



***OM SAI RAM***

***With Blessings of Shirdi Sai Baba***



***THE FRAGRANCE OF  
DEVOTION IN SAI***

*By*

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*Dedicated to Sai Devotees across  
the world & my parents*

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### **Extracts from Sri Sai Satcharitra**

These are some of the extracts taken from Sai Satcharitra.

1. The life of a Saint is neither logical nor dialectical. It shows us true and great path.
2. The simple remembrances of my name as "Sai Sai" will do away with sins of speech & hearings.
3. I am the mother origin of all beings, nothing will harm him, who trusts his attention towards me.
4. Baba himself watered the soil for three years and grew a garden where stands present Samadhi Mandir.
5. Baba always said, poverty is better than kingship, for better than lordship. The Lord is always brother of the poor.

6. Baba always advocated daan (charity) & feeding the poor.

7. Baba always used to say, "Allah Malik" (God is the sole owner).

8. Baba said, body should neither be neglected nor fondled with and to be taken care to attain God vision or self realization.

9. Baba said, whoever devoutly offers to me a leaf, flower, fruit or water of that pure hearted man, I accept that pious offerings.

10. Baba always said to all that Ram & Rahim are one and the same.

11. Baba said, Woman & wealth are two main obstacles in the way of our spiritual life.

12. It is on account of rinanubandh" (former relationship) that we have come to gather, let us serve each other and be happy.

13. Saint's sees scandal monger removes the dirt (fault) of others by his tongue & in a way he obliges the person and is to be thanked.

14. After performing many deeds of merits you are born as a human. One to lead righteous life with mind calm & composed.

15. Baba said, objects of the sense enjoyment first to be offered to the Guru than attachment for them will naturally vanishes.

16. Baba often said, his devotees be at any distance, he will be drawn to Shirdi like sparrow with thread tied to its feet.

17. Baba freely allowed worshipping of own deity.

18. Baba taught by udi (ash) that our body composed of five elements, will fall down after all enjoyment and reduce to ashes.

19. Guru Purnima was the only festival which Baba asked devotees to celebrate.

20. Guru can be a good guide but sadguru is an experience.

*Miracles or Leelas are about the faith and devotion towards Sai Baba. The moment there is complete faith and devotion emerges two words "Shraddha", "Saburi"*

### **Shraddha**

'Shraddha' in a Sanskrit word, which has no equivalent in English, at best it can be understood as, faith with love and reverence. Such faith or trust is generated out of conviction, which may not be the result of any rational belief or intellectual wisdom, but a spiritual inspiration. Baba sowed the seeds of spiritual inspiration in the hearts of people who knew of him. This Divine inspiration was so instant and profound that they automatically took refuge in Him.

Baba reiterated that steadfast love in God as the gateway to eternity. He used the instance of mother tortoise to illustrate this point. The mother - tortoise may be on the other side of the river, whereas her children are on the far side. She does not transfer food and water to her children by way of her loving glances. Yet, her loving looks are



enough to protect the children. Similarly, people who lovingly look at God get His reciprocity. God's looks offer peace, protection and prosperity for His children.

Baba's teaching, both direct and indirect explicate the significance of 'Shraddha'. Baba reiterates the spiritual guidance of Shri Krishna to Arjun -

"Who-so ever offer to Me with love or devotion, a leaf, a flower, a fruit or water, that offering of pure love is readily accepted by Me".

### **Saburi**

'Saburi'; is patience and perseverance. Saburi is a quality needed throughout the path to reach the goal. This quality must be ingrained in a seeker from day one, least he loses His stride and leaves the path half way. As a hunter waits patiently and motionlessly for his target a devotee too has to wait patiently for attaining his goal.

There are many trying situations in life. A test may come in the form of frustration, distress, agony, illness, mishaps, prolonged wait or a loss. In such moments we should seek support from the Master and hold on him.

If patience means anything it should last till the end, and faith will see us through every turmoil of life.



### **ELEVEN SAYINGS OF SHRI SAI BABA**

1. Whoever puts his feet on shirdi soil, his sufferings would come to an end.
2. The wretched and miserable would rise into plenty of joy and happiness, as soon as they climb the steps of my samadhi.
3. I shall be ever active and vigorous even after leaving this earthly body.

4. My tomb shall bless and speak to the needs of my devotees.
5. I shall be active and vigorous even from my tomb.
6. My mortal remains would speak from my tomb.
7. I am ever living to help and guide all who come to me, who surrender to me and who seek refuge in me.
8. If you look to me - I look to you.
9. If you cast your burden on me,I shall surely bear it.
- 10.If you seek my advice and help,it shall be given to you at once.
- 11.There shall be no want in the house of my devotees.

## ***THE STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK***

*This book is divided into two parts:*

### *A. Miracles*

*My Experience with Sai Baba*

*Experiences of Devotees*

### *B. Meditation*

## **How to Read the Book?**

Life is a roller coaster of happiness and sadness. Sai is with us during good and bad times of life. This book can be read anytime, anywhere.

If you are reading for the first time, it is suggested to start the book on a Thursday by doing a small pooja ( light lamp for Sai) to our beloved Sai.

Anything troubling your mind? Facing a problem ? Do read this book as it will increase your faith in Sai Baba and He will give you answers to your problems through this book.

## **Foreward**

Sai is my life. The kind of connect I have with Sai is a very special relationship I share with Sai Baba.

The idea of a book on the miracles of Sai Baba came to me in my dream. Sai Baba had instructed me to write a book. The very incident that I finished this book in just one night by itself is a miracle by Sai and a blessing to me.

“Faith” and “Belief” are two words which is needed to feel the presence of Sai anywhere that an individual is residing or working.

I hope all of you enjoy reading this book and get yourself immersed in the presence of Sai Baba in the lives of His devotees.

PART - A  
MIRACLES

PART A- I  
MY ENCOUNTER WITH SHIRDI  
SAI BABA

## **My Encounter With Sai Baba**

Shirdi Sai Baba came to me when I was 3 years of age. From then to now and beyond, I will always be a Sai Baba devotee.

I visited Shirdi in 1993-94 for the first time at the tender age of 4. My parents would always say, I would touch the feet of Sai Baba in Dwarkamai many times. At that age, I would say, I knew nothing about Shirdi Sai Baba and yet had a devotion which is beyond words of expression.

Today, at the age of 28, I am a staunch Sai Baba devotee. Any temple I go, the first line which comes to me is "Om Sai Ram" and whichever God is in front of my eyes looks like Sai to me.

Sai Baba has done a lot for me. I have faced many challenges in life but Sai has always given me the strength and courage to face it and come out of it successfully.



My life is incomplete without Sai Baba. Whether I am happy or sad, I would visit the temple once in a day for Aarthi. At times, I would be termed as being crazy but it really never mattered to me. Being crazy about God is totally acceptable as He has brought us into this earth. We are living because of Him. And it is always nice to be in the presence of Him and His Leelas.

The main objective of writing this book is to bring out the experiences of myself and the devotees of Sai Baba in the first half and the latter is about my experience on meditating in the presence of Sai Baba.

PART A- II  
MY EXPERIENCES WITH  
SHIRDI SAI BABA

## **Miracle-1**

### **Message From Sai to Start the Book**

On the 17th December,2015 I got a dream of starting a Sai Baba book. I was not sure whether I would be able to do this or not. Usually whenever I start anything, the books and pens would go to the Lotus Feet of Sai and then only I would use the same.

The 18th of December,2015 I had given the book in which I would be starting my miracles and whatever ground work needs to be done, I wanted to take Sai's blessings. And to my surprise, I found udhi on the 1st page of the book.

This happened during the Aarthi in the temple near to my place. The happiness knew no bounds for me, the Purohit and all the devotees who had come to witness the Sai Aarthi everyday in the temple.

Sai's way of sending messages to His devotees are just so amazing and its so blissful and divine. At times, it brings tears and we wonder how Sai gets to know our inner mind.

\*\*\*Om Sai Ram\*\*\*

## **Miracle-2**

### **Udhi on Sai Idol**

A Wednesday that was very different from all the other days. The day started with the routine chores of work and Udhi was being spotted on two idols in my Sai temple in my room. My happiness knew no bounds. It is always wonderful to have Sai's presence and all our family members cherish it.

We light lamp for our beloved Sai everyday and when the Udhi was formed, we were filled with joy as Sai had shown His presence in a form recognized by us.

Many Sai devotees visited our home to take blessings of Sai and this miracle was being rejoiced by the devotees of Sai across the world as I had posted the same as a Sai miracle.

The day when this happened, the purohit along with a few others visited our home at 10 pm in the night. They felt a lot of power in the place where Sai was being kept and two of them got God inside them.

The entire house was filled with festivities and there was divinity in the entire house and it looked like a festival that day. Sai is great!

\*\*\*Om Sai Ram\*\*\*

### **Miracle 3**

#### **Sai's Presence During Abhishekam**

On the 26th November,2015 is a significant day. Every Thursday is significant as its Sai day. On this day, I did Abhishekam for the first time in this temple near to our

house. Every deed done is a blessing from Sai is the way I look at it.

I got up at 4 am in the morning, got ready and went to the temple. Anything I do on a Thursday, it's a blessing as I am on fasting and it's a very nice feeling to be in the presence of Sai.

That day, I was the first person to start the Abhishekam. The purohit gave me the milk in the shaank. He put little milk only but the quantity of the milk increased more than what was being put by the purohit.

The joy of the purohit knew no bounds and he told me to come and do abhisehkam every Thursday. From that day, to present, I have gone to the temple and done Abhisekham to Sai whenever I was in Bangalore to the temple.

Great are Sai's ways of bringing His devotees to him.

\*\*\*Om Sai Ram\*\*\*

## **Miracle 4**

### **Sai Hears Your Wishes**

It was a day when me and Ratna went to the temple. Many a times we have given dresses to Sai Baba. We give it very whole heartedly with no expectations. and as we go to the temple, everyday we know the dresses that is being put for Sai by the Purohit.

That day as we were walking to the temple, Ratna was telling me, she had never see any dress put to Sai given by us and she wished to see Sai in the dress that we have given.

On that particular day, the 21st of December,2015, to our happiness and surprise, we were so happy to see that the Purohit had put the dress that we had given to Sai Baba. Incidentally, it was Vaikunta Ekadashi on that day and Sai was wearing the dress we had given. Our happiness knew no bounds and we were so very thrilled to see what had happened on that day in the temple.

Sai hears us everyday and He fulfills all our wishes in the time that is right for Sai himself.

\*\*\*Om Sai Ram\*\*

## **Miracle 5**

### **Sai Answers**

On the 25th December, it is Christmas time. A day when we see happiness all around us. When the entire world was happy and in a festive mood, I was suffering inside me and I was very depressed.

Due to PhD degree awarding delays, pressure was mounting upon me and I was crying.

As usual, we went to the temple on that day and I had gone into deep meditation and in that trans that I had gone into, I was crying. After I came back into the world, the purohit in the temple saw that I was suffering inside me.

He told me, let us ask Sai the solution to your problem. He had a book called "Sai Answers". In order to choose



the number, he told me to pray and take channa seeds in the hand, a fistful of it. He counted the same and the number came as 79.

What did the number 79 tell me from Sai? It said "You will be honored, You will be successful and get what you want unexpectedly".

Seeing this, I had tears flowing down my eyes and even the purohit had goosebumps seeing that message.

It is the faith and belief in Sai and He gives you the direction in your thought process and gives such accurate answers.

