

## SUNDAY SERVICE

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### **God's Treasures**

"I miss your voice, because it is a symphony. Your scent, because it is a treasure. Your smile, because it is a jewel. Your hug, because it is a masterpiece. And your kiss, because it is a miracle." - Matshona Dhliwayo

### **Parable of the Prodigal Son**

Then Jesus said: "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that will belong to me.' So, he divided his property between them. A few days later, the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to [one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He was longing to be fed with the pods the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said: 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I here I am dying of hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me like one of your hired servants.'" So he arose and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran and hugged him and kissed him. And the

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son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants: 'Quickly, bring the best robe, and put it on him, put a ring on his hand, and sandals on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead, and is alive again. He was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. He replied: 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father: 'Listen, after all these years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' Then the father said to him: 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and rejoice, for your brother was dead, and has come to life. He was lost, and has been found.'"

- The Holy Bible, New Testament, Luke 15:11-32,  
Parable of the Prodigal Son

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"When the elder devotee heard this that his brother returned and there was a party, he was puzzled and would not go near the presence of the father. Therefore, the cosmic consciousness approached him through his intuition with some spiritual thoughts and inner perceptions. But the elder devotee in his vision vibrated his perplexity: 'Heavenly father, behold these many years I have honoured and worshiped thee faithfully in cosmic consciousness. Never have I broken thy commandments, nor transgressed thy divine laws.' The heavenly father vibrated the following intuitive wisdom into the heart of the misunderstanding advanced devotee. Devotee's son: 'You are ever in my cosmic consciousness in the feast of truth, including the calf of wisdom has always already been yours. You should not feel less, because we felt it fit and proper to especially celebrate with cosmic joy for your own lost brother, who was spiritually dead and is now divinely alive. Back again in our kingdom, enhancing our joy as well as your joy. Rejoice!'"

- The Second Coming of Christ, Course 58,  
By Paramahansa Yogananda.

Lord Krishna states: "I am impartial towards all beings. To me none is hateful, none is dear. But, those who give me their hearts love are in me, as I am in them. Even a consummate evil doer who turns away from all else to worship me exclusively may be counted among the good, because of his righteous resolve he will fast become a virtuous man and obtain unending peace. Tell all assuredly that my devotee never perishes. Taking shelter in me, all beings can achieve the supreme fulfilment."

- Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 9, Verse 27-32

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### **As stated by Shaleia:**

“No matter how long a dreamer in dream land deems himself a wicked man, on waking he becomes free from that identity of being an evil person. Even if a soul has passed through many incarnations of evil, its delusive habits fall away and are forgotten instantaneously as soon as that soul wakes up in ecstasy of self-realisation of its inner unwreckable goodness. Every being came from God and even in a forgetful dream of mortality everyone remains a potential sleeping God.”

### **Jeff and Shaleia’s Opening Prayer:**

I am the only child of God, forever part of Him.

I am created by Him in Perfection, and there I always remain.

My mind is my sanctuary where I keep His Holy Creation sacred.

I will only allow in His Voice. I will only accept His Word.

Today I will hear the Word of God.

I surrender myself to His Teachings through His Divine Channel.

I will honor what He has spoken and accept it as His Will.

I will be obedient to His Word, for this is my Salvation.

In Christ's Name, Om Amen.

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### **Closing Prayer by Jeff & Shaleia**

Father, I accept Your Word into my heart.  
I will honor Your Will in my life and will follow You  
without hesitation anywhere You ask.  
I know you guide me into Your Heart, where I belong.  
I accept that You are everywhere, and your teaching is in  
all things.  
God, I know you provide me clarity in this teaching of  
Union that I may be forever in Union with you.

I accept that You are in me as You are in my brother.  
I will not deny my brother Your Word and will share  
Your Teaching with Him in any way You ask, and only as  
You ask.  
For when I share my salvation with him, I fully claim my  
salvation and return to You with him.

In Christ's Name, Om Amen.

*Speaking this prayer in your heart means you have  
accepted that you are on the path of awakening to  
your true Divine nature. This is what it means to be a  
Unionist. Follow the teachings of Union with God  
wherever you find them and purify your consciousness  
into Perfect Union with your Creator.*