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Hope



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Paves life's way.

(Spiritual Significance and explanation of the flower given by the Mother)

Botanical name: Jacquemontia pentantha

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Matter shall reveal the Spirit's face. — Sri Aurobindo

PRAYER

THE world is divided between two opposite forces struggling for supremacy, and both are equally against Thy law, O Lord; for Thou dost not want either mortal stagnation or blind destruction. It is in a constant, progressive and luminous transformation that Thou expressest Thyself; and it is this we must establish upon earth if we want to manifest Thy will.

At times our impatience would like to know immediately the means of this manifestation. But our impatience is futile and receives no answer. For the knowledge will come at the opportune moment, at the moment of action. Hence it is with the thought at peace and with the realising will calm and strong that we await the sign Thou wilt give us.

September 9, 1914



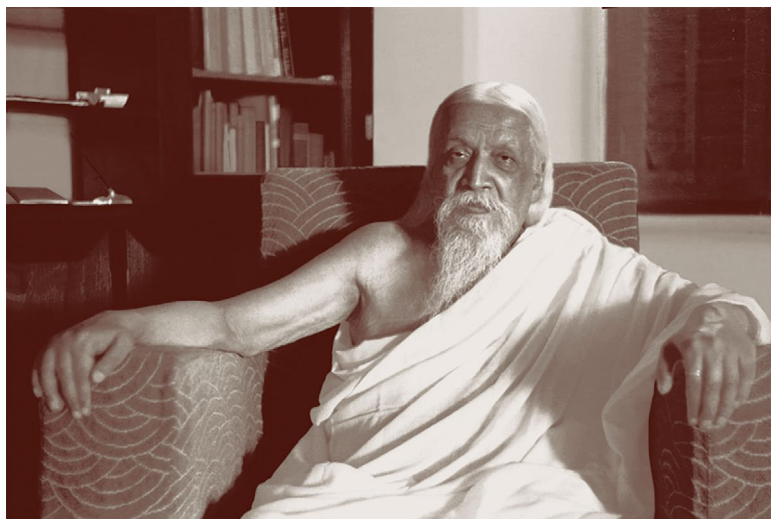
Editorial Note: In times as these mankind is looking for hope to fill itself with renewed enthusiasm and vigour in its forward march. This issue is dedicated to the Source of all hope that lies within us.



*Bonne Année
Blessings*

A stylized signature or flourish consisting of several horizontal strokes and a small vertical mark, positioned below the cursive text.

BONNE ANNÉE



It matters little that there are thousands of beings plunged in the densest ignorance. He whom we saw yesterday is on earth; his presence is enough to prove that a day will come when darkness shall be transformed into light, and Thy reign shall be indeed established upon earth.

O Lord, Divine Builder of this marvel, my heart overflows with joy and gratitude when I think of it, and my hope has no bounds.

My adoration is beyond all words, my reverence is silent.

CWM 1: 113

The Mother

In 1908 January:

Realisation of 'Nirvana'
Sri Aurobindo Meets
Vishnu Bhaskar Lele,
a Maharashtrian yogi.
Following Lele's in-
structions, establishes
complete silence of the
mind, attaining to the
experience of the Silent
Brahman.



January 1922:

The Mother takes
charge of the manage-
ment of Sri Aurobindo's
household.

Regular evening
talks and group medita-
tions held from this year.

Beginning of the Supramental Realisation

Of charming beauty it is the herald of victory.
*(Spiritual Significance and explanation
given by the Mother)*

Botanical name: Butea monosperma
Flame-of-the-forest. Palas

January 1934: Opening
of Dining Room

January

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Hope of the Future

What Sri Aurobindo represents in the history of the earth's spiritual progress is not a teaching, not even a revelation; it is a mighty action straight from the Supreme.

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He has come to bid the earth to prepare for its luminous future.

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Sri Aurobindo has brought to the world the assurance of a divine future.

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Sri Aurobindo has come on earth not to bring a teaching or a creed in competition with previous creeds or teachings, but to show the way to overpass the past and to open concretely the route towards an imminent and inevitable future.

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Lord, this morning Thou hast given me the assurance that Thou wouldst stay with us until Thy work is achieved, not only as a consciousness which guides and illumines but also as a dynamic Presence in action. In unmistakable terms Thou hast promised that all of Thyself would remain here and not leave the earth atmosphere until earth is transformed. Grant that we may be worthy of this marvellous Presence and that henceforth everything in us be concentrated on the one will to be more and more perfectly consecrated to the fulfilment of Thy sublime Work.