Great is Sai Baba and the more I pray, the more faith I get in our Sai

\*\*\*Om Sai Ram\*\*\*

## **Miracle-6**

### **Sai Hears Your Inner Voice**

I have been suffering for the past one week since I met my PhD guide as she did not speak to me properly. I cried for a week. There were people at home too as I could not let out what I was going through inside me.

The moment the left, I cried my heart out and let out all my frustration and depression at home.

Evening I went to the temple. For the past one week, I was praying to our Sai to please make my guide talk to me normally.

It took one week for Sai to answer my prayer and finally I saw a missed call from her after attending Sai Aarthi and coming home. She had called me just like that to enquire about me.

Sai is great and hears your inner voice and fulfills the wishes of His Devotees.

**\*\*\* Om Sai Ram\*\*\***

## **Miracle 7**

### **Sai's Presence in the Life of a German**

When I was traveling, I met a German who was a scientist and she was heading to Italy. I saw Sai Satcharita book in her hand and I was taken aback wondering how come she is reading Sai Satcharita

As I was curious, I asked her and started a conversation with her. Then, she narrated that she had found the picture of Sai in her drawer at home from no where and then she learnt about Him and read Sai Sat Charita 25 times and had visited Shirdi a couple of times.

Sai draws people whom he wants towards Him and that's the specialty of our Sai Baba

**\*\*\*Om Sai Ram\*\*\***

## **Miracle 8**

### **Sai Cures Barking Cough**

Sai Baba loves his devotees and never allows them to suffer. I suffer from a strange cough called as "barking cough" A cough which has no medicine and it just goes only in the temple with meditation on Sai Baba.

I have been suffering from my 5th standard. Everytime I get this cough, the only medicine for this is praying to Sai Baba with the Aarthi.

Great are the ways of Sai Baba to save His devotees from health issues.

\*\*\* Om Sai Ram\*\*\*

## **Miracle 9**

### **Sai Heals**

My mother was being diagnosed with breast cancer in May 2008. Sai would always come to us in some form or the other during her treatment.

Today she is completely healed out of all her problems and it has been two years now since she has taken PET scan and she is doing fine.

Sai Baba saved my mother from a major disease like cancer and it is through prayers, meditation, Sai Baba 9 weeks Vrat which I did and I am still doing it for her. My fasting on every thursday with Sai Baba is a lifelong fasting which I am doing for Him.

Sai is Great!

\*\*\*Om Sai Ram\*\*\*

PART A- III  
EXPERIENCES OF SAI  
DEVOTEES

## **Miracle-10**

### **Healing Power of Parayan and Sai Vrat**

- Suresh Kumar

An incident happened a few month back in the year 2015. One of Suresh's relative's neighbor who belongs to the Muslim community was suffering from financial problems. They have called Suresh through the relative and it was being suggested to read the Saptah Parayan along with the 9 week Sai Vrat.

The person who was suffering did it though he was a Muslim. And there goes the miracle which happened. That person had come out of financial crisis after reading the Sai Satcharita Parayan and Thursday Vratam.

Further, they have donated a bag of rice at a local Sai Baba Temple.

This miracle shows, all are equal in the eyes of our beloved Sai.

Seeing the devotion towards Sai, the feeling is so divine  
and it gives bliss to the soul.

\*\*\*Om Sai Ram\*\*\*



## **Miracle 11**

### **Baba is Everything To Me**

**-Jaya**

Sai Sister Jaya from India says: Sai Baba, this name i heard when i was 12 years old. At that time i thought that how a human will become a God and how these people are worshipping Him. I went to Baba Temple so many times normally. In 2009 my neighbours have kept Baba's Akhanda Jyothi, it will be for 49 days means 7 weeks. In all these people can come and read the Parayan Books of Sai Baba. She asked me to do Parayan for 1 time. I told i am not interested. At night in my dream someone told me to do Parayan for 1 time. The next day i went there and i started Parayan for 1 time. I don't know what happened that all those days, i felt my mind was very peaceful and wanted to continue Parayan for 7 weeks.

I have studied for 5 weeks. My husband got promotion in his job. I automatically became a Sai Baba devotee

In 2012 suddenly my health got changes. I was hospitalised, doctors find that HB% was low and they transfused 8 packets of blood for me. As they did not find what the problem was. Within 2 days the virus spread all over my body and HB% was 2. They discharged me from the hospital and they told no hopes. As Baba called us, and they told by last chance we have to take to Hyderabad. As their wish we have gone to Hyderabad. Someone came and told to my mother nothing will happen she will come back and do Parayan. My mom was surprised. I surely tell that Baba only came and saved me. This way Baba became everything for me. From that day daily I use to pray for Baba songs. Daily I use to keep 3 rupees for Baba and when i go there i will keep in Hundi. After my recovery I went to Shirdi and have done Parayan for 1 week. Now in my near places where Baba's Jyothi has kept I use to go there and do Parayan. I am very thankful to share my experience with

Baba. I am thankful to Baba and this opportunity is also given by Him only to share. This life for me is with Baba's Bhiksha.

\*\*\* Om Sai Ram\*\*\*

## **Miracle 12**

Shri Sai Baba Showed My Daughter's Results in My  
Dream

- Gowri Oberoi, New Delhi

Sai Sister Gowri from India says: I am Gowri Oberoi, a homemaker with two children residing in New Delhi. Since childhood I have been an ardent devotee of Baba as my parents introduced Baba to me when I was a baby. My father used to have Sai Bhajans in our and other houses every Thursday to show his devotion towards Baba. He sings very well and so was lovingly called as 'Bhagavatar' (someone who sings or says praises of God). My parents are still great devotees of Baba but due to old age problems they are unable to participate in Bhajans etc. I had shared my prayer to Baba on this page some

time ago to make my daughter do well in her 12th board exams and read Sai Satcharitra and other Shlokas (religious chants) all the 3 hours when my daughter was writing each of her exams. I had told her you study well and do your best and leave the results to Baba. He will give you the best results more than what you expect.

Few days before her exams, my husband took her pencil box with new pens and other tools for writing exam to Shirdi and kept it at Baba's sacred Samadhi during Darshan for Baba's blessings and got it back. I also asked my parents and in-laws to buy and give her pens as blessings to write her exam. She carried all the pens and wrote her exam with them.

First exam was English and she came back sad saying that she could not write one answer correctly as she didn't understand the question at all! She had done the rest of the paper perfectly! The question was of 8 marks and she was quite disheartened as she had studied so well. I told her don't worry 'Baba will make everything alright. She was still perturbed so I requested Baba to bless my

daughter as she had studied really hard all by herself as she had no private tuitions ever in her school years whereas most of her friends had. Even though we could afford tuitions, we didn't want her to take tuitions as we wanted her to study herself so her brain can become sharp and she understands everything instead of being spoon fed. Her school's seniors were also against any private tuitions. Her school Director had once told all the parents that it would be like giving 'crutches' to our children to walk by giving tuitions to them instead of teaching them how walk/study themselves. This stuck in my husband's and my mind and we never gave her any tuition and only taught her how to study and acquire knowledge herself.

To my surprise, that evening, my husband's office colleague, whose wife is an English teacher, asked my husband which question paper set number my daughter got. When my husband told him the number, he told my husband that his wife had set that paper and the set which my daughter got had a wrong question and whoever

attempted the question would get full marks from the Board! I was so happy and told my daughter see how Baba didn't let your hard work go waste and you attempted that question even though it didn't make sense and so you will get the full marks. The same thing happened with another subject and in the same manner Baba helped again as the question she was doubtful about was wrong and her school teacher assured her that she would get the full marks for that question as she had attempted it. Then in the end of the month of May, the results were to be declared. We were holidaying abroad at that time and I was praying to Baba that the results should not come when we are abroad and should only be declared on 29th May, which is a Thursday and also we would be back home by then.

One night in the hotel in my sleep I got a dream and I saw my daughter's mark sheet containing her result. I saw in the first two subjects in that she had got 95% and the third subject's marks were blurred and then the fourth subject again she had got 95%. I didn't believe it as she had so far even in 10th not got such a high score so I just told them I saw the results and did not reveal the percentages I saw so that she is not disappointed if those numbers don't come true. I myself didn't think this would come true. I messaged my friend in India about result date and she replied that results are expected on 26th. I got a little tensed as we were still abroad and were returning only on the 28th. But Baba is very kind and upon returning, we saw in TV news that the results would come only on the 29th. On 29th morning, I made 50 vegetable sandwiches and gave to an old age home nearby and asked the seniors to bless my daughter as she is going to step into a new phase in her life. During my

prayers, I told Baba that whatever results He has given my daughter, we would accept gladly as that would be the best for her.

Exactly at 11 am, my daughter checked the results online and guess what? My dream had come true. In the first two subjects she had got 95% and also in the 4th subject. Exactly the way I saw in my dream. Her aggregate was 94.8 which was totally unexpected. Baba had given us all such a wonderful surprise and un-measurable joy. I and my daughter got overwhelmed and couldn't control our tears of joy. It was a feeling we both had never experienced before. It was Baba Who has given her such an amazing result. I immediately went and thanked Baba. My daughter's hard work, combined with Baba's blessings had paid off. Jai ho Baba Ki. I had no doubts about Baba's abundant love and this was yet another experience to prove that He is there, yes He is there very close to us and listens to each and every prayer and thought of ours. I love You so much Baba. You are my



everything. Thanks millions and millions Baba. Please continue to be with all of Your devotees at all times and transform all of us into joyous beings so that we do not have any desires and tread the path of enlightenment. Om Sai Ram

\*\*\* Om Sai Ram\*\*\*

### **Miracle 13**

#### **Sai Saved My Wife**

**-Murali**

It was May 2012, I was working in Delhi, when our company arranged a weekend family outing an adventure trip to Shivpuri in the Shivalik ranges about 50 kilometers up from Rishikesh. At this place the Ganga leaves the mountains and prepares herself to begin a long journey through the plains.

My wife and I along with our two kids were part of a group of more than 50, started our trip on a Thursday evening from Delhi by two mini buses.

Significantly, my wife had just completed the Saptaha Parayana of SAI SATCHARITRA the day before we started on the trip.

As part of the trip we planned to take part in the adventure sport of white water rafting on the river Ganga. Rafting is a challenging recreational outdoor activity of using an inflatable raft to navigate the river. This is usually done on white water or different degrees of rough water, in order to thrill and excite the raft passengers also known as rafters. It is considered an extreme sport, as it can be very dangerous. Saturday morning after breakfast we started to the bank of the river from where our rafting adventure of about 20KM would start. We reached the river bank at around 9AM. There were five rafts waiting for us. Each raft can accommodate eight persons and there will be a guide who guides us through the trip. The

operators explained the difficulties and risks that may arise while doing the rafting, DOs and DON'Ts and safety precautions, etc. We all were got equipped with life jackets and with a paddle in our hands embarked onto the rafting experience. My wife and I had got onto one raft along with six others.

It was quite pleasant and beautiful morning on River Ganga. We started our journey downwards with the flow of the water and it was quite smooth initially. We were leaning into the river touching the water with our hands and sprinkling on to other co-rafters who also started the journey with us. The water was so pure and chilled. After sailing for some time through the plains the guide has warned us about the difficulties and risks that we may face as we go further downwards through the rapids. Rapids were the rocky narrow paths through which the river flow very fast often creating big tides.

These tides are so strong they sometimes turn the raft upside down and it needs accurate coordination between the rafters to sail safely through the rapids.

