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Dr. Sri K. Parvathi Kumar has been teaching various concepts of wisdom and initiating many groups into the Path of Yoga of Synthesis in India, Europe, Latin America and North America. His teachings are many and varied. They are oriented for practice and are not mere information.

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## *A View*

Dear Reader

I am deeply touched by the beauty and the depth of the Prayers. These Prayers show the profound love and longing for God of Master K. Parvathi Kumar. Every stanza is by itself whole and entire. It leads to Synthesis. Through the dip deep of these Prayers ultimately one will merge into The One and unite with God. The Prayers directly lead and rise up to higher levels, and the heart and the soul are touched and magnetised. It is like listening to the holy Music of the Soul. If we devote our time with an open heart, humbly and in adoration, we will be allowed to enter into the lightful and magnetic field experiencing the blissful energy of the Prayers. These Prayers will inspire and touch all seriously seeking Souls.

Thank you, Master, for the blessings and love you spread all over with these Prayers!

To Your Lotus Feet

An ardent Aspirant.



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## *Introduction*

Prayers are inevitable on the Path. They are helpful to orientate to the Divine. Prayers do good to the beginners, the aspirants and to the adepts, to men and to Masters as well.

Prayers do not belong to the mind, they belong to the heart. They are the cry of the Soul, if they are ardent and hearty. They develop cordiality and establish a cordial link to the Divine. A cordial link is considered the best. The Divine too finds the way to reach through such cordial link.

The prayers in this book are some such ardent ones. Ardent prayers culminate into true meditation. It enables musing of the soul with the super soul.

Dr. K. Parvathi Kumar



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1

Having emerged from You,  
we relate to You  
every morning  
in gratefulness.  
Keep up the cordiality  
even while we are immersed in the world.  
We pray!

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2

We cannot boast to hold on  
to You.  
We pray,  
so that You hold us  
in our hours of trial,  
crisis,  
conflict of pain  
and pleasure.  
We pray!



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3

We pray to stay aligned.  
But we fail to stay aligned,  
even while in prayer!  
We nevertheless pray.

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4

Do we pray in vain?  
Are our prayers a vanity?  
Perhaps our pride prevents our prayers  
reaching Your feet.  
Nevertheless we humbly pray.



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5

We cannot stand up  
to the standards of scriptures.  
We fall short in our disciplines.  
But we pray  
that we may be strengthened.  
We pray  
that we may be allowed to pray!  
If not allowed,  
we cannot even pray.  
Allow us to pray.



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6

Your grace enables us  
to pray.  
Your grace enables fulfilment  
of our prayers.  
Your grace fulfils us  
and leads us  
into Your presence.  
We continue to pray.



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7

Our hearts trumpet the conscience.  
Our minds desire the contrary!  
Minds mostly manipulate and win.  
Hearts remain hurt.  
We pray  
that we may be healed,  
that we may be pardoned.  
We, the preys, pray.



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8

Our prayers reach not lofty heights,  
for our actions are impure,  
our thoughts and speeches are improper.  
We are paupers.  
We pray  
that You reach unto us  
and reset us.  
We offer ourselves to You.



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9

We offer ourselves  
to You  
since we are helpless and hopeless.  
Our ego and pride led us  
to our doom.  
We are doomed  
by our sense of freedom.  
We found no other way  
but to pray for Your mercy.  
Your mercy is unconditional.  
It encourages us to pray.



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10

Conditional mercy we find  
in the books,  
in the teachings.  
We cannot adapt to them.  
In our fancy we tried to follow them.  
We found that we are weak.  
We cannot.  
We therefore pray for  
Your mercy,  
Your grace,  
Your presence.



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11

We are infants for  
we are in fancy.  
We fancy that we pray,  
that we worship,  
that we meditate,  
that we study  
and that we serve.  
We build our fancies around You.  
We move around as Your messengers!  
Do you need messengers?  
Can't You reach us if You wish?  
Lift us up at once.  
We pray!



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12

Our sense of freedom  
led us to free doom.  
We offer ourselves to You  
in our utter hopelessness and helplessness.  
Lead us unto Your freedom,  
the real freedom.  
We pray!



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13

As we wake up our tails wag!  
They wag and we notice not.  
We notice not our tails.  
They seek no permission from us to wag.  
Our tails wag without our permission!

