



The emblem of the Sathya Sai Organisation is the Sarva Dharma emblem, which features symbols of the major world religions. At the heart of these religions is the Sarva Dharma Stupa that represents the eternal path to God, the path of righteousness, love and wisdom.

- ॐ **Hinduism** Listen to the primeval Pranava AUM resounding in your heart as well as in the heart of the universe.
- 🔱 **Zoroastrianism** Offer all bitterness in the sacred fire and emerge grand, great and godly.
- 🌀 **Buddhism** Remember the wheel of cause and consequence, of deed and destiny and the wheel of dharma that rights them all.
- ✝️ **Christianity** Cut the 'I' feeling clean across and let your ego die on the Cross, to endow on you eternity.
- 🌙 **Islam** Be like the star which never wavers from the crescent but is fixed in steady faith.
- ✡️ **Judasim** Be like the star that represents man ascending to God and God descending to man.

*"There is only one religion, the religion of Love.  
There is only one language, the language of the Heart.  
There is only caste, the caste of Humanity.  
There is only one God, He is Omnipresent" (Sathya Sai Baba).*

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## Unity of Faith Rain Prayer

Sunday, 27 August 2006, 10:00am – 3:00pm  
Cormorant Bay Picnic Area, Lake Wivenhoe  
Brisbane Valley Highway, Esk Shire, Queensland



*Prayer for the reign of righteousness and the rain of God's blessings.*

**Welcome** Rita Kugler, Chairperson, Sathya Sai Organisation of South East Qld and Ron Farmer

### Unity of Faith Prayers

ॐ Vedic prayers *Ganapathi Prarthana* – This Vedic chant in Sanskrit is an invocation to both Lord Ganesh, the Remover of obstacles and the omniscient and knowledgeable one, and Goddess Saraswati, the Goddess of Speech. We seek their blessings and guidance to chant the Vedas properly and correctly with love, awareness and sincerity.

*Mantra Pushpam* – This chant acknowledges the supreme importance of water from which the remaining four elements were born. Water is the divine source as it is the basis for life in all the worlds. Swami adds that the water of life is Love. Love is the origin of everything and one who knows love attains the highest abode.

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✝️ Christian prayers Lord Jesus Christ said: "Again I say to you, if two of you agree on Earth about anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them by My Father, who is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:19-20).

In the Bible, God said: "I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I the Lord, do all these things. You heavens above, rain down righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the Earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness grow with it; I, the Lord, have created it" (Isaiah 45:1-8).

*"The followers of each religion call upon the One God who is omnipresent and who listens to their prayers, be they from any race or whatever language they speak; but it is the same God who confers happiness on all of mankind" (Sathya Sai Baba).*

✝ Christian prayers (cont.) O God, in Whom we live and move, and have our being, grant us rain in due abundance, that, being sufficiently helped with temporal, we may the more confidently seek after eternal gifts. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*All to sing The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven (x 2).  
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Hallowed be Thy Name.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

*All read together*

Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be Peace on Earth, the Peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father, all family are we.  
So let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with me.

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☸ Buddhist prayer *Ratna Sutra* – The Buddhist prayer for rain, the *Ratna Sutra* (Jewel Discourse), will be chanted in the Pali language. Lord Buddha delivered this prayer over 2,500 years ago when the ancient Indian city of Vesali was affected by severe drought and the populace was suffering from famine and diseases. In his compassion, the Buddha came to the city with his disciples and as soon as the master arrived, heavy rain started pouring, which cleared the atmosphere and cleaned the city. Then the Buddha delivered the *Ratna Sutra* and gave instructions to his disciples to tour the city with its citizens reciting this sutra. The Buddha also asked them to sprinkle water from his own alms bowl also while reciting the sutra.

The *Ratna Sutra* prays for all divine beings to attend and listen to the Buddha's teachings on truth and virtue, and to bless and protect the human race with rain, prosperity and well-being (see next page for meaning).

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*"A moment of concentrated prayer from the heart is enough to melt and move God" (Sathya Sai Baba).*

**Sanctifying water of Lake Wivenhoe** Congregational procession down banks of Lake Wivenhoe. All to chant "Om Namah Shivaya" (I surrender to Shiva) to water's edge.