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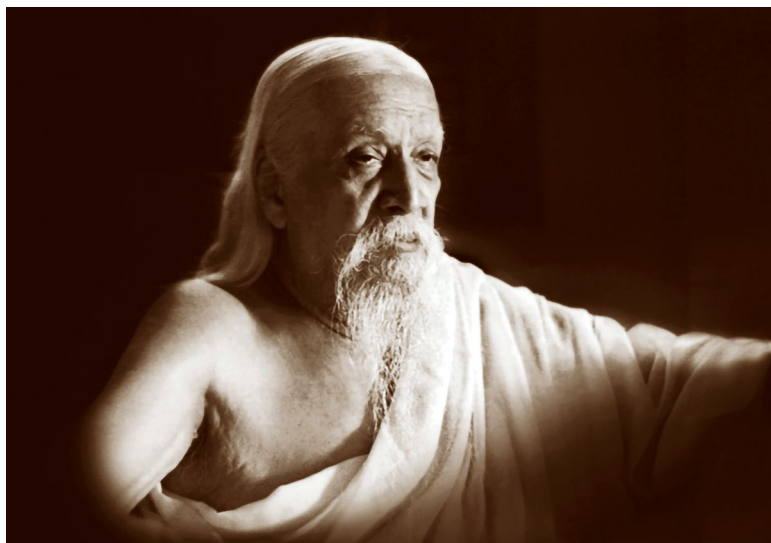
The help of Sri Aurobindo is constant: it is for us to know how to receive it.

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Sri Aurobindo is always with us, enlightening, guiding, protecting.
We must answer to his grace by a perfect faithfulness.

CWM 13: 4-6, 13

The Mother



Without the Divine we are limited, incompetent and helpless beings; with the Divine, if we give ourselves entirely to Him, all is possible and our progress is limitless.

A special help has come upon the earth for Sri Aurobindo's centenary year: let us take advantage of it to overcome the ego and emerge into the light.

CWM 13: 16

The Mother

Sri Aurobindo came to tell the world of the beauty of the future that must be realised.

He came to give not a hope but a certitude of the splendour towards which the world moves. The world is not an unfortunate accident, it is a marvel which moves towards its expression.

The world needs the certitude of the beauty of the future.

And Sri Aurobindo has given that assurance.

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Sri Aurobindo shows us the way towards a glorious future.

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Sri Aurobindo's message is an immortal sunlight radiating over the future.

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Man is the creation of yesterday.

Sri Aurobindo came to announce the creation of tomorrow: the coming of the supramental being.

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Never for an instant vacillate in the belief that the mighty work of change taken up by Sri Aurobindo is going to culminate in success. For that indeed is a fact: there is not a shadow of doubt as to the issue of the work we have in hand.... The transformation is going to be: nothing will ever stop it, nothing will frustrate the decree of the Omnipotent. Cast away all diffidence and weakness and resolve to endure bravely awhile before the great day arrives when the long battle turns into an everlasting victory.

CWM 13: 15, 19, 21

The Mother

6 February 1893: Sri Aurobindo returned to India February, 1893.

The Mother, was born in Paris on **21 February 1878**

28 February 1968 — Auroville Day, also known as Foundation Day in Auroville.

29 Feb 1956 — Day of the Supramental Manifestation The Mother has the concrete experience of the manifestation of the Supramental Consciousness on Earth.



In France, 1885

February

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February 5, 1913

THY voice is heard as a melodious chant in the stillness of my heart, and is translated in my head by words which are inadequate and yet replete with Thee. And these words are addressed to the Earth and say to her: —Poor sorrowful Earth, remember that I am present in thee and lose not hope; each effort, each grief, each joy and each pang, each call of thy heart, each aspiration of thy soul, each renewal of thy seasons, all, all without exception, what seems to thee sorrowful and what seems to thee joyous, what seems to thee ugly and what seems to thee beautiful, all infallibly lead thee towards me, who am endless Peace, shadowless Light, perfect Harmony, Certitude, Rest and Supreme Blessedness.

Hearken, O Earth, to the sublime voice that arises, Hearken and take new courage!