We continued our journey further with some warning bells started ringing in our minds about the rapids. Sooner we reached a grade 3 rapid. With less difficulty and lot more excitement, we sailed through the rapid. We all celebrated in joy, quite unaware of the bigger danger ahead, a grade 4 rapid, named Roller Coaster. As we approach the next rapid, we started hearing loud noise that the water was making as it flows through the rapid. As we got nearer to the rapid we could see some very big tides rising against the flow of water. We continued paddling as per the instructions by the guide and quickly got to the start of the rapid.

Just that we entered the rapid we saw a huge tide rising and lifting the raft from the front left corner and within a fraction of a second the raft has got lifted so high and

turned over by the tide. I was thrown into the water and was struggling to even breathe underneath the water. After galloping the sacred water a couple of times, I came out and got hold of the raft as the life jacket helped me float on the water. Then I realized except the guide and two other men rest of us all fell into the water and one by one started surfacing within a few seconds thanks to the life jackets. Still none of us could see my wife.

We all had started worrying about her. Only after a tense 15 to 20 seconds, she came out of the water just beside the raft struggling hard to breathe. Immediately the guide pulled her onto the raft getting hold of her life jacket.

She was really struggling hard to breathe still.

Trying to become normal my wife had started recounting those difficult few moments - how much she struggled and wondered how she came out? She said that after falling into the water, she had got trapped under the raft and couldn't push it either side to help herself coming

out. She was struggling hard to breathe as she had never done swimming before. For a moment she thought that it was that last few moments of her life and fortunately the natural thought of our beloved SAINATH came to her mind and she prayed BABA, “You are the only savior”. Just then, a hand got hold of her right hand and pulled her up from inside the water. Sooner she could touch the top edge of the raft. As soon as she got hold of the raft, she lost hold of the divine hand. She said that she could clearly felt the touch of the hand and thought that it was me who pulled her up holding her hand. When she asked me if it was me, I said no. I myself was struggling for some time and then did not have any idea where she was inside the water. Then we asked others, but all of them said no, they didn’t help either. Nobody had any idea where she was when she was inside the water. There was nobody else around us at that time. That too in the middle of the rapid there was no chance anybody from outside our group to be there. It should be none other than our beloved SAINATH, who could come there at that

moment and save her from drowning.

BABA is everywhere and comes to our rescue if we have faith and call Him whole heartedly. It was like another birth for her given by our BABA. More than the hazardous experience she went through at that time, she felt very fortunate to get the divine touch of BABA's holy hand. She was truly blessed as BABA Himself came and held her hand to save her from drowning. We would always be so grateful to BABA throughout our lives for saving her life. Thank You BABA for always being with us. Everything we have today is a kind blessing from YOU, OM SAI RAM.

\*\*\*Om Sai Ram\*\*\*

## **Miracle 14**

### **Shirdi Sai Baba Saved My Mother**

**- Anonymous Devotee**

**November 13th,2013**

I am a middle class working lady living with my family and parents accompanying me. With the ultimate blessings of Shirdi Sai, we planned our trip to Shirdi from August 13th to August 16th. Myself, my husband and our two kids, my parents and two of our family friends were about to travel.

As we reserved for train four months prior to our travelling date, after our train tickets were confirmed, our whole family was enjoying immense pleasure as we were going to have great Darshan of Sainath Maharaaj and were planning each and every necessity of our travel and gathering required items like medicines, food packets for packing food items, umbrella if it rains at Shirdi, woollen



items for elders and kids, etc., etc. Like this our plan was getting enhanced day by day and finally the auspicious day of our departure to Shirdi came.

Actually as per plan we have to go by Dadar Express from Chennai to Pune and from Pune we have to take another train to Shirdi. We arrived at Chennai Egmore station with ecstasy feel having Sai in all our hearts. Checking the platform number of our train, we started moving to that platform. As we have to climb and get down to the other side of the particular platform, we went towards an escalator where many passengers were going through. My husband started climbing with some luggage, next to him myself with some luggage holding my younger daughter in my hand as she was only 10 years. Next to me few steps back our two family friends and my mother started stepping in the escalator. In few seconds, we heard a loud noise from my mother and she was screaming my name and falling down on the moving steps of escalator and we were shocked to the core.

All went speechless and my eyes went dark as I was scared about what happened to my mother and what will happen to our plan. At one stage on hearing other passengers shout, the operator of the escalator switched off and it got stopped. All others, who were shocked and standing dumbstruck, slowly rushed towards my mother and I ran towards her and tried to lift her, but she was crying loudly out of severe pain and she couldn't get up and stand.

She cried and asked me to cancel their tickets and requested me to call my sister for help, who is at Chennai and told she will go to hospital for treatment and asked us to proceed with our Shirdi trip.

We didn't want to leave them at Chennai and proceed and though I was disturbed of this mishap, a strong faithon SAI inside me made me console my mom and slowly we tried to lift her step by step and moved towards train and somehow with great difficulty we boarded her into train uttering Sai's name each and every second. Actually she

was totally unable to stand straight due to severe injury in her pubic bone area. All our group members and myself started praying Sai beside her and with Sai's blessings we reached Pune and with the help of wheel chair brought down my mom from train and waited for two hours and boarded next train to Shirdi with the help of co-passengers. I'm sure Sai came in the form of co-passengers and helped us to carry my mom as she couldn't keep a single step ahead with her left leg.

As she came with a great will power to see Sai, we stepped on Shirdi soil.

There all persons, who saw my mother immediately ran to help and with the help of a good friend of us, we took her to Shirdi Sainath Trust Hospital and there in emergency ward, they started with immediate treatment and doctors, nurses and each and everyone helped us and x-ray, CT scan were taken and we were praying Sai with heavy hearts that result should not be complicated. Finally the results came and doctors told that a fracture had happened in pelvic pubic bone area and only cure is

complete bed rest for 2 months and no need of surgery.

On hearing this, I was thanking Sai with tears in my eyes each and every second. After 4 hours of our stay in hospital, we shifted my mom to the hotel, where we had booked accommodation. Really it was unimaginable if you come to know what happened next.

We reached Shirdi by 12 noon and treatment went on till 5 pm. After reaching our hotel room, we all took bath and refreshed ourselves. Meantime, as we requested our beloved friends there, they arranged for a special Darshan with a special pass for my mother's sake as we had come from Tamilnadu to have Baba Darshan. Even now I get goose bumps if I think about that. With the help of wheel chair, all our group members carried her into "Samadhi Mandir" where our beloved Baba is living and with tears in my eyes had very good Darshan and I prayed that my mom should start walking soon on her own. Sai helped us each and every second of our stay there and after two days stay there, same way we boarded Shirdi-Chennai

express on Friday morning and reached Chennai on Saturday (17.08.2013).

Now she is admitted in a private ortho hospital for rest and proper care is given. Even all doctors say it's a great miracle that my mom was able to travel till Shirdi with this fracture and above all had the Darshan of Shri Baba!! It's none other than Baba, who gave my mother strength and courage to all of us to proceed to Shirdi and have Baba's Darshan. So sweet of my Baba!! If not, we all would have been much upset. Definitely my Baba will cure my mother soon and make her walk on her own with HIS BLESSINGS and with all your prayers!! Thank you.

\*\*\*Om Sai Ram\*\*\*

## **Miracle 15**

### **Baba Hints You on Your Future**

**- Anonymous Devotee, Germany**

**January 6th, 2013**

Anonymous Devotee from Germany says: I am living in Germany since long time. I have a daughter, who is jobless now and brother in India, who is mentally and physically sick, but somehow Baba is there to help us in this bad situation.

I knew about Baba since 2005, but was worshiping Him as a saint.

It is in 2010 when, my mother was little sick and I being far away, very sad. In internet, I was looking about something, I found the blog. Shirdi Sai answers your question.

I clicked it and gave number 302, since I have to choose between 1 and 720. The answer came - to avoid

premature death, please keep awake whole night. I did not believe in it, but still was awake till 12 o'clock in the night.

I was feeling some fear. Next day early in the morning, my brother from India rang me up and said suddenly mother is seriously sick. She has gone in coma. It all was untimely unexpected. This morning, I looked for another question I think it was 311 or something like that. The answer was death is postponed. She died after one week. Then I came to know if I would have believed Baba's words and was awake whole night, my mother would be living still.

Because of 12 o'clock awakens, she died one week later.

Since that time, I started believing in Baba. He really helps us if we call Him with full devotion and faith. He has helped me in many things. Now I believe that He is Brahma; He is Vishnu and Mahesh too. I lost my parents. Baba is my mother and father both. Without Him, I am

an orphan. I respect Him a lot. Now please pray for my sick brother and my daughter, who is jobless since one year. Baba knows it and He will help. May Baba bless all of us. Om Sai Jai Sai Jai Jai Sai.

\*\*\* Om Sai Ram\*\*\*

### **Miracle 16**

**Sai Never Neglects His Devotees - Pushpa, UAE**

14th November, 2013

I have my own real estate business. My office is in one of the good locations and is on the ground floor. One day a local guy, who was from municipality, just entered my office and told me to shift my office from ground floor to mezzanine floor or any of the commercial building only for offices.

He gave me just 3 months notice. I become very upset as I was paying a rent of AED 65,000 PA and I knew other offices are very big and will cost me a lot.



I started looking for office, but could not find anything in my budget. I was paying AED 60,000 and finally I got one office which was AED 90,000 PA. It was above my budget and I did not have any other alternative apart from this as other offices were very big and some of the offices were not good. I thought it is Baba's wish. Day and night I use to pray to Sai asking for right path, but I couldn't find any alternative. Thinking that Baba wants me to take this office, I along with my husband went to owner's office with the cheques and Ganpati statue to keep it in the new office. When I reached there, the owner had got an emergency call and he was not there. So we both came back. When I reached my old office, my son told me that he has seen one more office very close to my old office. We went to see the office and with Baba's grace the rent was only AED 55,000. Immediately we gave him the deposit and told us to come next morning to make the contract.

Next morning after prayers my husband went to make the contract, but came back without making it saying that the

system was down and the contract cannot be made. They told him to come the next day.

Next day again my husband went to the owner's office, but again came back. I started worrying too much completely unaware what Baba wanted us to do. The third day morning was Thursday, I was praying and requesting Baba to help us, and suddenly I felt Baba is telling me "Make me sit in the new office and everything will be done smoothly". I told my husband about this and he rushed to the new office, he kept there Sai's statue and burnt one candle there. And see Baba's miracle, he went to the owner's office and the contract was done quickly. Sai, You are great. You think about Your bhaktas more than they remember You. You have always done good for your bhaktas. Sai as You have done my work, please fulfill everyone's wish, who reads and does not read Your experiences. Please bless all Your bhaktas as You have always blessed me. I love You Sai Baba. Your Beti Pushpa.

\*\*\* Om Sai Ram\*\*\*

## **Miracle 17**

### **Shirdi Sai Helps Fight Cancer**

**- Anonymous Devotee, USA**

**February 11th,2013**

This year, I was diagnosed with cancer. At first, when I was sick, no doctor could tell what was wrong with me. My blood report and all tests were normal. I am young, non-smoker, non-drinker, vegetarian, do exercise regularly and no prior health problem. So it was a surprise. When I was sick in the beginning, I was regularly praying to Baba to help me get better and was wondering, why He was not hearing me and stopping my illness. But when I was diagnosed, I realized, if He would have stopped my sickness. I would have never gone to a doctor and would let the cancer grow and kill me. Instead, whenever I would ask Questions at the Sai question answer Blessings page, I will get answer to read Vishnu Sahasranama. It happened three times at the same time, so I started hearing Vishnu Sahasranama on

youtube. I also read online about a woman, who was in coma from chemo and came to her senses after her mother and mother-in-law read Vishnu Sahasranama everyday to her. I was sure Baba was saying something to me. I just did not know exactly what. But I knew He wanted to heal me. And I remembered how He let Shama get the taste of Vishnu Sahasranama. So I felt very lucky.