Mostly we know not that  
we have tails and that they wag.  
Our tails, we slowly realise, are our personalities.  
They are our extended shadows.

Our tails are our extensions.  
We cannot steer them.  
On the contrary they steer us!  
The cart drives the horse!  
The servant leads the Master.  
We are after our shadows!  
We turn to You, for we are tired totally.  
We therefore pray.



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14

We see not our tails.  
We see others',  
we criticise and judge.  
We wish our tails are cut.  
But You are compassionate, You cut not.  
Teach us from within at least,  
so that our tails behave friendly with us.  
You help.  
We pray!



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15

We pray  
and we realise.  
We realise that we are Your tails  
and that we too wag  
without Your permission.  
Hence our tails wag  
without our permission.  
Teach us from within  
to co-operate with You  
– not operate independent of You,  
we are desperate.  
We pray!



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16

We are upset;  
we are upset because  
we see upside down.  
We see all upside down  
and get further upset.  
We wish to change everything around.  
We wish to set up the surroundings in an order.  
We least realise that all is in order  
and that we only are upside down.  
Please set up the upset ones.  
We pray!



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17

Some say, yoga helps;  
some others say,  
knowledge helps;  
yet others say,  
service helps;  
still others say,  
help thyself.  
They are capable ones!  
But I am incapable.  
I wait for You,  
praying.



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18

To wait is boredom.  
But to wait  
for You  
is an engagement!  
It is an enchanting engagement.  
I chant,  
I sing and  
I wait.  
I am engaged. It is self-engagement.  
I pray and  
I wait.



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19

I do not know  
what to ask,  
what to speak  
if You suddenly bestow  
Your presence.  
Maybe I get lost  
into You  
out of my excitement.  
I could be silly in Your presence.  
I pray.  
You shall pardon me.  
I pray!



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20

I invoke,  
I pray,  
I invite You,  
not to be possessive of You,  
but to be possessed by You.  
My prayer  
is my offering.  
I am Yours!  
Feel free.  
I pray!



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21

My devotion to You  
is seen as emotion by my friends.  
They caution me of my passion.  
Be it emotion,  
passion or devotion.  
I need no caution in my passion  
for You.  
Your compassion is enough.  
I know,  
You are an ocean of compassion.  
I pray!



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22

You send Your sons  
to help us.  
They teach wisdom!  
Wisdom is for men.  
But we are monkeys!  
How can we become wise?  
We pray!



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23

We are monkeys of Your garden.  
We are given the garbs of men.  
You are too compassionate  
to glorify us.  
We cannot stand up to  
Your expectation.  
In thankfulness for glorification -  
We pray!



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24

We hear that real men lived  
in the garbs of monkeys and  
co-operated with the Plan.  
But we are monkeys in the garbs of men.  
Our appearances are false.  
Help us!  
We pray!



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25

We are mesmerised  
by Kali.  
We are told  
that You come down  
as Kalki to lift us up.  
We pray and  
we wait.  
You are the only key to us,  
the monkeys.



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26

We hear  
that your music mesmerises  
into Your presence.  
Be it flute or lyre,  
we await musing  
into You,  
while praying.



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27

We are the preys  
of illusion  
and ignorance.  
Our prayers could be  
ignorant prayers.  
Yet we do what we can.  
We cannot do  
what we cannot.  
Help us or leave us  
as You wish.  
But we pray.



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28

We hear that  
You came once  
to save the cows  
and calves.  
You came again  
to save the lambs.  
You come again  
and again;  
we remain unsaved.  
Are we not cows and lambs?



We are not cows or calves. We are bulls.  
 We are not lambs. We are rams.  
 We are not lions, noble. We are tigers.  
 We are not pure as virgins. We are manipulators.  
 We are not balanced yogis. We are imbalanced  
 boors.  
 We are not eagles of the blue sky. We are serpents  
 that crawl.  
 We are not aspirants, noble. We are mundane  
 aspirers.  
 We aim not peaks. We only speak.  
 We ascend not into subtle. We expand into gross.  
 We are not fish to fall in Your net. We are sharks  
 and whales.  
 Save us if You can. Leave us not to our destiny.  
 We pray!



We suffer  
 a ring-pass-not.  
 It is our own creation.  
 We suffer  
 from self-created limitation  
 although we are Your sons.  
 The chick in the egg  
 cannot break the shell by itself.  
 It needs the co-operation from without.  
 We need Your strength –  
 within and without.  
 Lift us up from within and without.  
 We pray!