*Concluding speeches:* Ron Farmer and Arthur Hillcoat

*Concluding prayer:* "In the name of our omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent Lord, who answers by many names:

In the name of **Jesus Christ**, our redeemer

In the name of **Buddha**, the compassionate

In the name of **Krishna**, the stealer of hearts

In the name of **Allah**, the merciful

In the name of **Ahura Mazda**, the light within

In the name of **Yahweh**, our Father in heaven

In the name of **Sai Baba**, our Mother, Father, Friend and Guide

In the name of **our Beloved**, who resides in our hearts



"We offer to Mother Earth our prayers for rain and Her wellbeing, with a heart full of repentance for our unconsciousness in the use of Her wealth, with a heart full of compassion for Her suffering, with a heart filled with love for Her and Her inhabitants, all creatures great and small.

"May this offering bring restoration and wholeness to all.  
May all the beings in all the worlds be happy.  
May the power of Love heal all."

All to chant "Om Namah Shivaya" as water is offered to Lake Wivenhoe.

Silent reflection and prayer

*"Believe that all hearts are motivated by the one and only God; that all faiths glorify the one and only God; that all names in all languages and all forms man can conceive denote the one and only God. His adoration is best done by means of love. Cultivate that attitude of oneness between men of all creeds and all countries. That is the message of love I bring. That is the message I wish you to take to heart" (Sathya Sai Baba).*

## 9. Jay - Sai Shower

Sri Sathya Saie  
Our dear Lord  
We humbly pray  
For rain (x2)

Every one is suffering  
For we have no rain  
Every one is feeling the pain  
The dams are very low  
Nothing seems to grow

Every one is longing  
For the precious water  
To make the rivers flow  
And the plants to grow



Grant us a boon  
And bring rain soon  
Let your showers  
Bless this land

Oh, dear Swami  
Sri Sathya Sai  
Bring this drought  
To an end

Rain, rain, we need rain  
Sai Ram, send the rain

May the love we're sharing spread its wings  
Fly across the Earth and bring new joy to every soul that is alive  
May the blessings of Your Grace My Lord shine on everyone  
And may we all see the light within, the light within

Loka Samasta Sukhino Bhavantu  
May all the people in all the worlds be happy  
Loka Samasta Sukhino Bhavantu  
May all the people in all the worlds know You Swami

Om Shanti Shanti Shanti

*"Let the different faiths exist, let them flourish, let the glory of God be sung in all the languages, in a variety of tunes that should be the ideal. Respect the differences between the faiths and recognise them as valid as far as they do not extinguish the flame of Unity."*



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*"Seawater is salty but when it evaporates, the vapour is free from salt. Subsequently, the vapour becomes a cloud, which too contains pure and sweet water. The rain that comes down brings this pure water to the earth. This is God's Love manifesting as rain, bearing water as pure as that of the Ganges" (Sathya Sai Baba).*

## ✿ Meaning of the Buddhist prayer, Ratna Sutra (Jewel Discourse)

1. Whatever beings have gathered here on the earth or in the sky, may you all be happy and may you all listen intently to what I say.

2. O beings, listen closely. May you all radiate loving-kindness to those human beings who, by day and night, bring offerings to you. Therefore, protect them with diligence.

3. Whatever wealth there is here or beyond, whatever exquisite treasure is in the heavens, it does not equal the Buddha. This too, is an exquisite treasure in the Buddha. By this truth may there be happiness.

4. That Cessation, that Detachment, that Deathlessness (Nibbana) the calm and collected Sakyan Sage (the Buddha) had realised. There is nothing to equal that Dhamma. This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Dhamma. By this truth may there be happiness.

5. The Supreme Buddha extolled a path of purity, the Noble Eightfold Path, calling it the path that unflinchingly brings concentration. There is nothing comparable to this concentration. This too, is an exquisite treasure in the Dhamma. By this truth may there be happiness.

6. The eight persons, the four pairs praised by those at peace, they, disciples of the Buddha, deserve offerings. What is given to them bears great fruit. This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Sangha. By this truth may there be happiness.

7. Those who, devoted and firm-minded, apply themselves to Gotama's message, plunge into the deathless on attaining their goal, freely enjoying the liberation they've gained. This too, is an exquisite treasure in the Sangha. By this truth may there be happiness.

Live according to  
My teachings and be happy.

8. An Indra pillar planted in the earth that even the four winds cannot shake: that I tell you, is like the person of integrity who sees, having comprehended the noble truths. This too, is an exquisite treasure in the Sangha. By this truth may there be happiness.