In 2011, I went to Argentina for Christmas. On my way back, my flight was delayed, as a result I was stuck in Chile, where I drank some water at the airport. I also had food on plane. As soon as I got off in Miami, I started having diarrhea. For 6 months, I was very sick with food-poisoning and I went to three doctors, who told me it was common to catch parasites from food and water in developing nations just like in India. Even my blood report came out normal. Because I am young and of overall good health, doctors were not suspecting cancer. But I kept thinking there was something and kept going back to the doctors to ask why I was not getting better. It

was again Baba's Leela that this third doctor gave me the card of the top colon surgeon and told me to meet her as she is one of the top surgeons in the state and can do colonoscopy and figure it out.

The meeting with her was after 2 weeks. I met her in her office and she checked me and put me on an emergency colonoscopy to figure it out, because she did not feel good. Her office arranged for it the very next day as there was no time to waste on these things. On my way back from her office, I clinged on to my boyfriend as I was very nervous and he kept assuring me they would find nothing in the colonoscopy. The next day, after colonoscopy, she told me I had cancer. She told me it was treatable and not to worry, she would cut me up and stitch me up and I had to do chemo and radiation.

My mind went blank. My BF, who was at my bedside, asked her if it spread anywhere. She said they would do a CT Scan to find it out after the biopsy is done.

That weekend my BF kept telling me that we would beat it and Baba is with us and since He found it out for us, He must be wanting to cure me. We went to both temples of Baba that we have in our town and we prayed to Him to cure me. I took UDI and ate it. We kept it hidden from all family members and told only a handful of friends and asked them to pray for me. I knew Baba will not leave me in the middle. I just had that faith. I was scared but also I knew Baba had plans for me.

That night, I started reading the Vishnu Sahasranama instead of listening to it on youtube. The biopsy was done the next day and next week, I had a CT scan. The doctor's office called us with the report and told us to be there in an hour if we wanted to see the report as they were closing. Her office is almost an hour drive, but my BF drove so fast that we reached in 30 minutes. When we got the report, my BF went over it as I could not read it clearly and he hugged me tightly because it said the

cancer spread to my lymph nodes (Stage III) but my pancreas, stomach, lungs etc were alright. We thought we were fine. But seeing us rejoicing, the doctor's assistant pointed to us the paragraph about liver where it said they are suspecting metastasis to liver (Stage IV) and they needed to do an MRI to rule it out. We came out of her office dejected. We went with the report to Baba's temple and I placed the report at his feet.

I ate some UDI and asked Him to cure me and to make the liver not be cancerous.

My friend called me from Toronto and told me to start reading Hanuman Chalisa at least 4 times. I have the Chalisa memorized from reading it for many years, so I started doing it. The next day was Tuesday. I was at Baba's temple and I thought I should do my Chalisa, when I went back home. There was one more girl at the temple besides me. I finished praying and was just about to leave, when she asked a friend of hers to turn the music on. He asked which song and she said Hanuman Chalisa. I could not believe it. I sat back in the temple

and finished the Chalisa. Then I told her it was surely a Leela that Baba read my mind and you asked for Chalisa of all songs. Reminded me of the time, when Hemadpant wanted to do Ramnaam all day and Baba made sure everything that day had to do with Ramnaam. I felt very happy and she and I exchanged numbers and we became very good friends since that day. She is a Hanuman bhakta and we have a Hanuman Murti at Baba's temple. And we decided to do Chalisa again. I had meeting with oncologist the next day and she told us if liver did have cancer, it was still not a deal breaker, but I would have to go thru combination chemo and an additional surgery. We came home and I was writing my message to Baba like I always did and told Him again to do His miracle and let it be cancer free.

The next day, it was my ultrasound with my surgeon. She saw the images and told us that I had cancer for eight years. She said some Divine power intervened, otherwise I would have never known I had cancer as the tumor was



slow moving and by the time I would have understood it, it would have spread everywhere. Instead, I had diarrhea from my trip and that caused it to ulcerate, which made me go for a check-up. I choked up remembering how Baba made me take the trip and then delay my flight so I could stop over in Chile, have the water and then have diarrhea, which otherwise would not have happened had I not gone there. And I remembered how Baba did not answer my prayers to stop my sickness and diarrhea. Instead made me continue it till I finally got detected. She said it's a miracle that I even could detect it so soon since it grows so silently. We went and thanked Baba for this miracle. Without Him, I would have never known I had a silent killer inside of me until it was too late.

The next week was MRI. The nurse could not find my vein and bruised my whole arm. The place where the MRI was being done was very narrow and I am claustrophobic. When she put me inside, I looked for open space. I would not be able to breathe and luckily I

found a place from where light was coming. So, keeping that in focus, I just kept chanting Baba's name and doing Hanuman Chalisa till the procedure finished. I called my oncologist's office the next day for report, but they did not get the report. Then I called my surgeon's office and heard that she had the report, but it was yet to review it since she was busy in operation all day. They told me on Monday I will get a call with the result.

On Saturday, I went to the temple and my new Hanuman bhakta friend and I did the hanuman Chalisa again and my friend did a puja to Hanumanji before my report on Monday while I prayed to my Sai. On Monday, the surgeon called me in the morning and told me the MRI report was in. It was a cyst and not to worry about. My BF was still sleeping, but when he heard me say "Oh thank God". He jumped off the bed and hugged me tightly. My surgeon said you sound really relieved. I said yes, I was very worried. She said now you can relax. When we hung up, both of us were in tears at the

kindness of Baba. He said a black cloud just passed us. Now we will only get good news.

Baba had removed the obstacle and made me ready to face chemo and radiation. I had the best doctors in town to do that. It was a struggle to get insurance to approve it. I had my chemo pills already, but radiation was not getting approved. My BF was calling the hospital everyday as time was running out. I was praying to Baba everyday. Then on Wednesday it was approved. My chemo and radiation started on Thursday. I knew it will go okay as it was Thursday. They ended on Thursday also. After that, I had a surgery. When the surgeon took the tumor out, she took out clear margins and found no cancer in the lymph nodes. It was so much better prognosis unlike some people who find cancer spreading when they are cut open. She came to me and told me I had cancer, but I am cured. Although I still have to do 6 more months of chemo to stop recurrence as a precaution. This is only possible because Baba has been my guide and my doctor's.

The healing time from the surgery was the hardest. I was very depressed as I was stuck at home and my intestines were all sore and inflamed. My BF was cooking for me, but I could not eat much. I lost more weight. And I needed the second surgery to put the intestines back together to make them function normally. Without that, I was sick half the time. I had fever, needed to go to nurse every week, was emotionally down. So I prayed to Baba to do it soon as my insurance was ending and if I did not get it done, then for 6 months I will have to stay like this. My surgeon said a second surgery was not possible before 6 weeks as it takes time for the scar tissue to settle down. But I did not have six weeks. I had 4 weeks only. I begged her to test me to see if I have healed and explained to her that my insurance denied me extension as I have cancer. She is the best surgeon and a wonderful person. She agreed to do a test on me before taking me back to surgery. The test was less than a month from the initial surgery. It was the most trying time of my life. I

read online about how people, who went for these surgeries sometimes ended up with perforated colons and colostomy bags. I was nervous and scared thinking of that. I also learned about these brave people, who fight so hard for their lives and thanks to my disease I have so much respect for them and would like to do something for them now. But I personally am unable to deal with such a courageous change of life. To me Baba's grace is everything and I prayed to Him to make the surgery go ok and that no such problem happen, where I have to end up with a disability.

I started reading Sai Satcharitra in one week time before the test. I finished it in 4 days.

The next day, I went for the test. It was last Monday. If I failed the test, it meant I would have to go thru another surgery to fix the leak. The surgeon did not call me on Tuesday. I called her office and they did not get report. On Wednesday I had meeting with her to decide surgery date, provided I passed the test. I went there. I only had my faith on my side. My BF and I were both very

nervous. Then I was called inside. When she came to see me, I asked her about the report, she said she did not know I had a test done. They went to find the report. It was for thirty minutes that they tried to retrieve the test report. Meantime from her window, I could see the open sky and imagined Baba's face there remembering Him saying "come what may do not leave the bolster of your guru". I held on to Him. After thirty minutes, she came back to the room and told me I passed the test, everything looked ok. I told her to do the surgery on me as my insurance was ending. She said it was too dangerous to do it before 6 weeks.

But because I kept pushing, she agreed. That night, when I came home the Baba blessings said "I never leave my devotees midway". I cried.

I had my surgery on Friday. It was supposed to be a keyhole surgery, but because of the scar tissue from the first surgery, which she was worried about, she could not see the inside of my abdomen, and had to cut me open. But everything went okay. It could have been a

nightmare if in the hand of a bad surgeon, but with Baba's guidance my surgeon did a great job and in three hours took me out of surgery with everything working normally. Yesterday, I dreamed of Baba as a portrait, when I was sleeping. The night before I had fever and the hospital made me go thru blood work, xrays, ekg etc. It was as if to tell me not to be afraid. The reports came normal and I was released today and came home. I am in some pain, but nothing that I cannot bear with Baba on my side.

Now that my first chemo radiation and two surgeries are done, I am left with the last step of this fight, which is 6 months of chemo. But without my insurance, my chemo will not be able to be done. All these days, I was not worrying about chemo as much as I was about surgery. But my BF was only concerned about my chemo. Three weeks back, he met a guy suddenly at a grocery store, who was selling insurance. When he told him my situation, the guy gave him info that my hospital has a branch where chemo is done for people without

insurance. We applied and the hospital got back to us. I was assigned an oncologist, who happened to be Indian and whom we liked a lot from our first meeting and she accepted me as a patient and has appealed on my behalf for chemo to the hospital. My BF thinks that guy was Baba himself. I think so too. Otherwise, how suddenly someone would cross his path and guide him to information like this? So I know, by Baba's grace, this last step of the treatment should be done too. And in June I will get my new insurance. So I can go for checkups after that.

But for now, I wanted to share the miracle of Baba about how He detected and cured my malignant tumor and did two surgeries without any problem within such short span of time by appointing the best surgeon for me. Baba never leaves His children. We are very fortunate that we have found Him in our life. Without Him I am nothing.  
Om Sai Ram.

**\*\*\*Om Sai Ram\*\*\***



## **Miracle 18**

### **Healed from Cancer**

**- Sai Devotee, Nichole**

**23rd September,2012**

Following is an experience shared by a devotee from New Zealand who came to India for cure of deadly cancer and how the cancer left her body with grace and blessings of Lord Sai Baba.