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31

The trees are the givers.  
We are the receivers.  
They give much –  
the flower, the fruit, the cool shade, the breeze,  
the firewood and so on.  
They keep giving and  
keep growing too!  
They grow towards the sky.  
They ascend to meet the Sun, the sky.  
We stay receiving.  
We learnt to receive.  
We remain pigmies.  
That we may give and grow,  
grow to be,  
to be with You,  
to be one in all -  
We pray!



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32

As our prayers touch sincerity,  
Your fire generates within  
and starts to purify.  
The process, we realise, is painful.  
Please make haste  
but slowly.  
We really cannot stand Your purification.  
Let the pain of fire be friendly,  
bearable and encouraging.  
We pray!



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33

Though  
You prevail over the creation  
as the Lord of love,  
why the beings pursue power?  
Is not love the basis?  
From Your presence,  
Your love,  
mankind draws power!  
When do we learn to love?  
Please help us to be in love  
and not in power.  
We pray!



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34

Let all our acts be service,  
based on love.  
Can there be real service without love?  
May we be helped  
in this direction.  
We pray!



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35

Let our association  
be with men of love,  
of service,  
and of goodwill.  
Let the three (love, service, goodwill)  
be in action,  
not so much in speech.  
We pray!

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36

We ardently wish  
to relate to You  
through our prayers.  
But our minds  
reduce our ardent prayers  
to be ordinary,  
mechanical,  
monotonous.  
Help us to pray ardently –  
with heart,  
not with mind.  
We pray!



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37

Our hearts say,  
“We like to pray,  
we love to pray.”  
Our minds say,  
“We have to pray,  
we should pray.”  
Mind imposes power.  
Heart trumpets love.  
Let not our prayers be from mind,  
the powerful.  
Let them be hearty.  
We pray!



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38

Power enslaves.  
Powerful religions enslaved us.  
Powerful preachers  
injected fear of You.  
Power as means  
cannot help to reach You  
as love does.  
Lead us unto You through love of You.  
We pray!



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39

We are grateful  
for what is given.  
We are regretful  
for what we are.  
We could be better.  
We pray!

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40

We pray.  
We stay in 1st person  
and pray You as the 2nd person.  
But You are the 1st One,  
we are the 2nd.  
This inversion is inevitable in our prayers.  
Pardon us for this.  
We pray!



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41

You exist as

*I Am.*

We too exist as

*I Am.*

We are the duplicates,

Your mirror images,

Your shadows!

But we forget our status.

We forget You,

the Original.

We pray!

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42

We realise that it is futile  
to run around in the world.

The world revolves  
around You.

To run  
around You,

to revolve  
around You

helps us to overcome  
the revolutions of world,

of death  
and birth.

Moving around You,  
we pray!



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43

Around You are the wheels:  
cosmic,  
solar and  
planetary.  
Beings move in these wheels.  
We create our own wheels  
within Your wheels.  
Cut our wheels,  
lead us unto You.  
We pray!



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44

Prayers are purificatory.  
We need daily purification.  
We pray,  
You help us.



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45

Unless we are pure  
in all the three planes -  
physical, emotional and mental,  
You do not reveal Yourself.  
We need Your help  
even for self-purification.  
Purify us  
and reveal Yourself  
and lift us up.  
We pray!



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46

It is amazing  
how Your devotees  
grow in virtues  
to be superhuman.  
Virtues associate themselves  
as we devote  
and pray.  
They have no glamour of their virtues.  
Stabilise us in prayer.  
We pray!



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47

In our moments of crisis  
help us to recollect You.  
We recollect our crisis,  
our calamities,  
our problems  
more than You.  
Is not our recollection  
of You,  
the *Master Key* to us?  
We know.  
But we often forget.  
Help us to pray,  
we beg!



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48

We beg not the worldly needs.  
We beg  
for Your presence.  
Your presence  
settles in contentment.  
Your presence fulfils.  
Your presence  
is a self-forgetful state of bliss.  
For presence,  
we pray!



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49

We pray.  
We know that we create obstacles by ourselves  
for Your visit.  
But are they obstacles?  
For You there are no obstacles.  
For us they exist.  
We create them,  
we promote them,  
we suffocate from them.  
It is enough.  
Help us at least to pray.  
Help us with Your presence!  
We pray!



