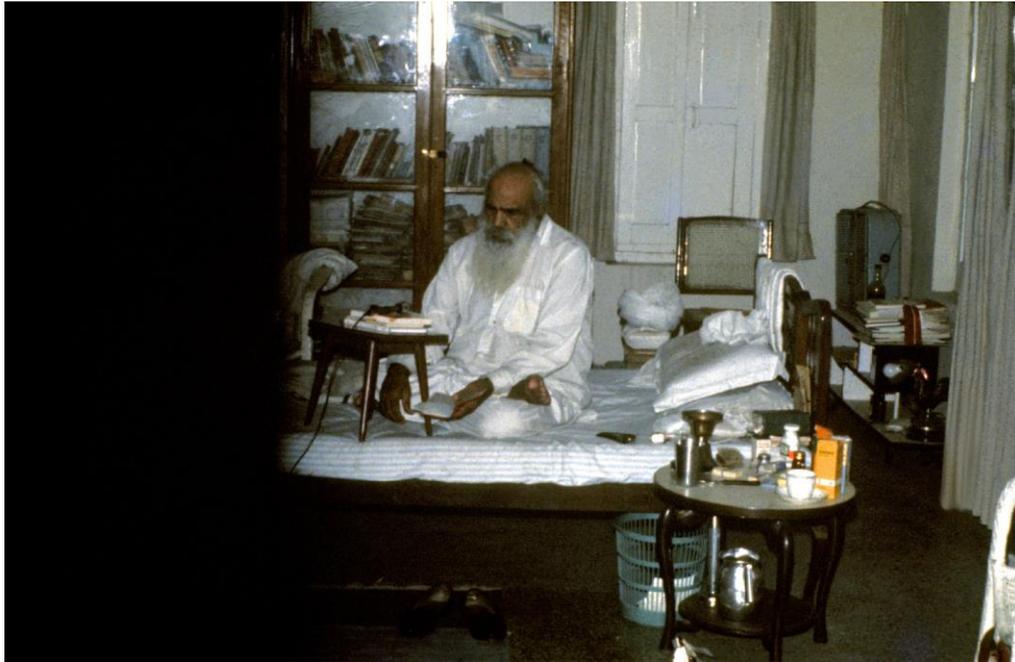


Prayers from the Heart



Dedicated to Sant Kirpal Singh Ji

O Master, God of gods, and Lord Supreme,
grant me the gift of true and real devotion,
I seek for nothing else, except Thy service
all the day and night.
(Kabir)



My face is overrun with wrinkles;
My head is marked with gray.
My limbs have gone flaccid;
Craving alone keeps its youth and vigor.
(Vairagya-Shataka)



O that I could find the One who would Himself
drink down the poison in myself and free me
my slavery to passions.
(Kabir)

O Lord so merciful, I pray with folded hands,
to grant Thy Servants' company to me,
and that through Thy illimitable mercy
Thou will lead me humbly
to their holy feet.
(Kabir)



Param Sant Kirpal Singh Ji

For unknown ages I have been a sinner,
and every particle of me is filled with filth;
but Giver of Bliss, Destroyer of Sorrow is Thy name.
O rescue me from this vile valley of unending death.
(Kabir)

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The perfect Master is all Mercy in the human form.
Of devotees He is the prop that never fails.
He only is the Captain who can steer thee safe across
this fearful ocean fathomless of dread.

(Kabir)

He who asks from the Lord, whatever it be, that is granted forthwith,
O Nanak! the words of the devotee do come true wherever he may be.
For the sake of His devotee He runs far and near, and stands ever by his side,
whatever the devotee asks of Him, that must happen.

(Guru Arjan)



Full of the deadly sins and tormented by lusts of the flesh I cry,
rescue me by Thy Grace, as best Thou may.

O Great and Compassionate One! I am at Thy mercy,
with austerities and penances one cannot escape,
but with Thy glance of Grace, take Nanak out of the blind well.

(Guru Arjan)

What should I ask of Thee? for I feel greatly ashamed,
I commit sins of which Thou art a veritable witness:

How then can I please Thee?

While I have all the faults in me, Thou art all goodness,
if I may forget Thee, I pray that Thou mayest not forget.

(Kabir)



Born with a thistle in my flesh, full of all evils I am,
Thou art the great Donor and Savior, O save me now.
O save me now for I am caught in a great whirlpool,
and shall be carried away by the strong current
if Thou dost not take hold of me.

(Kabir)

O God! have mercy and ferry us across,
save us with the help of Thy Melodious Song.
We are bogged in the mire of infatuation,
O extend to us Thy hand and pull us out.
(Guru Ram Das)



I am a depraved sinner and a heretic,
a thief, a gambler and a housebreaker,
a thug that lives on illicit gains,
a constant prey to all kinds of lusts,
a slave to the five passions lust, anger, greed, attachment and egoism,
a betrayer, an ungrateful wretch, abhorred by all.
O ye, with all these faults, and still more,
remember the Satguru for He is compassionate indeed.
(Bhai Gurdas)

For other sinners Thou art a well of refreshing waters,
but I am an ocean of sins,
I only depend on the Word of the Master, hear O Merciful One,
I know not what love is, nor have I any other virtue,
I wonder, how will I have the love of my Beloved?
If I meet the Master, I shall cry out my anguish,
with my head on His feet, I shall speak out my mind.
Permeating all, Thou art immanent in every form,
if I have to leave Thee off, who else will ferry me across?
(Kabir)



With all my faults, do not get angry with me,
the Master doth forgive the lapses of his servant;
Forgetful Kabir is all tainted vile,
but the Master has a loving heart.
(Kabir)

Helpless are we and merciful art Thou,
what can we, the sinners, say unto Thee.
In spite of our broken words of no meaning,
accept us and grant us the gift of perfection.