Sai Sister NICOLE Ji from New Zealand says: Through the grace of Sai Baba, I was healed from cancer. In 2008, I was diagnosed with cancer of the uterus. The only option offered to heal by medical doctors was a complete removal of the uterus. Before this diagnosis, a large cyst was in my left ovary, which was eaten away and was removed. This cyst opened during the operation in my stomach. After this incident, a chemo most likely was needed. I connected to what was the intention to be done to my body and I knew I was going to leave my body in 3

months. I prayed and begged for healing and I was guided to India. I was invited to stay in a small ashram, not devoted to Sai Baba, near Chitor in Andar Pradash. This family was very kind people and they took loving care of me. We traveled from temple to temple to gather ingredients for a big Puja that was going to be done for me.

I wish to explain that I was raised in no religious context what so ever, in my childhood. At a young age, I realized that living without God, or any higher aspiration is a very sad deprived and empty life. But it set me free from ritualistic behavior more or less. Maybe this is a blessing or maybe it is not.

The focus was almost fully on material life, so heaps of great generational karma was in the working. I realize now that somehow I must have stood at the beginning of it, when it was created. God is funny and always manages to give both sides of the experience. So when I was in India, the leader of this small ashram took me to a

temple that was being build for Sai Baba. Up until then it had been like a spiritual Sherlock Holmes for me, getting this here and that there. I managed to do everything wrong in the temple yet the patience with this inappropriate behavior was fantastic. I felt very blessed to be taken into the temples. So this particular hot day (53 degrees Celsius), we climbed up the stairs of the temple, which was way into its construction. The host spoke with a priest and I was given permission to touch the golden feet imprint. I understood this is normally not for woman to do, but because I was sick this was OK. From then on , every time I closed my eyes, any time I went into meditation, I saw HIM and only Him. The Love just gushed in.

We went the next day to a small and remote temple that was dedicated to Shakti. In the Temple, we had to climb down in a hole in the ground under a tree. A snake lived there. A Puja was done and I was asked to ask what I wanted. I read the night before in book that belonged to

my host spiritual purification. So I asked for that. I saw the black sculpture of Shakti light up in a bright magnificent purple light.

Well I got what I asked for, one hour when we had left the temple I got very ill. Clearing my stomach so to say, frequently. A high fever arose. This stayed until the last day, when the big Puja ended. After that it was completely gone. During the fever and bodily discomfort, I kept seeing Sai Baba. My hosts were worried, but I knew all was good. I was happy to burn inside even though the body was not well. At one point, I sat up and I felt all this love in a way that I have never experienced before, yet it felt so good that for 100% sure this is what all of us truly are. Right there and then I knew the cancer had left my body. There were no more questions about it. Love had taken over and it was the lack of this Love, or better says, me letting it in completely, that had caused this imbalance to begin with. The pain and the traumas had managed to close me off in certain parts of my body

and soul. Now this opened up and I returned to my original state once His Love had entered me. It was and is all very sweet and I wept with joy. There was no more doubt, no more fear. All had been taken over and filled with His Grace.

I went home, at that time it was in Belgium. Two months later, I went to the doctor, scans were taken, blood samples the whole enchilada and nothing was found. Medical professionals tend to be skeptical. The doctor said he still had to complete the operation because he was sure it was still there, the cancer. I said to him I knew when it started two years before it was found and I also knew exactly when it left my body. The man, in his own misconception (bless this man) told me that I had no knowledge about what goes on in my body and that I was going to die for sure. I told him only God knows when we will die. Thank You Sai Baba for Your Blessings.

\*\*\*Om Sai Ram\*\*\*

## **Miracle 19**

### **Sai Draws Devotees to Him**

**-Devyani Bhutan**

I come from Assam and as a child I grew up hearing a lot about Satya Sai Baba, my mother being his devotee, but little about Shirdi Baba. The first time I actually came to know about Baba was on a visit to my neighbor's house. Devout Assamese Muslims, I was surprised to see the photo of Baba and incense sticks burning in front of it. Mrs. Hussain explained to my mother that she was a chronic heart patient who was surviving with Baba's grace. It so happened that after her first daughter was born, when the family was on visit to the States, she had to undergo a massive heart surgery, following which the doctors gave her little time and absolutely no hope of surviving any more pregnancies. It was then she took to Baba and came back to India. When we met her she was already the mother of two strapping sons and though pale and weak still had enough strength to praise Baba's grace.

She continued to live as our favorite neighbor for many years and by the time she finally passed away, her daughter had already been happily married and her sons were well through college.

It was then I thought that may be her Baba had been with this devoted mother all through her brave fight. But I was yet to discover Baba myself.

After my marriage I found myself in a family of Sai devotees and I began visiting the Sai temple in Lodhi road, New Delhi. Three years after my marriage I suffered a miscarriage and the doctors told me conception could result in tragic consequences again. In the winter of 1996 my husband took his parents to visit Shirdi. One morning as he was sitting on a bench in the temple complex, an old man, barefoot in a washed -out dhoti, came up and sat next to him. My husband thought he looked tired and in need of money and so emptied all the cash he had in his pocket and told him "Baba, take

this and buy something for yourself. This is all I have with me, I hope it will do for now".

The old man looked at him, smiled and replied "When you have your son, don't forget to come here, your Baba will be waiting for you". My husband was surprised because the man had not even asked him if he was married.

Within a month we immigrated to Canada and I was in a poor state following a botched up gall bladder operation. There were wounds oozing with blood from ruptured stitched all over my stomach and a team of Canadian medical experts could not fathom out what was going wrong, as all results were coming back normal. For 8 months from Feb 97(our arrival) to Sept 97 I thus suffered several minor surgeries and continuing battery of tests. It was then in Sept '97 I met a devotee of Baba - Guruma. I spoke to her about my woes and she blessed me and told me Baba would heal me. I was skeptical as I was losing hope but continued to pray to Him. Within 14 days of Guruma's words the last of my stitched, which



had erupted a week back in a blaze of pus and blood, miraculously closed up and suddenly the trauma was over. All the stitches had healed and there was no infection anywhere anymore. Then to both our surprise in October'97 I conceived and my son, Neor Bhuyan Tiku, was born to almost a pain free delivery on 12th of July' 98. Though I had suffered from gestation diabetes and high blood pressure during my pregnancy and my doctor had been very apprehensive, there were absolutely no complications. The baby has today grown up to be a bonny two-year-old protected by Baba's grace and is awaiting his first visit to Baba's Shirdi.

I thank Baba for the change He has brought into my life. Getting to know Him was a blessing for which I will be forever indebted to Him. May the whole world be graced by the knowledge of Baba and may His devotees faith always remain unshaken.

\*\*\*Om Sai Ram\*\*\*

## PART II

### MEDITATION ON SAI

## **Meditation According to Shirdi Sai Baba**

My [Śirdi Sāi Bābā's] method is quite unique. Remember well, this one story, and it will be very useful. To get the knowledge (realization) of the Self, Dhyana (meditation) is necessary. If you practice it continuously, the Vrittis (thoughts) will be pacified. Being quite desireless, you should meditate on the Lord, Who is in all the creatures, and when the mind is concentrated, the goal will be achieved. Meditate always on My formless nature, which is knowledge incarnate, consciousness and bliss. If you cannot do this, meditate on My Form from top to toe as you see here night and day. As you go on doing this, your Vrittis will concentrate on one point and the distinction between the Dhyata (meditator), Dhyana (act of meditation), Dhyeya (this meditated upon) will be lost and the meditator will be one with the Consciousness and be merged in the Brahman. The (mother) tortoise is on one bank of the river, and her young ones are on the other side. She gives neither milk, nor warmth to them. Her

mere glance gives them nutrition. The young ones do nothing, but remember (meditate upon) their mother. The tortoise glance is, to the young ones, a downpour of nectar, the only source of sustenance and happiness. Similar is the relation, between the Guru and disciples.

The stories, parables, and teachings of Sai Baba are very wonderful. They will give peace and happiness to the people, who are afflicted with sorrows and heavily loaded with miseries of this worldly existence, and also bestow knowledge and wisdom, both in the worldly and in spiritual domains. If these teachings of Sai Baba, which are as interesting and instructive as the Vedic lore, are listened to and meditated upon, the devotees will get, what they long for, viz., union with Brahman, mastery in eight-fold Yoga, Bliss of meditation etc.

If a man utters My [Śirdi Sāi Bābā's] name with love, I shall fulfill all his wishes, increase his devotion. And if he sings earnestly My life and My deeds, him I shall beset in front and back and on all sides. Those devotees,

who are attached to Me, heart and soul, will naturally feel happiness, when they hear these stories. Believe Me that if anybody sings My Leelas, I will give him infinite joy and everlasting contentment. It is My special characteristic to free any person, who surrenders completely to Me, and who does worship Me faithfully, and who remembers Me, and meditates on Me constantly. How can they be conscious of worldly objects and sensations, who utter My name, who worship Me, who think of My stories and My life and who thus always remember Me? I shall draw out My devotees from the jaws of Death.

If My stories are listened to, all the diseases will be got rid of. So, hear My stories with respect; and think and meditate on them, assimilate them. This is the way of happiness and contentment. The pride and egoism of My devotees will vanish, the mind of the hearers will be set at rest; and if it has wholehearted and complete faith, it will be one with Supreme Consciousness. The simple

remembrance of My name as 'Sai, Sai' will do away with sins of speech and hearing.

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## **MY EXPERIENCE OF MEDITATION**

Sai has always given me so much that I do not have words to express what He has done for me. Meditation came to me when I was in my BBM days and after many years of praying to Sai Baba.

The moment the Sai Aarthi begins, I get into a deep trans. A trans in which I do not know myself, who is sitting next to me, I can see nothing except the form of Sai, a white light which surrounds around Him.

A light which radiates and seeps within the heart. It is a light which gives me the strength to take in any kind of a challenge posed in front of me.

Meditation for me cures the cough which I get, it gives me peace of mind and last but not the least, it makes my mind calm and at times, even answers my prayers.

## **COMMON PRAYERS FOR SAI BABA**

## **Shirdi Sai Baba Udhi Mantra**

Om Shirdi Vasaya Vidmahe Sacchidanandaya Dhimahi

Thanno Sai Prachodayath

The meaning of the above lines are:

We know this Sai is Supreme Divinity incarnate. We meditate on this God of Truth. May this Almighty Personality lead us on the path of total liberation