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50

“All is Divine”,  
says Raja Yogi.  
“Not this,  
not this,  
not this”,  
says philosopher.  
One is the path of inclusion;  
other is the path of elimination.  
We prefer to be in the Path.  
We pray!



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51

In prayers  
stray thoughts enter.  
They are intruders.  
They intimidate.  
They do not let us  
to relate to You.  
But we pray!  
As we pray,  
the revelation comes:  
“See Me *in* all stray thoughts,  
*as* all thoughts.  
I remain, thoughts disappear into Me.”  
We therefore persist our prayers.  
Help us to pray.



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52

May we work with the minds open,  
voice proclaiming  
and hands conferring Goodwill. . .  
We pray!



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53

May the inner vision  
be gained,  
may the ears hear  
the voice of silence,  
may the eyes see clearly  
the glory of the Lord,  
may we speak only  
in benediction,  
may the hands engage  
in helpfulness.  
We pray!



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54

As we pray we realise:  
You are our life.  
You are our love.  
You are our dream.  
You are our inspiration.  
You are our respiration.  
You are our heartthrob.  
Verily, You are the essence of our life!



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55

I built a golden temple  
in my heart  
for You  
to stay forever  
and ever.  
Bestow Your presence in it  
and fulfil!  
Fulfil Your plan,  
staying in the golden temple.  
I am at Your service.



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56

Mould me  
for Your purposes.  
I am Yours  
always,  
all ways!



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57

You made us  
in Your image  
and likeness.  
You gave us freedom!  
It is a privilege!  
But we have no ability  
to handle such freedom.  
Take it back.  
Better we remain bonded  
to You.  
We pray!



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58

Freedom, freedom, freedom –  
man cries!  
Who took away his freedom?  
No one.  
Verily, verily it is he  
who denies it  
and cries for it!  
Don't You feel we are childish?  
We are foolish.  
Yes we are.  
We pray,  
please help us, the foolish ones.



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59

We are not eligible  
for this human form.  
It is too good for us.  
We think we can handle it.  
But we mostly mishandle and  
suffer disease,  
decay  
and death.  
We pray,  
You help us.



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60

You give us life,  
but we bring  
our death!  
That is our state of awareness!  
Help us,  
We pray!



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61

Do we really pray You?  
Do we really love You?  
We pray for our sake,  
we love You for our sake.  
We always wish  
to receive from You.  
We wish not  
to offer ourselves to You.  
But love is offering,  
Prayer is offering.  
Give us right orientation.  
We pray!



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62

Why so many prayers?  
So lengthy  
and so monotonous!  
Is it not simple  
to feel in the heart  
'the sense of offering'?



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63

Yes, 'offering' –  
what a sacred thought!  
Can there be a better feel,  
better thought  
and better act  
than offering.  
Lord!  
Teach us offering.  
Let this be a life  
of offering.



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64

We offer flowers to You.  
We offer candles to You.  
We offer incense and  
we offer gold and  
precious stones!  
But we do not offer ourselves!!  
Let our lives be offered  
at Your Lotus Feet  
as fragrant flowers.  
We pray!



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65

Lead us  
from the sense of receiving  
to the sense of offering.  
Teach us  
that sacred art of offering.  
We pray!

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66

Offering  
led many men into  
Your aura –  
the divine field.  
But they offered not  
to attain divinity.  
They offered themselves  
without any sense of expectation.  
We mortals  
need only this key of offering.



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67

The seers speak of 'surrender'.  
"Surrender to the Lord!  
Live in Him!  
Move in Him!  
Surrender to His will!"  
But we, the mankind, are proud.  
We speak of it.  
We do not surrender.  
We do not know how to offer.  
How can we surrender?  
We pray,  
teach us the fundamentals.



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68

You send Teachers.  
We do not learn.  
Teaching  
perhaps helps only a handful.  
You come down as an  
Avatar.  
Even then only a hundred help themselves.  
In this age of electronic chips,  
is it not wise to replace  
our 'chip of expectations'  
with the 'chip of offering'?  
Pardon me for this advice.  
This is my prayer.



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69

Lift up is possible only  
if You open Your eye in us.  
Any other way is futile with us.  
We pray!