29 February 1914

IT is Thy Presence in every being, O divine Master of love, that makes it possible for every man, even the most cruel, to be open to pity and even the most vile to respect, almost despite himself, honour and justice. It is Thou who, beyond all conventions and prejudices, illuminest with a special light, divine and pure, all that we are and all that we do, and makest us see clearly the difference between what we actually are and what we could be. Thou art the impassable barrier set up against the excess of evil, darkness and ill-will; Thou art the living hope in every heart of all possible and future perfections. To Thee all the fervour of my adoration. Thou art the gateway within reach of our conception leading to unsuspected and inconceivable splendours, splendours which will be revealed to us progressively.

CWM 1: 14, 60

The Mother



It was here The Mother first met Sri Aurobindo on 29th March, 1914 at 3:30 p.m.

The Mother came to Pondicherry on **29th March, 1914**, and met Sri Aurobindo for the first time.

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To walk through life armoured against all fear, peril and disaster, only two things are needed, two that go always together – the Grace of the Divine Mother and on your side an inner state made up of faith, sincerity and surrender.

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The more complete your faith, sincerity and surrender, the more will grace and protection be with you. And when the grace and protection of the Divine Mother are with you, what is there that can touch you or whom need you fear? A little of it even will carry you through all difficulties, obstacles and dangers; surrounded by its full presence you can go securely on your way because it is hers, careless of all menace, unaffected by any hostility however powerful, whether from this world or from worlds invisible. Its touch can turn difficulties into opportunities, failure into success and weakness into unfaltering strength. For the grace of the Divine Mother is the sanction of the Supreme and now or tomorrow its effect is sure, a thing decreed, inevitable and irresistible.

CWSA 32: 8

Sri Aurobindo

My Lord, what Thou hast wanted me to do I have done. The gates of the Supramental have been thrown open and the Supramental Consciousness, Light and Force are flooding the earth.

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My help is always with you to help you in your progress and your work.

The difficulties you cannot overcome today will be overcome tomorrow or later on.

CWM 13: 56, 68

The Mother



White Lotus:

Aditi-the Divine Consciousness



Pink Lotus

Avatar-the Supreme Manifested in
a Body upon Earth

Sri Aurobindo came to Pondicherry on 4 April, 1910

The Mother's Final Arrival in Pondicherry on 24 April, 1920 at the age of forty-two she returned to settle there permanently.

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Always with you in a growing light and peace.

Forward, always forward in love and joy and a peace rising ever higher.

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I remember and love all my children equally even if they never write to me—and all sincere prayers are always answered even if I do not write myself. So have no pain and be cheerful.

CWM 13: 71

I always look upward. Beauty, Peace, Light are there, they are ready to come down. So, always aspire and look up, in order to manifest them upon this earth.

Do not look down at the ugly things of the world. Look always upward with me, whenever you feel sad.

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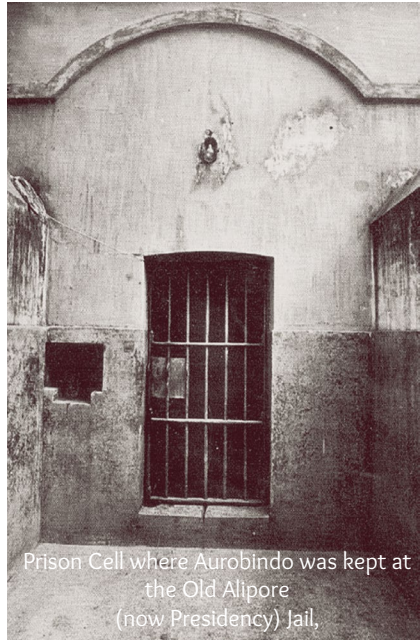
In reality, the Divine gives to each individual exactly what he expects of Him. If you believe that the Divine is far away and cruel, He will be far away and cruel, because it will be necessary for your ultimate good that you feel the wrath of God; He will be Kali for the worshippers of Kali and Beatitude for the Bhakta. And He will be the All-knowledge of the seeker of Knowledge, the transcendent Impersonal of the illusionist; He will be atheist with the atheist and the love of the lover. He will be brotherly and close, a friend always faithful, always ready to succour, for those who feel Him as the inner guide of each movement, at every moment. And if you believe that He can wipe away everything, He will wipe away all your faults, all your errors, tirelessly, and at every moment you can feel His infinite Grace. The Divine is indeed what you expect of Him in your deepest aspiration.

CWM 13: 75-76

Sri Aurobindo remained in Alipore jail from **5 May 1908 to 6 May 1909**, when he was acquitted and released.