## **Shirdi Sai BABA Udhi Mantra**

Mahograha Peedham Mahotpaatha Peedham

Maharoga Peedham Mahateevra Peedham

Haratyaasutey Dwarakamayi Bhasma Namasthey

Guru Sreshta Saishwaraaya

Sreekaram Nityam Subhakaaram

Paramam Pavithram Mahapapaharam

Baba Vibhutim Dharayamyaham

Paramam Pavithram Baba Vibhutim

Paramam Vichithram Leela Vibhutim



Paramartha Ishtaartha Moksha Pradhaatim

Baba Vibhutim Idamasrayami Sai Vibhutim

Idamasrayami

Om Shri Satchidananda Sadguru Sainathaya Namaha

Shri Sai Sankat Niwaran Vardan Stotra

Shri Sainath Krapal bhaj man haran bhav bhay Darunam |

KarunaNidhan PatitPawan Dukh Denya Niwaranam ||

ShriRam Tum, ShriKrisha Tum, Devadhidev

ShriShankram |

Gambhir, Shant, Suhas, Sukhakar Somya Chhavi Ati

Sundaram ||

Bhaj Deen Bhandu, Dayanidhe, Aajanamuj

Shirdishwaram |

Sanjivani Udi Shaktidayak, Sarvadukha Niwaranam ||

Mam, Pap, Tap, Daridra, Duka, Aadhi Vyadhi

Niwaranam |

Bhay, Shok, Shatru, Vinashakar, Shraddha, Saburi

Pradaykam ||

Bal, Buddhi, Vidya, 'Matru-Pitru Bhakti', Santan Sang

Ho |

Yash Kirti, Seva Bhavana, Sabke Prati Sadbhav Ho ||

Shri Krishna Sum Shri Dwarikadhish Sai Shyam So

Sawro |

Shri Ram Sum Nij Bhakt Ke Shri Ram Ban Dukh Sawro

||

Yahi Bhari Barambar Do Kar Jood Vinit Hai Prabhu |

Jaisa Nibhaya Aaj Tak Aaage Nibha Sai Prabhu ||

Shirdi Sada Aata Rahu Samarth Etna Dijiyee |

Shirdi Sada Aata Rahu Vardan Etna Dijiyee |

Naa ho Sake Tab Vasu Ko Nijdham Bulava Lijiye ||

Shri Sachidanand Sadguru Sainath Maharaj Ki Jai

Sainatha Kashta Nivarana Stotram

Prathamam Sainathaya

Dwithiyam Dwarakamayiney

Thritheeyakam Theertharajaya

Chathurthakam Bhaktavatsaley

Panchamam Paramatmaaya

Shashtamam Shirdivasaya

Saptamam Sadgurunathaya

Ashtamam Anandathaya

Navamam Nidaarmbaraaya

Dashamam Dattaavatharithiney

Ethani Dasha namani

Trisandyam Yaha Patenneraha

Sarva Kashto Bhayanmukto Sainatha Guru Kripa

## **Sai Aarthi**

**Shree Sachidananda Sadguru Sainath Maharaj Ki jai**

Aarati Sai Baba Saukya datara jeeva Charana rajataali

Dyava dasam visava bhaktam visava **Aarati Sai Baba**

Jaaluni aananga swaswa roopii rahe danga Moo

mooksha jana dani

Nija dolaa ranga dolaa sri ranga **Aarati Sai Baba**

Jaya mani jaisa bhava taya taisa anubhava daavisi daya

ghana

Aisi tuji he mava tuji hi mava **Aarti Sai Baba**

Tumache nama dyata , hari samskruti vyada agaada

tavakarani

Maarga davisii anaada davisii anaada **Aarti Sai Baba**

Kaliyugi avataara saguna para brahma sachara avateerna

jalase

Swami dattaa digambara dattaa digumbara **Aarti Sai**

**Baba**

Ata divasa guru vaari bhakta kariti vaari prabhu pada

pahavaya

Bhava baya nivaari bayaa nivaari **Aarti Sai Baba**

Maja nija dravya teva tava charana raja seva

Maagave hechi aata tuma devaadi deva devadi

deva **Aarti Sai Baba**

Ichita dina chaataka nirmala toya nija sooka

pajave madhavaya sambala apooli baaka apooli

baaka **Aarti Sai Baba**

Saukya dataara jeeva charana rajatali

Dyava dassam visava bhaktam visaava **Aarti Sai Baba**

Om Sai Ram!!!!

**Shri Sainath Stavan Manjari**

**A Humble tribute of praise to Shri Sainath**

**- Originally written By Das Ganu Maharaj**

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**Kher.**

I bow down to Shri Ganesh

Oh, Mayureswara , you are the one on whom we depend,

Oh, Son of GAURI, the all-knowing,

Oh, You inconceivable one,

You with an immeasurable belly,

Protect me, oh, Shri Ganapathi

You are the first and foremost of all Ganas

and of all the deities;

Therefore, you are called “Ganesh”

You are acknowledged by all the “shastras” ( sacred

books )

You of sacred countenance, oh, Balachandra

Oh, Sharada, Goddess of Speech!

You are the mistress of the realm of words;

Because of your existence,

All worldly transactions are carried on.

You are the deity revered by all authors;

You are eternally the pride of this nation;

Your infinite power prevails everywhere.

I bow to you, Jagadambe

You are the Supreme Spirit and beloved of the saints!

Incarnation in human form of Pandhariraya

You are the ocean of kindness and infinite compassion;

Oh Panduranga Narahari!

You, who control the world like a puppeteer with his

strings,

You are omnipresent;

All the sciences and sacred books are still delving

To plumb the essence of your nature.

Those who are pedagogues,

To them, you are not revealed, oh Chakrapani,

All those foolish people  
Only indulge in the jugglery of words.

Only the saints understand you  
Others remain baffled.

To you, my obeisance,  
Respectful and with my whole body  
prostrate in veneration before you.

Oh, You, five - headed Shankara  
Oh, You, wearer of garland of skulls,  
Oh, You, blue - throated Digmbara  
Oh, You, Brahmarupa pashupati !

One who receipts your name all the time,  
His worldly adversities are immediately dissolved

Such is, oh Dhurjati  
The power of your name.

With obeisance at your feet,  
I am writing this paeon of praise;



Help me always to complete this mission,  
Oh, you, Nilakantha - the blue - throated one!

Now, let me bow to the son of Atri ( Dattatreya )

To the family deity of Indira ( Vishnu )

To Tukaram and all other saints;

So, also, to all the devotees.

Hail, Hail to you, Sainath,

Redeemer of sinners and merciful one!

I lay my head down at your feet;

Now give me your protection.

You are the whole world, the abode of bliss;

You, yourself, are Vishnu, the paragon among men;

One whose wife is Uma!

You are also that enemy of Cupid.

You are God in human form!

You are the sun in the sky of knowledge!

You are the ocean of kindness!

You are the anti-dote for worldly maladies!

You are the CHINTAMANI of the poor and the down-  
trodden!

You are the divine purifier (Ganges river) for your  
devotees!

You are the raft for those drowning in worldliness!

You are the refuge of the timid.

You are the very cause of this creation!

That which is pure Chaitanya !

You are that Oh, very treasure of compassion;

The universe is only one of your leelas.

You are not born!

Death also does not affect you!

This is the final conclusion

Which one arrives at, after thoughtful search.

Birth and death,

These concepts are born of ignorance !

From both you are free

Oh, Lord, of course!

If water appears as a spring,  
Does it imply that its source is there ?  
It existed already, full and flush,  
Merely sprang up from within the earth.

Water that springs up in a hollow  
Is, therefore, so described or named;  
A "spring" becomes its proper name.  
Without the water, it is only a hollow.

To spring up and to dry up and disappear,  
This is not the nature of water;  
Because the water of the spring  
Has no importance for the hollow it fills.

It is only the hollow that is mistakenly proud  
Of itself, rather than the water that filled it.

Therefore, when the water dries up  
The hollow becomes impoverished.

The human body is really like the hollow water bed;  
The spirit (pure energy) is like the pure clean water of the

spring;

Although there are innumerable such hollows

The essence is the same in everyone.

Until now, who are without a beginning,

I say to you, merciful one,

To destroy the mountain of ignorance

Please become the thunderbolt of Indra!

Until now, such hollow (beings)

Have existed in large numbers, on this earth.

Many more exist even now,

And, in the future, as time goes by, many more will

come.

Each such hollow (being)

Is given a separate and different name and appearance;

That is how, in this world,

They are identified.

Therefore, to distinguish that spirit

In terms of “you and me” is not proper;

Because, as there is no duality  
That itself is most surely, the Spirit  
  
And, since the Spirit  
Truly encompasses the whole world,  
Then, the "you and me" the duality concept,  
How can it possibly be entertained?

Water latent in the clouds  
Is all the same;  
But when it descends upon the earth,  
It assumes different forms.  
  
That which falls in the Godavari bed  
Is known as the (sacred) River Godavari;  
  
That which falls into a well  
Does not have the same worthiness or prestige.

Saints are the river Godavari,  
And, you are the water in it  
We are the puddles, wells and lakes;  
That is the difference between us.

For the fulfilments of our lives  
We must surrender to you,  
Always, with folded hands,  
Because you are the embodiment of piety.

It is due to its water - bed  
That the waters of Godavari have become holy;  
Considered merely as water,  
It's the same everywhere.

The bed of Godavari  
That is considered as truly sacred,  
Owes all its sanctity  
To the quality of the land through which it flows  
The water latent in the clouds  
Does not alter that part of the earth on which it falls;  
Yet, that very part of the earth,  
Is called Godavari (or pure) by the scholars  
of the sacred books.

Where the water has fallen elsewhere,  
It has acquired the qualities of the soil on those places;

Contaminated, bitter, salty it becomes

Though originally sweet.

Same is the case with you, oh, Gururaya,

In whom there is no impurity of the six vices,

To that holy form

This title, "Saint" is befitting.

Therefore saints are Godavari

So full of grace;

Amongst all the beings

Your place is the highest!

From the beginning of creation

Godavari has been in existence;

It has been full of water

And it has never lacked it till today.

Look, the enemy of RAVAN

Came to the banks of the Godavari

But it's water has flowd

And the water at present is not the same as old water.

The bed alone remains the same,  
The water have flowed into the ocean,  
The sancity is eternal  
Of the river - bed, to this day.

Each year,  
The old waters go and the new  
Flow into the river bed;  
It's the law, as you know.

A century is like a year.  
The sages of that century  
Are like the flowing waters  
While the great souls are like the waves on the water.

Of these saints who are like Godavari,  
In the early centuries,  
There was a great flood  
of sanat - sanak - sananda

Followed by narada and tumber  
Dhurva, Prahlad, powerful king Bali,



Shabari, Angad, Vayukumar,

Vidur, Gope - Gopika

Thus, many came the present time

In each of the centuries of the past;

The floods came repeatedly,

Which I am unable to recount.

In this present century,

The sacred Godavari

Has for certain flooded this land

In your form, Oh, Sainath!

Therefore at your divine feet

I make obeisance;

Maharaj, of my faults

Take no notice, I plead.

I am a poor, wretched, ignorant man,

The greatest of sinners;

Ridden with vices,

But do not cast me off!

The inherent defects of iron

Are ignored by "parisa"

The small streams of the village, Lendi and ohol

Are not rejected by the Godavari.

I am full of vices within.

By your merciful glance,

Do, do quickly destroy them.

This, only, is the plea of "Das"

If after coming in contact with the "parisa"!

The iron's inherent defects

Do not change, Guruvara,

Then, it is to the discredit of the "parisa"!

Don't let me be a sinner

Don't belittle yourself,

Look, you are 'parisa', I am the iron;

My discharge is your concern too.

A child always commits mistakes,

But a mother does not scold;

Remembering this,

Grant me your grace.

Oh, Sadguru Sainath,

You are my "Kalpataru" !

You are the means for crossing this worldly ocean,

you alone are so - undoubtedly.

You are "Kamdhenu"!

You are "Chintamani"!

You are the sun in the sky of knowledga,

You are great mine of virtues!

Oh, you are the ladder to heaven!

Oh, pious, purest one,

Oh, embodiment of peace and bliss,

Oh, the Supreme Self,

Oh, the non-dual one, the ocean of knowledge;

Oh, incarnation of the Supreme wisdom, the best among

men,

Oh, abode of forgiveness and peace,

Oh, refuge of devotees,

Bless me, bless me!

You are the Sadguru Machinder

You are the Mahatama Jalander,  
You are Nivratinath, Dnyaneshwar,  
Kabir, Sheikh Mohammed , Eknath, you are  
You are Bodhla you are Savatamali,  
You are truly Ramdas,  
You are Tukaram, Sainath,  
You are Sakha You are Manikprabu.

Your present manifestation,  
And your manifold nature  
are really difficult to understand!

