



Sai Dharmam

Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre of Cooksville

The Chosen Mother

One of a mother's greatest anxieties about her child is how the child is eating. Mother Easwaramma was no different. Whenever she was away from

Swami, she would ask others how Swami was and if He was even eating! She would say to the women taking care of Swami, "Look at Him; one can count the ribs, they are coming through so clear. He won't listen to what we say. He insists on his own ways, all the while telling us how to behave. And

somehow He justifies everything He does as good for Himself."

"How could the Ananda (bliss) of others be Ahara (food) for Him?" This was what Mother Easwaramma thought as Swami ate very little, had

no visible appetite, no preferences and no time to spare! She prayed for Swami to eat, but Swami would only take a mouthful just to satisfy her and walk away. Mother Easwaramma wondered if Swami would eat a little more if the cuisine was Telugu, as it would be more familiar to Him. Once when Swami was in Gujarat, she snuck into the palace kitchen to prepare Swami chaar as she was afraid Swami may not eat the Gujarat dishes.

One unforgettable occasion for Mother Easwaramma was when Swami only drank one cup of buttermilk a day for thirty-six days. One can only imagine the pain she went through while Swami was doing this. Her joy knew no bounds when Swami resumed his normal meal times in response to His devotees' prayers.

Even the mother of the Divine infinite power could not be immune to worrying and caring for her child like all mothers do. Although she realized her son's divinity, her anxieties overwhelmed her. This was the intimate bond between Swami and the universal mother.



I think as students, adults and human beings, we can all agree that at some point in our lives, we have underappreciated our mothers. We tend to forget that the only reason we are alive and well on this planet is because of their care, love, and effort. Mother's Day is a special day celebrated all over the world where mothers are recognized for all of the hardwork and effort it takes to be a mother. I believe that mothers are not just regular people. Mothers should be seen as superhumans, as extraordinary people who sacrifice their whole life for the children they birthed. Personally, I do not believe in just one day that we should show love to our mothers. Instead, I feel that we should accept every day as mothers day. To me, Mother's Day is really just an extra day where my mother feels recognized to be who she is.

In my home, Mother's Day is usually spent with family time and gifts. Although, when I

was around the age of 6, I had heard my mother say something that really hit me and made me reconsider how I want future Mothers Day to do. On May 11th, 2008, my mother said " I don't want this feeling of this endless love to end after today". From every day onwards I had worked my hardest to make sure that my mother has gotten what she asked for and hoped that she would enjoy and feel the changes I had decided to make.

To this day I continue to live off of what she asked for and every year when Mother's Day comes around, it is usually treated as a normal day with an added benefit of gifts for my mom. Although my mother and I get into fights a lot, I always think back to what I gave my word to, therefore usually being the one to say "sorry" first. As a daughter, I try my best to make my mother feel proud to have given birth to me and try my best to make her feel the endless love she has always asked for.



What does Mother's day mean to me? It means to me exactly what it should mean for both you and I. To all the mothers reading this, I hope you feel the same way at some point in your life and I hope that for you too, it becomes an endless feeling.

Happy Mothers Day, to all the superhumans... I mean mothers, out there.
Om Sri Sai Ram.

Swami's love for his Mother

In the book His-story, it says Sathya Sai Baba himself choose mother Eashwaramma and Pedda Venkappa Raju to be his parents. Mother Eashwaramma's original name was Namagriramma. But, since she is the mother of Eashwara (Sathya Sai Baba) she got the name Eashwaramma. Mother Eashwaramma has been witness to many of Swami's leelas and plays. Mother Eashwaramma asked for three wishes to be fulfilled from Swami. Firstly, to give good education to children, second to provide clean drinking water

to the villagers, third to provide medical facility to the villagers. Swami magnificently expanded all the three projects into, Sathya Sai Education (universities and schools), a drinking project seving 700 villages, and a high-tech Super Speciality Hospital as a centre of healing, providing free healthcare to all at its doors. (Cont'd on page 3)

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On May 6 1977, after finishing her breakfast Eashwaramma wanted to have some paan(betel leaves), so she started pounding the betel nuts with the help of small mortar and pestle. Swami could hear the sound from His room situated on the first floor.

Suddenly, she calls "Swami Swami"
Swami replied "I'm coming I'm coming". She again



called "Please come quickly". Swami came down and she breathed her last. She had no pain and suffering of any sorts. She did not suffer even for a minute.

Vice President's Message

"Mathru Devo Bhava, Pithru Devo Bhava, Acharya Devo Bhava Atithi Devo Bhava"

A mother is to be revered as a deva because she gives birth to the child nourishes it and looks after it till it grows up. The father is to be revered because he is the provider, the Acharya because he alone gives the knowledge that helps us know our own immortality and the atitithi or guest revered because in Vedic times it was thought that God can come before you in the garb of a stranger or guest.

We also equally respect female and male gods as SHAKTHI and SHIVA.