After release he addressed his first public gathering on **30 May 1909** now famous as the Uttarpara speech.

Excerpts from the Uttarpara speech "A day passed and a second day and a third, when a voice came to me from within, "Wait and see." Then I grew calm and waited, I was taken from Lal Bazar to Alipore and was placed for one



month in a solitary cell apart from men. There I waited day and night for the voice of God within me, to know what He had to say to me, to learn what I had to do."

Sri Aurobindo

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The attitude is thus very important, even the outer attitude. People do not know how important is faith, how faith is miracle, creator of miracles. If you expect at every moment to be lifted up and pulled towards the Divine, He will come to lift you and He will be there, quite close, closer, ever closer.

CWM 13: 75-76

This purpose is to find and to serve the Divine.

The Divine is not far, He is in ourselves, deep inside and above the feelings and the thoughts. With the Divine is peace and certitude and even the solution of all difficulties.

Hand over your problems to the Divine and He will pull you out of all difficulties.

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There is a purpose in life — and it is the only true and lasting one — the Divine. Turn to Him and the emptiness will go.

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Do not live to be happy, live to serve the Divine and the joy that you will experience will be beyond all expectations.

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What is lasting, eternal, immortal and infinite, that indeed is worth having, worth conquering, worth possessing. It is divine Light, divine Love, divine Life — it is also Supreme Peace, Perfect Joy and All-Mastery upon earth with the Complete Manifestation as the crowning.

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Never forget that you are not alone. The Divine is with you helping and guiding you. He is the companion who never fails, the friend whose love comforts and strengthens. The more you feel lonely, the more you are ready to perceive His luminous Presence. Have faith and He will do everything for you.

CWM 14: 5-6, 9

June 2, 1907: First issue of the weekly edition of the *Bande Mataram*.

June 1, 1913: Decision to publish the *Arya*.



Love for the Divine

A vibration of love that the Supreme directs upon a particular point (Spiritual significance and explanation of the flower given by the Mother)

Botanical name: *Rosa*

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Alone the Divine can give us a perfect safety.

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In each heart, the Divine's Presence is the promise of future and possible perfections.

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It is only in the Divine that we can find perfect peace and total satisfaction.

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Behind the surface of things there is a sea of perfect consciousness in which we can always dip.

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There is a consciousness that nothing can debase or tarnish or defile; it is the one that we call the Divine Consciousness.

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In the Divine, by the Divine all is transfigured and glorified; in the Divine is found the key of all mysteries and all powers.

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All our strength is with the Divine. With Him we can surmount all the obstacles.

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The Divine's words comfort and bless, soothe and illumine, and the Divine's generous hand lifts a fold of the veil which hides the infinite knowledge.

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The Divine's glory transforms defeats into eternity's victories, shadows have fled before His radiant brightness.

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The Divine's Presence gives us peace in strength, serenity in action and an unchanging happiness in the midst of all circumstances.

CWM 14: 10-11

July 1899: Completed the long narrative poem 'Love and Death'.

July 18, 1909: Speech at College Square, Calcutta.

July 31,1909: “An Open Letter to My Countrymen” published in the Karmayogin following resumed efforts of the British Government to have him deported.



To Live Only For the Divine
This means to have overcome all the difficulties of the individual life.
(Spiritual significance and explanation of the flower given by the Mother)
 Botanical name: Myrtus communis

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The Divine is the sure friend who never fails, the Power, the Support, the Guide. The Divine is the Light which scatters darkness, the conqueror who assures the victory.

The Divine alone is the support that never fails.

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The only response that never fails is the Divine's.

The only love that never fails is the Divine's.

Love the Divine alone and the Divine will always be with you.

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Concentration upon oneself means decay and death. Concentration on the Divine alone brings life and growth and realisation.

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Without the Divine life is a painful illusion, with the Divine all is bliss.

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It is the Divine Presence that gives value to life. This Presence is the source of all peace, all joy, all security. Find this Presence in yourself and all your difficulties will disappear.

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Let all thoughts, all feelings, all actions, all hopes be turned towards the Divine and concentrated on Him. He is our only help and our only safety.

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Yes, my child, it is quite true that the Divine is the sole refuge —with Him is absolute safety.

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The night always is full of promises and we must face it with full faith and confidence.

CWM 14: 11-13

Sri Aurobindo's Birthday:

Sri Aurobindo was born in Calcutta on August 15, 1872. India received freedom and independence from Britain on that same day in 1947.