The knowledge about your caste and creed  
You do not reveal to anybody.

Some say you are a Muslim,  
Some say you are Brahmin,  
Thus like Krushana,  
You too, are inscrutable!

Having observed Shree Krishna  
Different people called him by various names.  
Some call him 'Yadu Buhsan'

Some call him a cowherd.

YASHODA called him a darling,

KANSA called him a great evil,

UDDHAV called him beloved,

ARJUN called him Omniscient.

Thus, oh GURUVARA, To you

According to each person's conclusion

Based on his mental attitude,

Names are give, by them.

The masjid being your dwelling,

And your ears not being pierced,

Nothing your offering the 'FATEHA'

To call you a Muslim is logical!

Similarly, considering the worship of fire,

As done by you, Lord of Mercy,

My own conclusion is

That you are a Hindu!

But these superficial differences  
Would interest only pedagogues;  
But for those devotees desirous of knowledge  
They are of no consequences.

You are BRAHMA Itself!  
Caste and creed have no relevance to you;

You are the Guru Supreme!

You are the creator of this world!

There was Hindu - Muslim rivalry;  
Therefore to bring about unity and amity,  
The masjid and the fire worship were embraced by you,  
To show your "leela" to the devotees.

You are beyond caste and greed,  
You are Brahman, the essence of Truth;

You are That, verily,

You are beyond human conception!

Giving free rein to surmises and conjectures,  
Arguments have flourished about you.

There, my insignificant  
Words, how will they prevail?

But when I behold you,  
I cannot remain silent;  
Because, for encomium, words  
Are normally the only means.

Therefore, by means of words,  
Whatever description is possible,  
That I will always proffer,  
With your grace.

Saints, I reckon  
Higher than gods;  
For distinctions such as mine and thine  
Find not a place in their proximity.

HIRANYAKASHAPU and RAVANA  
Were killed because of their hatred of god;  
Such a deed has never been done by saints.

GOPICHAND, IN the heap of garbage,

Buried JALANDARA;

But that sage

Had no rancour for that act.

On the contrary, the king was delivered

from the material world

And was immortalised;

Such is the prowess of the saints,

It is indescribable!

Saints are the Sun,

Their grace is illuminating;

Saints are as pleasing as the moon,

Their benignness is as gentle as moonlight.

Saints, are the soothing musk,

Their blessing are like it's fragrance,

Saints are the juicy sugarcane,

Their blessings are like its sweetness.



Saints, towards the good and the bad,

Are the same, definitely.

On the contrary, their love for the sinners

Is immeasurable.

In the waters of the Godavari,

Only the soiled clothes come to be cleaned;

The clean ones; in a trunk,

Remain far from the Godavari banks.

Even that which remained in the trunk,

came once,

To be cleaned thoroughly

On the Godavari banks.

The "DARSHAN" of your feet

Is like a bath in the Godavari;

Wash away my sins.

Oh, Samarth, and purify me!

We worldly people

Gather layers of impurities again and again;

Therefore, we are the right people

For the “DARSHAN” of saints.

In the abundant waters of the Godavari

Comes the wash, to be cleansed at the GHATS;

If, it is really left unattended,

Then, it is a discredit to the Godavari!

You are the cool, shady tree, with abundant foliage;

We are the travellers, really,

Suffering from the scorching sun-rays

Of the three-fold calamities of Life.

From the blazing heat, oh compassionate one,

Protect us, Oh GURURAYA.

The benign grace of your cool shade

Is extraordinary!

Sitting under a tree,

If one feels the heat of the sun,

Then, who will call that tree

The shade-giving tree?

Look, without your grace

Nothing can be right in the world;

SHESHSHAYEE befriended ARJUNA,

To uphold the right.

Due to the kindness of SUGRIV, BIBHISHANA

Came in contact with King RAM,

It is due to the saints,

That Shri Hari is thus glorified.

BRAHMAN, being formless,

VEDAS cannot describe it.

Be endowing it with forms,

The saints have reduced the importance of the formless!

VAIKUNTHAPATI, husband of RUKMINI,

was made a “mahar” by DAMAJI;

TO PICK UP CORPSES OF BUFFALOES

CHOKHAMELA made JAGAD-ATMA (God) slog.

Knowing the prowess of saints,

Jagjivan laboured by carrying water.

Saints have truly lorded,  
Over God Himself, who is Eternal Truth  
- Knowledge - Bliss.

There is no need to speak more.  
You are our mother and our father,  
Oh, Sadguru Sainath,  
Dweller of Shirdi village.

Baba, Your "LEELAS"  
No one can comprehend;  
Then, my plebain speech  
How can it do justice, tell me?

To save the sinners,  
You came to Shirdi;  
Pouring water into earthen lamps,  
You made them burn.

The wooden plank of absurdly small measures  
You turned into your bed, truly;

Thereby displaying to the devotees

Your amazing yogic powers!

The barrenness of many women

You have completely dispelled;

The disease of many

You have cured with the "Udi"!

TO ward off worldly difficulties

Is not impossible for you.

The weight of an ant,

Does the elephant consider as a burden?

So be it, GURURAYA,

Have mercy on the humble one.

I surrender at your feet,

Do not turn me away.

You are the king of kings,

You are richer than KUBER himself,

You are the Healer par excellence,

No one is superior to you!

For the worship of other deities.

The ritual is as prescribed.

But, for your worship,

There is nothing worthy of you!

Look, in the realm of the sun,

The festival of DEEPAVALI has come;

But to celebrate it,

what should be the means?

To quench the ocean's

Thirst, adequate water cannot be found on earth;

To warm the fire

From where will the heat be found?

All articles needed for the worship

Are filled with your essence;

From the beginning, they are part of you,

Oh, SHREESAMARTHA GURURAYA!

All my talk is a philosophical statement,

For I have not experienced its truth.

I have spoken without experience,  
A meaningless maze of words.

If ritualistic worship  
Of You, is to be performed by me,  
To do that, I Have no wherewithals,  
My SAMARATHA GURURAYA!

Mostly with the help of my imagination only

Will I worship you.

That worship itself, oh, compassionate one,

Do accept from this slave.

Now with my tears

I bathe your feet;

The sandalwood of true devotion

I make into paste and apply.

The long tunic ("KAFNI") of these ornamental words.

I place on you, sincerely;

This garland of adoration,

I place round your neck.

The incense of vileness  
I burn before You, truly;  
Though it is of impure composition  
Even then, there will be no foul-odour from it.

Elsewhere, than before the Sadguru,

If incense is burnt,  
What happens to that incense

Is like this

When the incense is put on the fire,  
The moment it actually touches it  
The fragrance from the incense  
Leaves it instantly.

Before you, it's contrary;  
The impurities burn away in the fire,  
The good remains for ever  
For the world to see.

Once the vileness of the mind is burnt away,  
The mind will become purer;



Once the Ganga's impurity is gone,

Then it is holy, naturally

The light of temptations

I kindle, most truly,

From which, may the lusture of asceticism

Be granted to me, oh GURUVARA!

The throne of pure faith

I offer you as a seat;

On receiving it

Accept the offering ("naivedya") of devotion.

You partake the offerings of devotion,

Give me the essence;

Because I am your child

I have a claim on your milk.

My mind is my monetary offering ("DAKSHINA")

That I offer to you;

Therefore, the credit or discredit of any action

Will no longer be mine.

Now most humbly and devotedly

I do obeisance to you;

Please accept it,

Oh divine Sainath!

### EIGHTFOLD PRAYER

Possessing peaceful mind, and wisdom supreme,

Sainath, the compassionate,

You are ocean of kindness, truth incarnate,

And destroyer of the darkness of ignorance!

The sage, beyond caste and greed you are,

Beyond comprehension, compassion incarnate;

Protect me, protect me,

Oh, Sainath of Shirdi!

You are the sun of Divine knowledge

The bestower of choicest blessings;

Oh, fabled HAMSA of the minds of the devotees,

Protector you are of those who surrender to you.

You are BRAHMADEV, creator of the world;

You, the sustainer of the world, VISHNU;

The destroyer of the three worlds,

You are that very RUDRA!

There is no place on this earth,

where you are not.

Omniscient, oh you Sainath,

You dwell in all our hearts.

Forgive us all our sins

I implore you!

And those weaves of doubts and delusions,

Repel instantly.

You are cow, I the calf

You are moon, I the stone melted by its light;

At your feet, which are like the Ganges,

Respectfully the slave (DAS) bows down!

Place on my head

Your hand and bless me, oh Lord!

Wipe off my sorrow and worry

For this GANU is your servant.

With this eight-fold prayer  
I prostrate myself before;  
My sins (demerits), suffering and poverty  
Ward off immediately.

You are the cow and I the calf;  
You are the mother and I the child;  
Do not harbour  
Any harsh feelings towards me.

You are the sandlewood from Malagiri;  
I'm a thorny shrub.  
You are the life giving waters of Godavari,  
I, the greatest sinners.

If after having your "DARSHAN"  
The impurities of my wicked mind remains  
Unchanged, GURURAYA,  
Who will then call you sandlewood?  
The proximity of must ("KAASTURI")  
makes even the dust more valuable;

The fragrance of flowers is transmitted  
To the thread which ties the garlands.

This is the way of the great.

Whosoever they come in touch with,

To him they impart

A part of their greatness.

Sacred ashes, join cloth and the bull,

SHIVA made symbolic parts of himself;

Therefore, these objects

Are praised in all quarters.

For the amusement of the cowherds,

At Vrindavan, on the banks of the Yamuna,

The lord of the World played “DAHI-KALA”

That too has earned recognition from wise men.

Similarly, I am a sinner,

But, I am under your protection;

Will you not redeem me, Oh, GURURAYA,

From my sinful state?

Worldly or spiritual,  
In whatever objects I seek satisfaction,  
I have no doubt, O GURURAYA,  
That you will grant me these.

With your grace,  
Control my mind;  
If the oceans are sweetened  
There is no fear of their being salty.

To make the oceans sweet  
Truly you have the powers.  
Therefore, this supplication of Dasganu,  
Please concede.

Whatever my shortcomings,  
They are all your!  
You are the foremost among the spiritual masters,  
So do not stint while giving.

Now, why should I speak more?  
You are my only refuge.

The child held in the mother's arms,  
Is naturally without fear.

So be it. This hymn of praise,  
Whosoever read with love,  
Their desires  
Fulfil, O Lord.

Your blessing for this hymn  
I entrest.

May the difficulties of he who recites this sincerely,  
Be warded off within a Year.

After performing all ablutions,  
Should this hymn, be recited regularly,  
With a pure and sincere feeling  
In your heart.

If this be not possible  
Then on every "Ekadasi"  
This hymn should be read  
To realize the beneficial effect.

One who recites this, with faith  
Will ultimately progress spiritually by the Grace of

GURU,

Who will satiate the material desires readily,  
And thereby deliver him from their bondage.

With repeated recitations of this hymn,

Dull wits will be sharpened.

And, if perchance, someone's life is short,  
Then, by recitation; he will live upto a hundred years!

Where wealth is wanting,

KUBER, the Lord of wealth himself will come to stay,

Oh reading this hymn.

This is the Truth, and so it shall be.

To the childless, children will be born

On reciting this hymn.

And the ailment of one who recites this hymn

Will be dispelled in all directions.



Fear and worry will disappear,

Prestige will increase.

He will realise the imperishable BRAHMAN

With the regular recitation of this hymn.