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70

We like the illusion  
You cast on us.  
We fall into one illusion or the other  
since aeons of time.  
Only Your grace lifts us up.  
Please grace us.  
We pray!



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71

We pray.  
We wait for You.  
Waiting for You  
is not painful.  
We wait praying.  
We look for You all around.  
Who knows,  
how You grace!  
You may visit any moment.  
You may grace from any direction.  
You may approach through any form.  
You may give the touch from within or without.



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72

We believe that we die.  
Therefore we die!  
Seers believe in You,  
the Eternal One.  
Hence  
they live from eternity to eternity!  
“As we believe so we are”,  
say the Seers.  
Lead us to unwavering belief in You.



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73

Seers entrust  
death to the body  
when the hour strikes  
and exit gracefully.  
Teach us  
how to entrust death to the body.  
We pray!

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74

To stay aligned  
with You,  
persons withdraw into forests,  
into mountain valleys and  
into remote places of silence.  
Staying in the world  
we pray  
to stay aligned with You!  
We need Your support,  
Your presence  
and Your grace  
more than the others.  
We pray!



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75

World,  
it is said,  
is illusion.  
Staying in the world  
and being  
with You,  
is the game we are asked  
to play.  
It is an engaging, enticing,  
enchancing and enriching game  
for those who know.  
For us it is exhausting.  
We pray  
that we are bestowed with the skills.



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76

“The diabolic  
and the divine  
are ever engaged in fight”,  
say the scriptures.  
But we see  
that even within us  
the two are engaged in fight.  
You are  
the Synthesising One.  
Help us.  
We pray!



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77

Our inconsistencies are amazing!  
We swing from one state to the other  
in our thoughts,  
desires and emotions.  
Should we resist them  
to be stable?  
Should we tune up to the swing?  
Acceptance  
sometimes enables inner stability.  
Bless us  
to gain the ability to accept.  
We pray!



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78

In the world  
of reflections  
and of alternating currents,  
to stay stable  
can be only through  
a sense of withdrawal –  
a detached  
and dispassionate attitude.  
We pray,  
that we may be favoured  
with this floating skill!



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79

The worldly  
are well off.  
The saintly are  
very well off.  
We,  
the 'in-between',  
are 'pulled and pushed'  
regularly by the self and non-self.  
We are the centaurs  
that need release.  
We pray!



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80

Each time we sink,  
we pray to be saved.  
When we float  
our prayers are not lofty  
to stay afloat.  
Stabilise our prayers ...  
We pray!



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81

The Teachers teach us  
to reject fear,  
teach us  
to be of 'cleanstate'.  
But we cannot.  
We can only offer ourselves  
at your threshold  
to be cleaned and used.  
We pray!



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82

We cannot stand up  
to the illusions of nature.  
We are nature's creatures.  
We need to be lifted up.  
We need either Your Grace or Nature's Grace.  
We pray!



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83

We pray  
when we need You.  
We pray  
ardently, as per the depth of our difficulties.  
We pray  
otherwise, when the sail is smooth.  
We are inconsistent  
and unreliable.  
But You are  
consistent and reliable.  
We pray!



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84

Sometimes  
we boast ourselves.  
We think of reaching You.  
We know not  
that reaching You  
is reaching the Sun.  
We get scorched.  
We therefore pray  
that You reach us!



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85

When sunrays reach us daily,  
why should we reach the Sun.  
Verily,  
the ray is Your touch.  
You are present in us  
as life and light,  
as the very core of our being.  
Reveal into us and lift us from the glamour.  
We pray!

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86

Realising is reaching.  
There is no seeking,  
no knocking,  
no longing.  
Just realise  
*I Am That I Am*  
and stay put;  
stay stable.  
We pray  
that no illusion takes over.



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87

We pretend to desire You.  
But we tend to desire other things.  
You know it.  
Yet we,  
the pretenders,  
pray!

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88

The life around is funny.  
All pretend.  
We learnt  
to be good dramatists.  
How can we turn  
to be devotees  
and disciples  
until we shun our dramas  
and until we really pray from our hearts.  
We therefore pray.



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89

Our intelligence  
is a facility and hurdle as well.  
We know not  
the timely application.  
We prefer to rely on You,  
not on our intelligence.  
We pray!



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90

We are not tolerant.  
Nor are we patient.  
We get frustrated soon.  
Respond soon to our prayers.  
We cannot pray enough.