1907: August 2 Resigns the principalship of the Bengal National College.

August 23 Speech to the students of the Bengal National College. After his acquittal in September, he rejoins the College as a professor.



Sri Aurobindo, 1884

August

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After all, it is very simple, we have only to become what we are in the depths of our being.

There is nothing more beautiful than to unite with the divine Consciousness.

One is sure to find what one seeks—if one seeks it in all sincerity; for what one seeks is within oneself.

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For him who is in union with the Divine, everywhere is the Divine's perfect felicity, in every place and in every circumstance it is with him.

CWM 14: 10-16, 19

Faith is the surest guide in the darkest days.

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In an unshakable faith lies all our hope.

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At every moment all the unforeseen, the unexpected, the unknown

is before us—and what happens to us depends mostly on the intensity and purity of our faith.

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If we had a truly living faith, an absolute certitude of the almighty power of the Divine, His manifestation could be so evident that the whole earth would be transformed by it.

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Keep an immutable faith. Truth will triumph.

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Have faith in the Divine, and go deep inside yourself. My help is always with you.

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Have faith and go on.

CWM 14: 79

Sri Aurobindo Society was started by the Mother in 19th September 1960. She was not only the founder and the Executive President but also remains its guiding force. From a very small beginning, over the years, the Society has grown into an international organization working in diverse fields of life.



Sri Aurobindo Society, Pondicherry

September

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Our best help is faith — the Divine is all merciful. With love and blessings.

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There is a great power in the simple confidence of a child.

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It is with the confidence of a child that our heart implores the Divine.

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The best way of meeting difficulties is a quiet and calm confidence in the Grace.

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Keep faith and confidence and remain cheerful.

CWM 14: 79-80

The Supreme has sent his Grace into the world to save it.

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It is the Divine Grace that must be prayed for—if justice were to manifest, very few would be those who could stand in front of it.

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Divine Grace, Thy goodness is infinite. We bow before Thee in gratitude.

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It is only the Divine's Grace that can give peace, happiness, power, light, knowledge, beatitude and love in their essence and their truth.

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The Grace is equally for all. But each one receives it according to his sincerity. It does not depend on outward circumstances but on a sincere aspiration and openness.

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Whenever there is sincerity and goodwill, the Divine's help also is there.

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Puja days Darshan: The Mother gave darshan on four puja days.

Maheshwari



Mahalakshmi



Mahakali



Mahasaraswati



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The Divine Grace alone has the power to intervene and change the course of Universal Justice. The great work of the Avatar is to manifest the Divine Grace upon earth. To be a disciple of the Avatar is to become an instrument of the Divine Grace. The Mother is the great dispensatrix—through identity—of the Divine Grace, with a perfect knowledge— through identity—of the absolute mechanism of Universal Justice.

And through her mediation each movement of sincere and confident aspiration towards the Divine calls down in response the intervention of the Grace.

Who can stand before Thee, Lord, and say in all sincerity, “I have never made a mistake”? How many times in a day we commit faults against Thy work, and always Thy Grace comes to efface them!

Without the intervention of Thy Grace, who would not often times have come under the merciless blade of the Law of Universal Justice?

CWM 14: 83-86

Be ever one-pointed in your surrender and sincere in your aspiration and you will constantly feel the presence of the Divine’s help and guidance.

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With the Divine’s help nothing is impossible.

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For nobody would sadhana be possible without the Divine’s help. But the help is always there.

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Have a steady faith in the divine Grace.

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On 24 November 1926, after a major spiritual realization, Sri Aurobindo withdrew from public view in order to his spiritual work. At this time he handed over the full responsibility for the inner and outer lives of the sadhaks (spiritual aspirants) and the ashram to his spiritual collaborator, "The Mother", earlier known as Mirra Alfassa. This date is therefore generally known as the founding-day of the Ashram.



Transformation

The goal of creation.

Botanical name: Millingtonia hortensis

17 November - The Mother's Mahasamadhi

(The Mother's withdrawal from the physical.)

20th November - The Mother's physical body interred into Samadhi.

24 November 1926 - Siddhi Day (Victory Day) the descent of Krishna, the Overmind Godhead, into the physical (1926).

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The Grace is always with you; concentrate in your heart with a silent mind and you are sure also to receive the guidance and the help you aspire for.

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The Grace and the help are always there for all who aspire for them and their power is limitless when received with faith and confidence.