9. Those who have realised the noble truths well-taught by the Buddha regardless of what later might make them heedless will not take an eighth birth. This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Sangha. By this truth may there be happiness.

10. At the moment of attaining sight, one abandons three things: delusion of selfhood, doubt and attachment to rituals. One is completely released from the four states of deprivation and incapable of committing the six great wrongs. This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Sangha. By this truth may there be happiness.

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❁ 11. He is incapable of concealing any evil action he may still do by deed, word or thought, since it has been proclaimed that such concealing is impossible for one who has seen the Path to Nibbana. This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Sangha. By this truth may there be happiness.

12. As the woodland groves in the early heat of summer are crowned with blossoming flowers, even so is the sublime Dhamma leading to the calm of Nibbana, which is taught by the Buddha for the highest good. This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Buddha. By this truth may there be happiness.

13. The Peerless Excellent one, the Buddha, the Knower of Nibbana, the Giver of Nibbana, the Bringer of the Noble Path, taught the excellent Dhamma. This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Buddha. By this truth may there be happiness.

14. Their past kamma spent, their new kamma no more arises, their mind to future-becoming is unattached. Their germ of rebirth-consciousness has died, they have no more desire for re-living. Those wise men fade out of existence as the flame of this lamp has just faded away. This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Sangha. By this truth may there be happiness.

15. Whatever spirits have gathered here on the earth or in the sky, let us pay homage to the Buddha, the Tathagata, worshipped by beings human and divine. May there be happiness.

16. Whatever beings are assembled here, come let us salute the perfect Dhamma, honored by gods and men. May there be happiness.

17. Whatever beings are assembled here, come let us salute the perfect Sangha, honored by gods and men. May there be happiness.



#### 4. Shyamala

I am the river, You are the sea  
Let your love flow right through me

I am the river, You are the ocean  
Come and fill me with devotion

I am the bird, You are the sky  
Let Your Grace flow as I fly

I am the Earth, You are the Sun  
I am many You are one

I am in darkness, You are the light  
Shed Your wisdom into my night

#### 5. Ross

With your heart open to love  
With your heart open to love  
Walk this Earth with your head held high  
With your heart open to love

Do not yield to despair  
Do not yield to despair  
Believe in yourself and the God within you  
Do not yield to despair

All of these are My names  
All of these are My names  
Rama Jesus Ishwara Sai  
All of these are My names.

#### 6. Sushmita

Yuga Yuga Ke Avatara Sai Rama  
Sai Krishna Sai Baba  
Baba Sai Baba, Baba Sai Baba  
Allah Esu Nanak Sai  
Buddha Zorastra Mahavir Sai  
Rama Rahim Jai, Rama Rahim Jai  
Ram Rahim Jai Ram (x2)

#### 7. Steven

Through your eyes shines the light Mashalla  
Mashalla wonder of God in you  
Through your eyes shines the light Mashalla  
Mashalla wonder of God in you  
Mashalla Mashalla  
Mashalla Mashalla  
Mashalla Mashalla  
Wonder of God in you  
Wonder of God in you

#### 8. Thuvshan

Ram Harey Sai Krishna Harey  
Sarva Dharma Priya Sai Harey  
Allah Ishwara Sai Harey  
Guru Nanak Esu Buddha Harey  
Zorastra Mahavir Sai Harey  
Sarva Dharma Priya Sai Harey  
Ram Harey Sai Krishna Harey (x4)

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#### Islamic prayers

*Salatul Istisqa* – This is Prophet Mohammed's rain prayer:

O Allah, give us a saving rain, productive, plentiful, general, continuous.

O Allah, give us rain and do not make us among the despondent.

O Allah, Your people, land, animals and Your creation all are suffering and seek protection. We do not complain except to You.

O Allah, let our crops grow, and let the animals be filled. Give us from the blessings of the sky and grow for us from the blessings of the earth.

O Allah, remove from us the hardship, starvation and barrenness and remove the affliction from us, for no one removes afflictions save You!

O Allah, we seek Your forgiveness as You are the Forgiving One, and pray that You send upon us plenteous rains.