(Ravidas)



Lift me O Lord! I have fallen at Thy door,
accept me in compassion,
tired as I am of my wanderings.
Savior of Thy devotees, save the sinners as well,
I know none besides Thee to offer my prayers,
O ferry me safely across the ocean of living matter.
(Guru Arjan)

We never remember Thee and waste our life in fruitless pursuits.
Nanak sayeth, O God, remember Thou the pledge (of redemption),
regardless of our defaults.
(Guru Arjan)



One who slips at every step cannot escape on his own account,
O Nanak, He may forgive and pilot me across in His divine mercy.
(Guru Arjan)

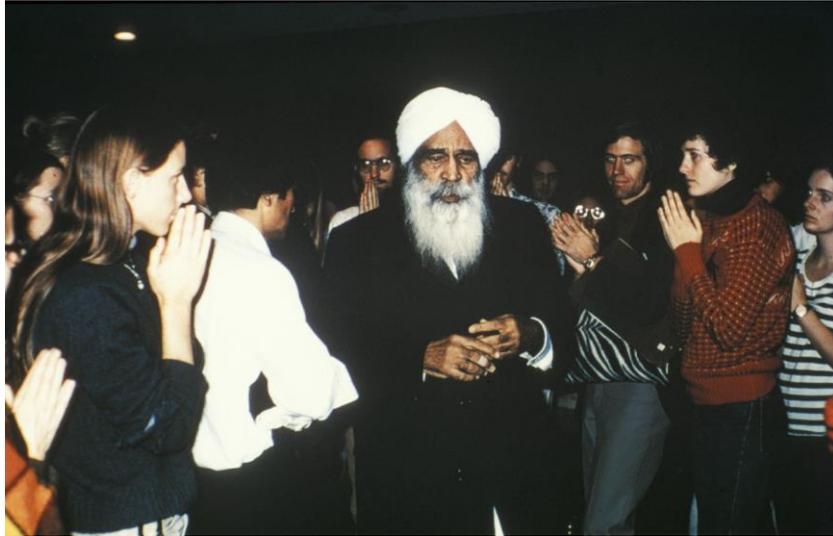
We commit blunders without number, and know not their consequences,
O Lord! forgive us in Thy Grace for we are inveterate sinners.
(Guru Amar Das)



I am steeped in sins, sins without number,
it is for Thee to forgive me or to kill me,
forgive, forgive and again forgive, O Forgiver Divine,
an ever erring child I am, but I depend on the Father's Grace.
Thou art the abode of infinite virtues with no vice whatever,
but when I search my own self, I find myself full of all ills.
There is not a single virtue in me, listen O Master Divine!
It is through the power of Thy Word that I am honored everywhere.
I am all false, while the Lord is sterling Truth,
full of sins as I am, O save me if Thou wilt.
(Kabir)

We, the ignorant, insensate and devoid of all virtues,
have taken refuge with Thee, O Primal Being,
through Thy boundless Grace, O Lord! save us,
in spite of all our shortcomings.

(Guru Ram Das)



Look ye not on my merits and demerits,
but forgive me my faults, O Merciful.
How can the clay toy be washed clean?
That indeed is the fate of all human beings.

(Guru Arjan)

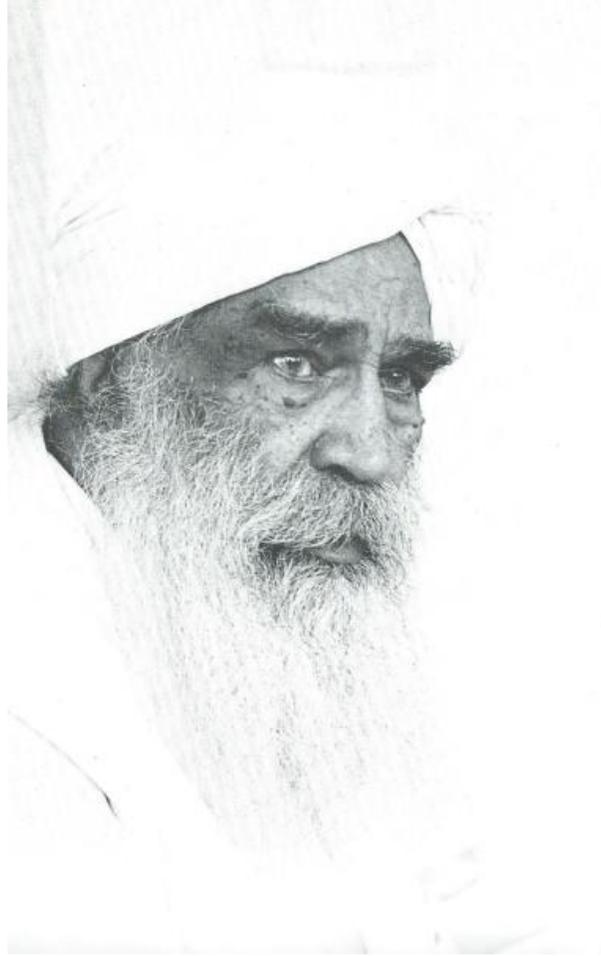
There is no doubt we are weak and have neither faith nor love, but there is also one hope to sustain us – that he may take pity on us and forgive our sins. We have taken refuge at his holy feet and, deservedly or undeservedly, we are his children.

(Baba Sawan Singh, *Spiritual Gems*, letter 171)



If You welcome me, then I am Your accepted one:
If You do not, I am still Your rejected servant!
I should not be worried whether You accept or reject me:
My task, in either state, is to remain preoccupied with You!
(Sharafuddin Maneri)

I will cry to Thee and cry to Thee and cry to Thee
until the milk of Thy kindness boils up.
(Rumi)



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