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The Grace is always there ready to act but you must let it work and not resist its action. The one condition required is faith. When you feel attacked, call for help to Sri Aurobindo and myself. If your call is sincere (that is to say, if you sincerely want to be cured) your call will be answered and the Grace will cure you.

CWM 14: 85-87

Yes, faith in the Grace always brings about its intervention.

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For the Grace to have a perfect and total result of its action, the faith must be total and perfect.

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The Grace will never fail us—such is the faith we must keep constantly in our heart.

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It is our lack of faith that creates our limitations.

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The Divine Grace is with us and never leaves us even when the appearances are dark.

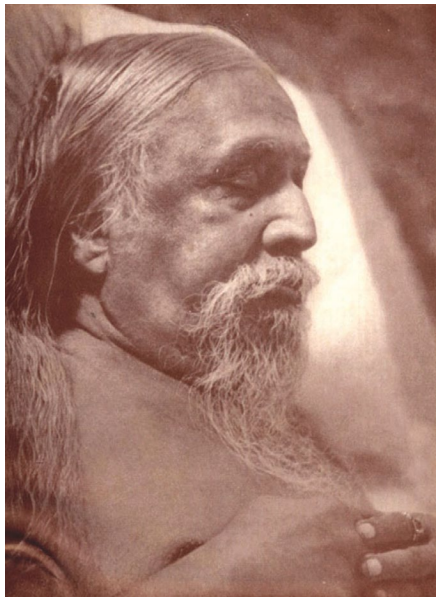
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The Supreme's power is infinite — it is our faith that is small.

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At each moment of our life, in all circumstances the Grace is there helping us to surmount all difficulties.

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**5 December
Sri Aurobindo's
Mahasamadhi Day**

Sri Aurobindo left his body
on December 5, 1950.

The body remained aglow
with a golden pink hue and
showed no signs of degen-
erations for over 100 hours.

9 December

Sri Aurobindo's body interred into
the samadhi.



December

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In failure as well as in success, the Divine's Grace is always there.

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The closer you come to the Divine, the more you live under a shower of overwhelming evidence of His immeasurable Grace.

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Our faith in the omnipotence of the Grace is never equal to what the Grace itself is.

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An absolute faith and trust in the Grace is, in the last analysis, the Supreme Wisdom.

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Through this apparent chaos a new and better order is being formed. But to see it one must have faith in the Divine Grace. Cheer up.

CWM 14: 87-90

In the present growing conflict what should be our attitude?

Faith and total confidence in the Divine's Grace.

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It is when all seems lost that all can be saved. When you have lost confidence in your personal power, then you should have faith in the Divine Grace.

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In the final analysis everything really depends on the Divine Grace and we should look at the future with confidence and serenity, progressing at the same time as quickly as we can.

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Trust in the Divine

*Most indispensable for the
impulsive vital.*

*(Spiritual significance and explanation of the flower
given by the Mother)*

Botanical name: Asystasia gangetica

Have faith and unshaken confidence. The Divine Grace will do the rest.

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Let us offer our will to the Divine Grace; it is the Grace that accomplishes all.

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The Grace, the Grace alone can act. That alone can open the way, that alone can do the miracle.

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Keep good faith in the Grace. She is the doer of all miracles.

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We must learn to rely only on the Divine Grace and to call for its help in all circumstances; then it will work out constant miracles.

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However long the journey may be and however great the traveller, at the end is always found exclusive reliance on the Divine Grace.

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The divine Grace alone shall be our support.

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The Grace is infinite for him who sincerely trusts the Grace.

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The Divine Grace is always with you and by your trust you allow its action to be effective.

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It is in proportion to our trust in the Divine that the Divine Grace can act for us and help.

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Our trust in the Divine must not depend upon outward circumstances.

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With trust in the Divine's Grace all obstacles can be surmounted.

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When we trust in the Divine's Grace we get an unflinching courage.

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Have full trust in the Divine's Grace and the Divine's Grace will help you in all ways.

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Like the child who does not reason and has no care, trust thyself to the Divine that His will may be done.

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Whatever happens we must remain quiet and trust the Divine's Grace.

CWM 14: 93-96

Nothing can be compared to the peace that comes from a total trust in the Grace.

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Leave all care to the Divine's Grace, including your progress, and you will be in peace.

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The Divine Grace

Thy goodness is infinite, we bow before Thee in gratitude.

(Spiritual significance and explanation of the flower given by the Mother)

Botanical name: Hibiscus mutabilis

The more one knows, the more one realises that one knows nothing.

