arati apanaao "Aadi"

TRANSLATION OF HINDI ARTI

by Adi K. Irani

Primordial, life-giving consciousness, heaven of peace, Salutations, Oh Brahma come, Lord Meher accept my Arti

- Light the lamp of love in my heart and annihilate this intense darkness offering everything to you and be blissful in Your Love: Oh Lord Meher, accept my Arti.
- May every breath of my life become the flow of Your Will, Oh Compassionate One; Oh Master of the Divine game; shower Your Mercy upon me; Oh Lord Meher, accept my Arti
- May Your Arti Become my very life, that the round of births and deaths end for ever. May my eyes be opened to the light of dawn and you pervade in me; Oh Lord Meher, accept my Arti.

MEHER BABA-QUTUBE ALAM Ghazal By SAEB ASMI-Pakistan (Translation by Shri Adi K. Irani)

I. MEHER BABA QUTUBE AALAM MAJHARE NOORE KHUDA MARDE HAQ INSANE KAMIL TAJDARE DO SARA

> Meher Baba, You are the Hub of the Universe. You are the manifestation of the Light of God. You are the man of God, the perfect man, and the Emperor of the Two Worlds.

II. MAHRUMA PURNOOR TERE JALWAE RUKHASARASE DO JAHAN ROSHAN HAI TERE PARTOVE ANWARASE

> MEHER BABA TOO KHUDA, TUJHME HAI JALWAGAR KHUDA MEHER BABA SOORATE INSAN HO TO HAQNOOMA

The Sun and the Moon are there because of your light. The Two Worlds are enlightened because of the reflection of your light. Meher Baba, you are God and in you is God manifested. Meher Baba, although you are human, you are verily God.

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III. TOO HAI SWAMY RAMATIRATH, TOO HAI NANAK TOO KABIR KURSIO LOHO KALAM, TERE MUHABAT KE ASEER TOO MUHAMMED, TOO MASIHA, TOO SULEMAN, TOO KALIM GOD TOO HAI, VAHEGURU TOO, RAM TOO HAI, TOO RAHIM

You are Swami Ramatirath, You are Nanak, You are Kabir. It is the effect of your love that God could write the destiny of the entire humanity sitting on HIs throne with a tablet and a pen. You are Mohammed, You are Christ, You are Solomon, You are Moses. You are God, you are Vahe Guru (of Sikhs). You are Ram (of Hindus). You are Rahim (of Muslims).

IV. AIE SHAHENSHA-E-DO AALAM, BADSHA-E-KAENAT TERI GIRDE RAAH HO JAANEME MUJHGAR HAI NAJAAT MANGATA HOO ROSHANI TUJHASE-AE-MEHERE TABEDAR TOO-KE-AE MEHERO MUHABBAT KA HAI BAHARE BEKINAR

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Oh king of Two Worlds, Emperor of the entire creation, to enter the orbit of your love is sure salvation. Your obedient servant, crave from you some light, You who are the shoreless ocean of mercy and love. Avatar Meher Baba Tamilnadu Centre has been registered as a Public Trust (No. 104/88). The main object of this Trust is to disseminate the information on the Life and Messages of Avatar Meher Baba, besides other charitable activities. Weekly Prayer meetings are held on every Sunday from 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

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