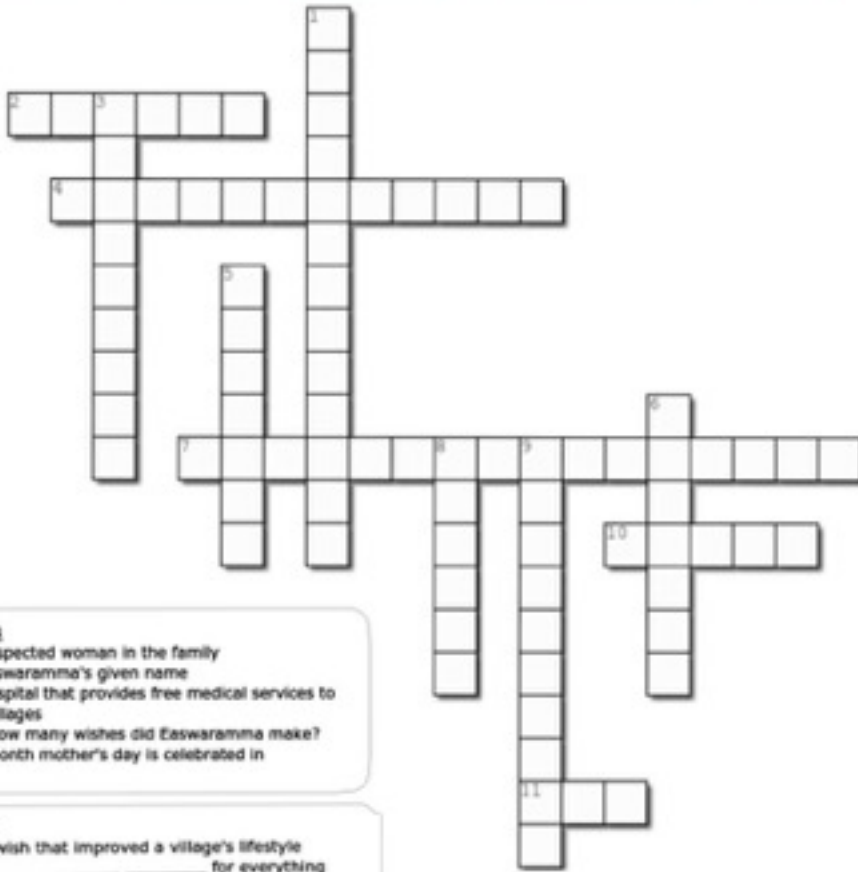
Ya devi sarva bhooteshu matru roopena samsthita namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaha - Devi mahathmyam

Meaning: Salutations to the divine mother, whose art manifest in every being's existence as mother, I worship thee, over and repeatedly. Mother is the center of the family and our highest ideal. She is to us the representative of God, as God is the mother of the universe. It was a female sage who first found the unity of God and laid down this doctrine in one of the first hymns of the Vedas. Our God is both personal and absolute; the absolute is male, the personal, female. Our ancient Vedas have rightly declared "Mathru Devo Bhava" meaning "Honor your Mother as God." A baby is a manifestation of some mother's thoughts and dreams. Every woman is born with the potential to create a baby of her own choice but unfortunately very few are aware of this great asset. It is the mother who designs the character, emotions and desires of the baby in her womb by just indulging in the relevant activity. Her eyes carry the picture of the facial features she desires of the baby in her womb. Her activity and thought imprint the baby's basic character. All throughout pregnancy the nobler the mother's thoughts, the nobler the child- is an old saying, but yes holds good even to this day. It's a wonderful science of a soul evolving out of the mother's thoughts. It is normally thought that, being motherly is only a woman's cup of tea. Infact being motherly is more to do with a person's attitude of love, affection and sacrifice. It is the most valuable gift a child can get. From the child's point of view, a mother is a person with whom he or she can be herself, knowing that she would absorb anything and everything. Sometimes we take this quality for granted and overlook all the little things that she has done to see us bloom. I think being a mother is a blessing and being able to shape a soul to help him evolve is even more fortunate. Anyone who can love without reason, who can sacrifice without expecting anything, overlook flaws and mold with love, is a mother in the true reflection of the omnipresent. If one can idealize these qualities, i think it can make him or her an ideal person. This universal motherly attitude works unbelievably even with human relationships. Every time we look at a mother, i think it is just god's way of reminding us of what we should aspire to become. More than being a mother, being able to mother everyone is a greater quality to possess.

With this note, we would like to invite all at SSE on Saturday May 11th, 2019 where our SSE children's presenting an Amazing Grace program in memory of our dear lord Swami's mother "Eshwaramma".

Summer vacation is fast approaching to all our SSE Students and we request all your cooperation and presence on Saturday May 25th, 2019 at the Tree Planting Event and On Sunday May 26th, 2019 Walk-For-Value Event, through which we all can be a part of care taker of our mother nature where we live.

Mother Easwaramma and Mother's Day



ACROSS

- 2. Respected woman in the family
- 4. Easwaramma's given name
- 7. Hospital that provides free medical services to the villages
- 10. How many wishes did Easwaramma make?
- 11. Month mother's day is celebrated in

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- 1. A wish that improved a village's lifestyle
- 3. _____ for everything mommy
- 5. Mothers _____ their children
- 6. Easwaramma was like Mother Yashoda
- 8. One of Easwaramma's wishes; free education
- 9. The name of Swami's mother

Bhajan

Eshwaramba Priya Tanaya Sai Narayana
 Sai Narayana Sathya Narayana
 Eshwaramba Priya Tanaya Sai Narayana
 Kali Yug Mey Avatar Liye
 Kan Kan Mey Tera Naam (O Sai) (2)

Meaning:

O Lord Narayana, You are the beloved son of Mother Eshwaramba, to whom You are Sai Narayana. You have incarnated in this present Kali Age as our Lord Sathya Narayana. You are all pervading and Your name is present in every atom.