For one who has total trust in the Divine, in His wisdom and mercy, there are no more problems.

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The triumph of the Divine is certain. If we keep the true trust, we shall never take the wrong path.

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It is only by remaining perfectly peaceful and calm with an unshakable confidence and faith in the Divine Grace that you will allow circumstances to be as good as they can be. The very best happens always to those who have put their entire trust in the Divine and in the Divine alone.

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When, in your life, you meet with a hardship, take it as a Grace from the Lord and, indeed, it will become so.

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In any case and whatever happens, always consider events as a gift from the Divine Grace which is leading you by swift paths towards the spiritual goal of your life.

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All depends on what you want. If you want Yoga, take all that happens as the expression of the Divine Grace leading you towards your goal, and try to understand the lesson that circumstances give.

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People believe that the Grace means making everything smooth for all your life. It is not true.

The Grace works for the realisation of your aspiration and everything is arranged to gain the most prompt, the quickest realisation.

CWM 14: 94-96

For those who have given themselves to the Divine each difficulty that confronts them is the assurance of a new progress and thus must be taken as a gift from the Grace.

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When difficulties besiege you, know that the Divine Grace is with you.

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In any case, the only thing which is really effective is to will what the Divine wills, and to keep an unshakable confidence in the supreme compassion of the Divine Grace, for through that it is always the best that happens; not the best according to human ideas but the best according to the supreme Truth.

Be calm and full of a solid and pure faith.

CWM 14: 94-96

Of one thing we must be convinced—all that happens is exactly what must happen in order to lead us and the world as quickly as possible to the goal — the union with the Divine and ultimately the manifestation of the Divine.

And this faith — sincere and constant —is at once our help and protection.

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Our courage and endurance must be as great as our hope and our hope has no limits.

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A steady hope helps much on the way.

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Our hopes are never too great for manifestation.

We cannot conceive of any thing that cannot be.

CWM 14: 96-97

The Grace is something that pushes you towards the goal to be attained. Do not try to judge it by your mind, you will not get anywhere, because it is something formidable which is not explained through human words or feelings. When the Grace acts, the result may or may not be pleasant—it takes no account of any human value, it may even be a catastrophe from the ordinary and superficial point of view. But it is always the best for the individual. It is a blow that the Divine sends so that progress may be made by leaps and bounds. The Grace is that which makes you march swiftly towards the realisation.

CWM 14: 96-97, 174

What I meant is that life is always full of difficulties, hardships and sufferings; this is a common fact and each one has to face his own lot of them. The only way to face them properly is to endure and to put one's interest, hope and faith in the inner life and consciousness turned towards the Divine, aspiring for the Divine and capable of receiving the Divine's Force and Help. But often the vital being or some part of it takes a kind of perverse pleasure in giving a dramatic importance to each and every difficulty and thus cuts the contact with the inner being and the Divine's Force.

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All difficulties are solved by taking rest in the Divine's arms, for these arms are always opened with love to shelter us.

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To live within, in constant aspiration towards the Divine—that renders us capable of regarding life with a smile and remaining in peace whatever the external circumstances.

CWM 14: 230-31

When everything goes wrong, one must know how to remember that God is all-powerful.

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The Divine is present among us. When we remember Him always He gives us the strength to face all circumstances with perfect peace and equanimity. Become aware of the Presence and your difficulties will disappear.

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Live within, do not be shaken by external circumstances.

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To live only for the Divine: this means to have overcome all the difficulties of the individual life.

CWM 14: 232

Do not give too much importance to the little incidents of life.

The importance of these incidents lies in the extent to which they have served you to make a progress. And once the progress has been made, the consequences of past errors, if there are any, disappear through the intervention of the divine Grace.

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These ideas of incapacity are absurd, they are the negation of the truth of progress — what cannot be done today, will be done another day, if the aspiration is there.

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Even if things are not as they ought to be, worry does not help to make them better. A quiet confidence is the source of strength.

CWM 14: 234, 236



Divine Smile

*We can contemplate the smiles of the Divine when
we have conquered our ego.*

(Significance and explanation of the flower given by the Mother)

*Botanical name: Michelia alba
Champaca, Fragrant champaca*

Learn to smile

Learn to smile always and in all circumstances; to smile at your sorrows as well as your joys, your sufferings as well as your hopes, for in a smile there is a sovereign power of self-mastery.