## Devotional singing

### 1. Raniero

I will love You more and more each day  
I will love You dear Sai forever and a day  
I will sing my Lord, I will serve my Lord  
I will call your name everyday (x2)

Om Gam Ganapati Vinayaka  
Buddha, Jesus, Allah Allah  
Guru Nanak, Mahavira  
Om Shri Bhagavan Sai Natha

I will love You more and more each day  
I will love You dear Sai forever and a day  
In my heart my Lord I will build my Lord  
Prasanthi just for You

I will fill my heart with love my Lord  
If I love all you know my Love is true

### 2. Dhamish

Dear Lord Sweet Lord  
Let us tell You how we feel  
You have filled us with Your riches  
We love You so

### 3. Hansa

Allah Bhajo Maula Bhajo  
Hey Allah Sai Bhagavan  
Rama Bhajo Hey Krishna Bhajo  
Hey Rama Krishna Bhagavan  
Nanaka Bhajo Gautam Bhajo  
Hey Buddha Sai Bhagavan  
Isu Bhajo Zorastra Bhajo  
Hey Mahavira Bhagavan  
Sai Bhajo Shirdi Sai Bhajo  
Hey Shirdi Sai Bhagavan  
Sathya Bhajo Sathya Sai Bhajo  
Hey Sathya Sai Bhagavan



*"The role of bhajans in purifying the atmosphere should be recognised.  
When you sing the praise of God with a pure heart, you will purify  
your environment, your country and the world."*

*"I am pleased only when love is the keynote, when the feeling of unity prevails,  
when the melody comes from cleansed, God-loving hearts."*

*"When all the participants in a bhajan sing in unison what sacred vibrations  
are produced and what divine energies are released. When these vibrations  
fill the world, what can they not bring about?" (Sathya Sai Baba).*

### ☪ Islamic prayers (cont.)

Once during the lifetime of the Prophet Mohammad, the people of Medina suffered from drought. So while the Prophet was delivering a sermon on a Friday, a man got up saying, "O Allah's Messenger! Our herds and sheep have perished. Will you invoke Allah to bless us with rain?" The Prophet lifted both his hands and invoked. The sky at that time was as clear as glass. Suddenly a wind blew, raising clouds that gathered together and it started raining heavily. We came out of the Mosque wading through the flowing water till we reached our homes. It went on raining till the next Friday, when the same man or some other man stood up and said, "O Allah's Messenger! The houses have collapsed: please invoke Allah to withhold the rain." At that the Prophet smiled and said, "O Allah, let it rain around us and not on us." I then looked at the clouds to see them separating, forming a sort of a crown round Medina." Such is God's glory and power!

Caliph Umar went out to pray for rain and he did no more than pray while seeking Allah's forgiveness. The people said, "We did not see you pray for rain." He said, "I sought rain by that which makes it descend - seeking forgiveness of Allah." Then, he said, "Seek forgiveness of your Lord. He is Ever-Forgiving. He will let loose the sky for you in plenteous rain. Ask forgiveness of your Lord, and turn to Him in repentance: He will send you the skies pouring abundant rain."

Allaahumma aqhithnaa, O Allah, send down rain upon us.  
Allaahumma aqhithnaa, O Allah, send down rain upon us.  
Allaahumma aqhithnaa, O Allah, send down rain upon us.



### 🕌 Zoroastrian prayer

*Tishtar Yasht* – This prayer is directed to Tishtrya, the angel who directs rain: "And the bright and glorious Tishtrya rises up from the sea, O Zarathushtra! The bright and glorious star Satavaesa rises up from the sea; and vapours rise up above Mount Us-hindu, that stands in the middle of the sea. Then the vapours push forward, in the shape of clouds; they go following the wind, along the ways which Haoma traverses, the increaser of the world. Behind him travels the mighty wind, made by Mazda, and the rain, and the cloud, and the sleet, down to the several places, down to the fields, down to the seven regions of the earth. Apam Napat, the god of fresh water divides the waters amongst the countries in the material world O Zarathushtra, in company with the mighty wind, the Glory, made by the waters, and the Fravashis, the guardian angels of the faithful. For His brightness and glory, I will offer Him a sacrifice worth being heard..."



☆ Jewish prayers All to sing *The Shema*: “Shema Israel Adonai Elohenu Adonai Echod” x 3  
Meaning: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One.

Blessed are You, Hashem, the Shield of Abraham.