Regarding this hymn, Oh wise ones,

Have faith in your hearts

Above the efficacy of this hymn;

And give no place

To doubts and misconceptions.

Go on pilgrimage to Shirdi,

Concentrate on the lotus feet of Baba,

Who is the succour of the poor and the meek,

The wish-fulfilling tree for the devotees!

It was because of the inspiration received from Him

That this hymn has been composed.

How else could an insignificant ignorant one, like me,

Have written it?

In Shake 1840

In the bright half of th BHADRAPAD month,

On GANESH-CHATURTHI day,

Monday, in the second 'PRAHAR',

This humble tribute of praise to Shri Sainath,

Was completed at Maheshwaram

By the sacred bank of the Narmada

Near Shri Ahilya Devi's SAMADHI.

At Maheshwara, the famous TIRTHA,

The hymn was completed.

Shri Sai nath made me utter every word

By becoming part of my mind.

The disciple Damodar

Became the scribe truly,

I Das, Ganu, Am only an obedient servent

Of all the saints and sages.

Peace be with you! May this humble tribute

of praise to Shri Sainath

Help you cross the worldly ocean.

This is the prayer, with faith and respect

Of Das Ganu, to Shri Panduranga. Let this be offered to

Shri Hari-Hara!

Bless us, O Lord!

PUNDALIK VARDA (fulfiller of wishes) HARI-

VITHAL! I recall sitakanta! Hail Hail Rama, Parvati-pate

Har-Har Mahadev!

Hail to Shri Sadguru Sainath Maharaj!

Shri Sadguru Sainath, I offer this to you

Bless us, O Lord!

Sainath Stavan Manjari ends

Shirdi Sai baba blessings to you and your family .

### **Sai Vrath Pooja**

#### **Story behind the sai vrat pooja :**

Kokilaben and her husband Maheshbhai used to live in a big city and they had lots of love for each other. But

Maheshbhai's nature was very annoying and he had no sense of talking. Neighbors were also very much frustrated by his this kind of nature. Kokilaben had lots of faith in GOD and she was very religious.

She was tolerating all her problems silently having lots of faith in GOD that GOD will make everything all right one day. But because of Maheshbhai's nature, their business went down gradually and there was not enough income. He started staying at home all day and his nature become worst.

It was an afternoon. One old saint came to Kokilaben's door. There was enormous light on his face. And he asked for rice and dal (lentils). Kokilaben gave him rice and dal and she folded her both hands and said "namste" (greetings).

Saint replied "SAI will always keep you happy." Kokilaben said "There is no happiness in my life" and she told all her problems to the saint.

After listening to all her problems, Saint told her about

“SAI NAV (NINE) GURUWAR (THURSDAY)  
VRAT”.

Saint told as follows about the Vrat.

- This Vrat can be started from any Thursday by uttering SAI BABA's name.
- This Vrat has to be continued for 9 Thursdays.
- Any male, female or child can do this Vrat.
- On these Nine Thursday, individual who is doing vrat can eat fruit/milk/sweets etc. all day long or can have one meal a day. ONE MUST NOT DO THIS VRAT WITHOUT EATING ANYTHING.
- If possible, go to SAI BABA's temple to have SAIBABA's darshan on these Nine Thursday.
- At home, do pooja / prayer of SAI BABA as follows.
- In the morning or in the evening, do the pooja as mentioned below.
- Put Yellow Cloth in front of you and place SAI BABA's Photo or Statue on this cloth.

- Light lamp (diya) in front of BABA's picture.
- Wash or wipe BABA's picture with clean water and cloth.
- Put "tikka (Bindi on the forehead)" with "kumkum" (red powder) on BABA's face.
  
- Offer Yellow Flower to BABA.
- Offer Fruit or Sweets to BABA as Naivadhya (Prasad)
- Read this SAI story and Read / Sing SAIBABA's Aarti after finishing Pooja and reading story.
- Tell BABA why you are doing this Vrat and ask him to fulfill your wish.
- Give Prasad to all your friends and family members and you also eat it some.
- If, because of any reason, you cannot do vrat on any Thursday, skip that Thursday and continue from the next Thursday.
- If female is doing this Vrat, skip the Thursday during Menstrual Cycle period.
- On the 9th Thursday, Celebrate SAI VRAT. In this

celebration process, feed 5 poor people and distribute this SAI VRAT book among people. One can give 5, 11 or 21 etc.

### **Shri Sai Baba 108 Names**

1. OM sri Sai Nathaaya namaha
2. OM Sri Sai Lakshmi naarayanaya namaha
3. OM Sri Sai Krishnaraamashiva maruthyaadhi roopaaya namaha
4. OM Sri Sai Seshasai ne namaha
5. OM Sri Sai Godhavarithata shirdhivasi ne namaha
6. OM Sri Sai Bhakta hrudaalayaaya namaha
7. OM Sri Sai Sarva hrunnelayaaya namaha
8. OM Sri Sai Bhoota vaasaya namaha
9. OM Sri Sai Bhootha bhavishyadbhaava varnithaaya namaha
10. OM Sri Sai Kaalaa thiithaaya namaha

11. OM Sri Sai Kaalaaya namaha
12. OM Sri Sai Kaala kaalaaya namaha
13. OM Sri Sai Kaaladarpa damanaaya namaha
14. OM Sri Sai Mrutyunjayaaya namaha
15. OM Sri Sai Amarthyaaya namaha
16. OM Sri Sai Marthyaaya bhayapradhaaya namaha
17. OM Sri Sai Jivadharaaya namaha
18. OM Sri Sai Sarvadharaaya namaha
19. OM Sri Sai Bhaktaavana samarthaaya namaha
20. OM Sri Sai Bhaktavana prathikjnaaya namaha
21. OM Sri Sai Anna vastra daaya namaha
22. OM Sri Sai Arogya ksheemadaaya namaha
23. OM Sri Sai Dhana maangalyapradaaya namaha
24. OM Sri Sai Buddhi siddhi pradaaya namaha
25. OM Sri Sai Putra mitra kalathra bandhudaaya namaha



26. OM Sri Sai Yogaksheema vahaaya namaha
27. OM Sri Sai Aapadbhaandhavaaya namaha
28. OM Sri Sai Maargabandhavee namaha
29. OM Sri Sai Bhukti mukti swargaapavargadaaya  
namaha
30. OM Sri Sai Priyaaya namaha
31. OM Sri Sai Preeti vardhanaaya namaha
32. OM Sri Sai Antharyaminee namaha
33. OM Sri Sai Sacchitatmanee namaha
34. OM Sri Sai Nityanandaaya namaha
35. OM Sri Sai Parama sukhadaaya namaha
36. OM Sri Sai Parameeshwaraaya namaha
37. OM Sri Sai Parabrahmanee namaha
38. OM Sri Sai Paramaatmanee namaha
39. OM Sri Sai Gnaana Swaroopinee namaha
40. OM Sri Sai Jagath pithre namaha

41. OM Sri Sai Bhaktaanaam maathru daathru  
pithaamahaaya namaha
42. OM Sri Sai Bhaktaabhaya pradhaaya namaha
43. OM Sri Sai Bhakta para dheenaya namaha
44. OM Sri Sai Bhaktaanugraha karaaya namaha
45. OM Sri Sai Sharaanagatha vatsalaaya namaha
46. OM Sri Sai Bhakti shakti pradaaya namaha
47. OM Sri Sai Gnana yraaghya prdaaya namaha
48. OM Sri Sai Preema pradaaya namaha
49. OM Sri Sai Samskhaya hrudaya dowurbhalya paapa  
karma vaasanaa kshayakaraaya namaha
50. OM Sri Sai Hrudayagranthi bheedakaaya namaha
51. OM Sri Sai Karma dhvamsiinee namaha
52. OM Sri Sai Suddasathva sthithaaya namaha
53. OM Sri Sai Gunaatheetha gunaathmanee namaha
54. OM Sri Sai Anantha kalyaana gunaaya namaha

55. OM Sri Sai Amitha parakramaaya namaha
56. OM Sri Sai Jayinee namaha
57. OM Sri Sai Durdhaarshaa kshobyaaya namaha
58. OM Sri Sai Aparaaajitaya namaha
59. OM Sri Sai Trilookeeshu avighaatha gatayee namaha
60. OM Sri Sai Ashakya rahitaaya namaha
61. OM Sri Sai Sarva shakti murthayee namaha
62. OM Sri Sai Suroopa sundaraaya namaha
63. OM Sri Sai Suloochanaaya namaha
64. OM Sri Sai Bahuroopa vishwamuurthayee namaha
65. OM Sri Sai Aroopaavyaktaaya namaha
66. OM Sri Sai Achintyaaya namaha
67. OM Sri Sai Sookshmaaya namaha
68. OM Sri Sai Sarvaantharyaminee namaha
69. OM Sri Sai Manoovaaga theethaya namaha

70. OM Sri Sai Preemamoorthayee namaha
71. OM Sri Sai Sulabha durlabhaaya namaha
72. OM Sri Sai Asahaaya sahaayaaya namaha
73. OM Sri Sai Anaatha naatha deenabaandhavee  
namaha
74. OM Sri Sai Sarvabhaara bhrutee namaha
75. OM Sri Sai Akarmaaneeka karma sukarminee  
namaha
76. OM Sri Sai Punyasravana keerthanaaya namaha
77. OM Sri Sai Theerthaaya namaha
78. OM Sri Sai Vasudeevaaya namaha
79. OM Sri Sai Sataamgathayee namaha
80. OM Sri Sai Satyanaaraayanaaya namaha
81. OM Sri Sai Lokanaathaaya namaha
82. OM Sri Sai Paavananaaghaaya namaha
83. OM Sri Sai Amruthamsavee namaha

84. OM Sri Sai Bhaaskara Prabhaaya namaha
85. OM Sri Sai Bramhacharya tapascharyaadi  
suvrathaaya namaha
86. OM Sri Sai Satyadharma paraayanaaya namaha
87. OM Sri Sai Siddheshvaraaya namaha
88. OM Sri Sai Siddha sankalpaaya namaha
89. OM Sri Sai Yogeshwaraaya namaha
90. OM Sri Sai Bhagwatee namaha
91. OM Sri Sai Bhakta vatsalaaya namaha
92. OM Sri Sai Sathpurushaaya namaha
93. OM Sri Sai Purushootthamaaya namaha
94. OM Sri Sai Satyatatva boodhakaaya namaha
95. OM Sri Sai Kaamaadi shadyri dwamsinee namaha
96. OM Sri Sai Abheedaanandaama bhava pradhaaya  
namaha
97. OM Sri Sai Samasarvamatha sammataaya namaha

98. OM Sri Sai Sri Dakshinaa moorthiyee namaha
99. OM Sri Sai Sri Venkatesha ramanaaya namaha
100. OM Sri Sai Adbhuthaanantha charyaaya namaha
101. OM Sri Sai Prapannarthi haraaya namaha
102. OM Sri Sai Samsaara sarva dukha kshayakaraaya  
namaha
103. OM Sri Sai Sarva vitsarvato mukhaaya namaha
104. OM Sri Sai Sarvaantharbhahi stitaaya namaha
105. OM Sri Sai Sarvamangala karaaya namaha
106. OM Sri Sai Sarvaabhiishta pradhaaya namaha
107. OM Sri Sai Samaras sanmaarga sthaapanaaya  
namaha
108. OM Sri Sai samartha sadguru Sri Sai nathaaya  
namaha

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