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Sweetness itself becomes powerful when at the service of the Divine.

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A smile acts upon difficulties as the sun upon clouds—it disperses them.

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I don't think that one can ever smile too much. Someone who knows how to smile in all circumstances is very close to true equality of soul.

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Generally speaking, man is an animal who takes himself terribly seriously. To know how to smile at oneself in all circumstances, to smile at one's sorrows and disillusionments, ambitions and sufferings, indignation and revolt—what a powerful weapon with which to overcome oneself!

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Learn to smile always and in all circumstances; to smile at your sorrows as well as your joys, your sufferings as well as your hopes, for in a smile there is a sovereign power of self-mastery.

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If you can always smile at life, life also will always smile at you.

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If one can smile eternally, one is eternally young.

CWM 14: 177-178

The Mother

It is quite wrong to go on brooding about the past. The true attitude is to remember that nothing happens but by God's will and to submit to that will quietly. If you have made mistakes in the past it is by lack of true surrender and the only way to repair the mistakes is to surrender truly.

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There is nothing to fear — all is the Lord — there is nothing else than the Lord; the *Lord alone* exists and all that tries to frighten us is only a silly and meaningless disguise of the Lord.

Cheer up — the way is open before you, shake off this obsession of illness and bring down the Divine Calm. Then everything will be all right.

With love and blessings.

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My word to you is: Do not cherish suffering and suffering will leave you altogether. Suffering is far from being indispensable to progress. The greatest progress is made through a steady and cheerful equanimity.

CWM 14: 236, 242, 247

The Mother



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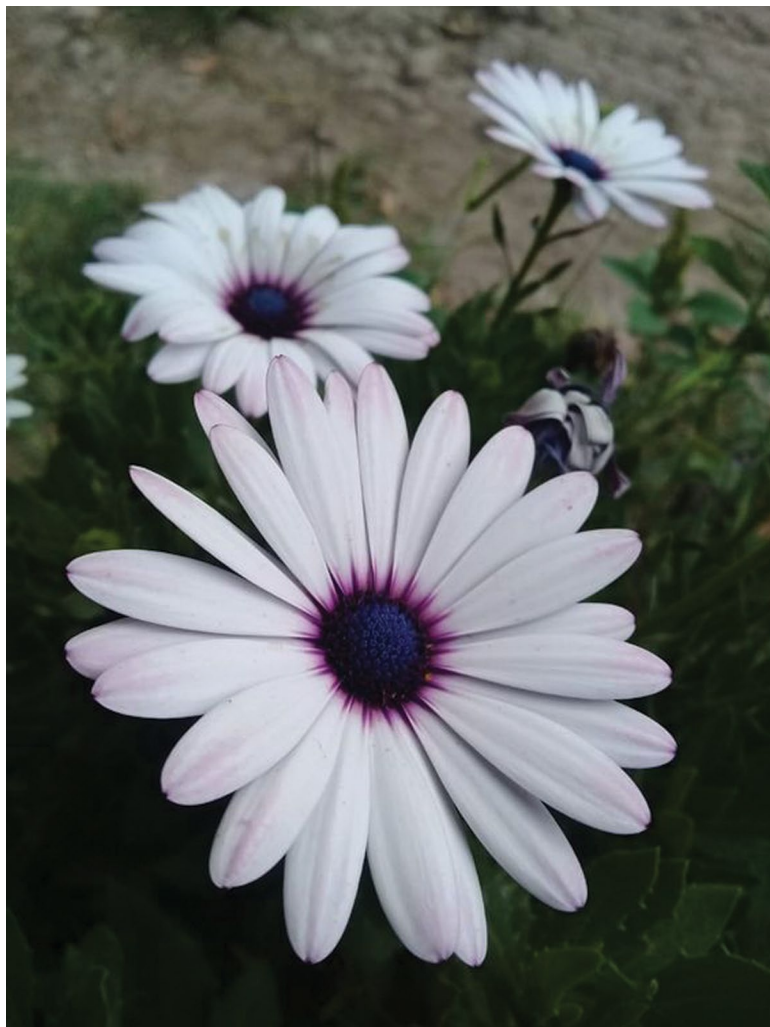
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Cheerful Endeavour

The joy that one finds in the effort towards the Divine.

(Significance and explanation of the flower given by the Mother)

Botanical name: Arctotis venusta



A new light is dawning on the world.
Wake up and unite to
receive and welcome it.

CWM 15: 69

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