**Congregation: Amen**

You are eternally mighty my Lord, the Resuscitator of the dead are You; abundantly able to save. May He send the Angel Af-Bri to give us rain to soften the wasteland's face when it is as dry as rock. With water You symbolised Your might in Scripture, to soothe with its drops those granted a soul, to keep alive the ones who recall the strengths of the rain.

Our God and the God of our forefathers: Remember the Patriarch Abraham, who was drawn behind You like water. You blessed him like a tree replanted alongside streams of water. You shielded him, You rescued him from fire and from water. You tested him when he sowed upon all waters.

**Congregation: For his sake, do not hold water back!**

Remember the one Moses drawn forth in a bulrush basket from the water. They said, 'He drew water and provided the sheep with water.' At the time Your treasured people thirsted for water, he struck the rock and out came water.

**Congregation: For the sake of his righteousness, grant abundant water!**

Remember the twelve tribes You caused to cross through the split waters, for whom You sweetened the water's bitter taste. Their offspring whose blood was spilt for You like water. Turn to us – for woes engulf our souls like water.

**Congregation: For the sake of their righteousness, grant abundant water!**

For You are Hashem, our God, Who makes the wind blow and makes the rain descend.

*“Embodiments of the Divine Atma! Water is getting scarcer every day. What is the reason? It is because of the decline in morality among men that water is getting scarce in the world. For human life, morality is the life breath. Morality makes humanness blossom. Because morals have been lost, water is getting scarce.”*

*“Water is not something which one can give to another. It is Nature's gift to all. Each one gets his share based on his deservedness.”*

*“If people strictly adhere to the path of truth and righteousness, there will never be water scarcity” (Sathya Sai Baba).*

**Fire Ceremony**

*Gayatri Havan* – This Vedic ritual creates rain. The burning of sacred materials in the sacred fire creates purified smoke, which carries the vibrations of the mantras we are chanting into the atmosphere. As the havan is performed, we surrender our ego, negative thoughts and habits to the Divine Presence in the sacred fire.

**Ganesh Mantra:** Om Gam Ganapataye Namaha

**Gayatri Mantra:** Om Bhur Bhuvah Swaha, Tat Savitur Varenyam, Bhargo Devasya Dheemahi, Dhiyo Yo Nah Prachodayat

“Gayatri means ‘that which saves’ when repeated. The exact meaning of the Gayatri Mantra is as follows: ‘AUM, O Divine Power, you who illumine the great Sun and the three worlds of Earth, Air and Heaven, we implore you for that illumination that will lead us from darkness into light.’”

**Invocations to the many forms of the one God**

Om Sri Ganeshaya Namaha Swaha (x 3)

Om Sri Durgaya Namaha Swaha (x 3)

Om Sri Maha Lakshmiya Namaha Swaha (x 3)

Om Sri Saraswathiyai Namaha Swaha (x 3)

Om Sri Ram Jai Ram Jai Jai Ram Namaha Swaha (x 3)

Om Namoh Bhagavathe Vaasudevaya Namaha Swaha (x 3)

Om Namah Shivaya Namaha Swaha (x 3)

Om Sri Shirdi Sai Babaya Namaha Swaha (x 3)

Om Sri Sathya Sai Babaya Namaha Swaha (x 3)

Om Sri Hanumanthaya Namaha Swaha (x 3)

Om Sri Pitru Devataya Namaha Swaha (x 3)

**Repeat Gayatri Mantra 108 times**

**Purnamadaha (Ghee Offering):** Om Purnamadaha Purnamidam Purnaam Purnam Udachyate, Purnasya Purnamadaya Purnam Evaa Vashishyate

God is infinite, this universe is infinite. From the infinite God, the infinite universe is projected. An infinite number of universes arise from and merge into the infinite God yet God remains unchanged.

Om Peace Peace Peace

**Shanti Paath (Prayer for Peace):** Om Dhiya Shanti Antarikshagwam Shanti Prithivi Shanti Rapah Shanti Roshadaya Shanti Vanapastayah Shanti, Vishwe Devah Shanti, Brahma Shanti, Sarvagwang Shanti, Shantireva Sama Shanti Redhi, Om Shanti Shanti Shantihi

May there be peace in Heaven, in the atmosphere, across the waters, on Earth. May peace flow from herbs, plants and trees. May all the celestial beings radiate peace. May peace pervade all directions. May that peace come to me too. May there be Peace, Peace, Peace.