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91

You are the spirit;  
we are the souls,  
Your offsprings.  
We have the body.  
We long to meet You.  
But our body lets us not.  
Each time we try to rise,  
the body pulls us down.  
We are prisoners of our body.  
We pray.  
We have to wait, praying.



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92

We are habituated  
to receive.  
We receive  
but give not.  
Trees give and  
grow like giants.  
We receive and remain as pigmies.  
But we can receive You too,  
if we know how to wait,  
praying.  
We pray and we wait.  
Allow us to pray, please!



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93

You are the Formless One,  
dwelling in forms.  
We are the 'formed ones'.  
Hence,  
we look to You as a Formed One.  
You grace us with form.  
Otherwise we cannot perceive You.  
We pray!



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94

It is but a hard reality  
that we are lonely,  
though seemingly together.  
The togetherness with beings  
is uncertain.  
We are hugged  
when compatible,  
and are hurt  
when incompatible.  
But with You  
the togetherness is certain.  
You do not abandon  
even if we ignore You.  
You are the friend  
that I pray to be with.



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95

Many come into life  
and many go.  
Things, people and events.  
All pass by.  
You and I remain ever,  
forever.  
My prayer is to stay  
aligned with You.  
Other alliances are  
and are not.



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96.

Of late,  
I am inclined to be more  
with You  
than with Your names and forms.  
Your forms and names,  
though engaging,  
You are my interest.  
I pray  
to be one with You.  
I pray!



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97

As we enter  
into this world,  
we slowly and gradually  
gather around us  
men and material.  
We feel them  
to be ours.  
This feeling is sticky and we are stuck.  
We pray  
that we may be lifted up  
from this sticky stuff.



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98

The associations around us  
change  
as we course in life.  
We accept.  
They change  
at once at death.  
We cannot accept.  
Why?  
Perhaps we do not realise  
that death too  
is a change,  
but not a terminator!  
We pray  
to realise this change.



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99

We, the mankind,  
are self-conscious beings.  
We are conscious  
of right and wrong.  
Yet we are weak, we succumb.  
Prayer, we realise,  
is the means to strengthen.  
We pray.  
Transform us to be strong  
and righteous.



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100

We think of protecting ourselves  
and our interests.  
But who is protecting us  
in our sleep hours,  
other than You?  
You are our protector,  
our guardian, our gardener,  
our guard and our God.  
You protect us  
in our conscious and unconscious states!  
Our prayers are  
but petty expressions of our gratitude.  
We pray,  
in gratefulness.



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101

Our existence is but  
Yours.  
But You allow us to feel 'it is ours'.  
This feeling is 'the ring-pass-not'.  
Your grace only lifts us from this 'ring'.  
We are circumscribed.  
You circumsise.  
We pray!



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102

Our circumscription leads us  
to be the islanders.  
Each one of us  
owns his own island.  
Is not island  
but land  
separated by waters?  
Save us from the waters  
and lead us to the main land.  
We pray!



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103

Troubles in our lives  
are the real teachers.  
We complain of our troubles.  
We least realise them as teachers,  
Your messengers.  
Teach us  
to learn through troubles.  
We pray!



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104

Immersed in ignorance,  
we rely on companions.  
Feel them eternal,  
permanent, abiding.  
Companions in life  
are the stars of the sky,  
which disappear in the day!  
You are the Eternal Companion  
staying with us  
in the day  
and in the night as well.  
You are with us  
in our ignorance too!  
We pray therefore to no other.



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105

“See the Ocean in the wave,  
see not the wave”,  
says wisdom.  
“See Me in the beings  
and see not the beings”,  
says the scripture.  
It is easily said but not done.  
Illusion prevails over reality.  
We pray.  
You lift the veil.



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106

Givers give  
and are given.  
As much as they give,  
so much they are given.  
This is endless.  
I give up.  
I give up at Your feet,  
praying.



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107

May friends and enemies  
be neutralised  
in Me.  
May good and bad merge.  
May the polarities disappear.  
Lead me into That,  
Thy presence –  
the eternal abode of be-ness!



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108

Longing for You  
has been my habit from childhood.  
I did not know why.  
As I grew I understood You,  
the talisman of wonder.  
This understanding  
was misunderstanding.  
I settle back to the old way of  
'longing for You – without cause'.  
I have no demands.  
I pray!



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