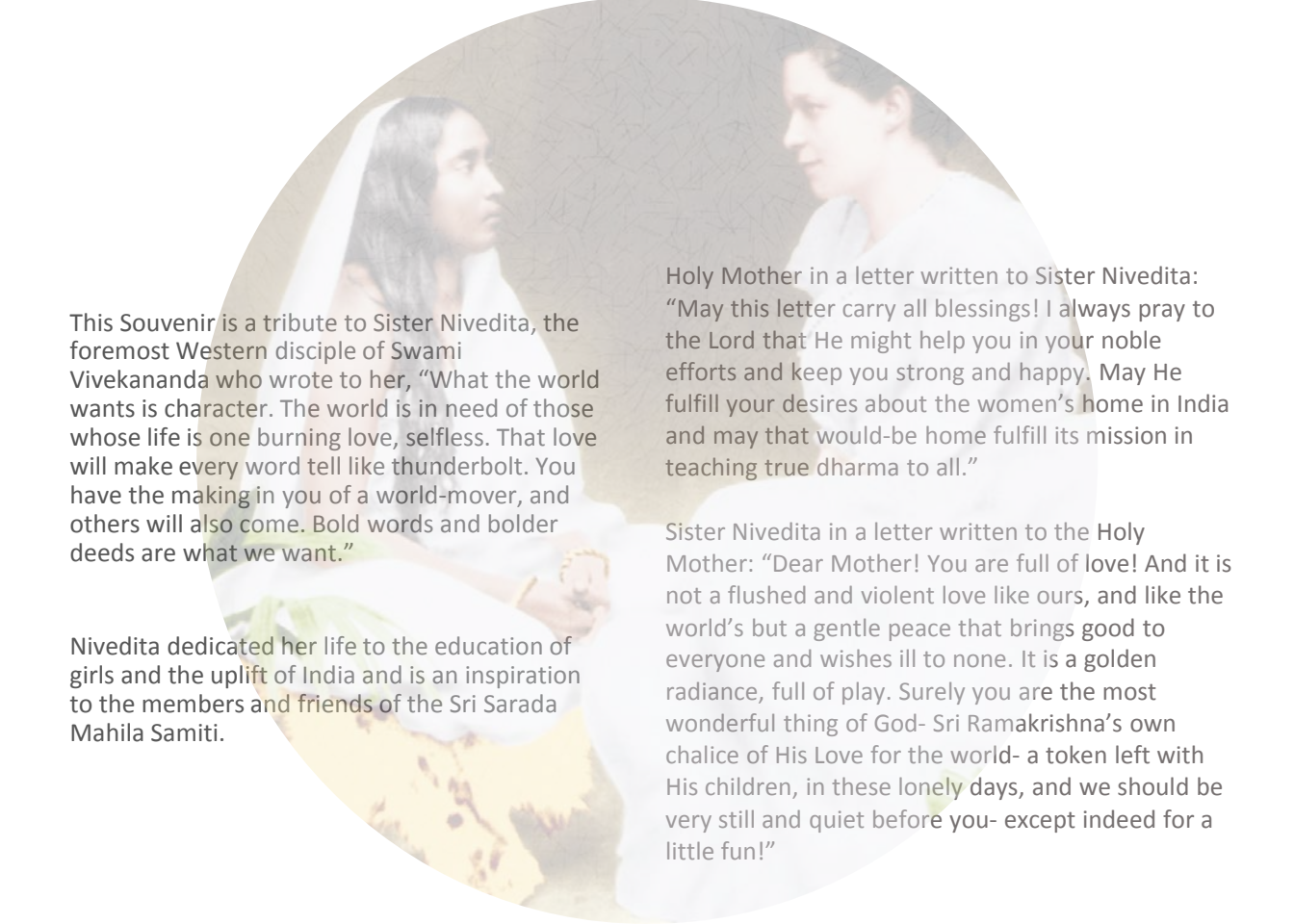


# Celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sri Sarada Mahila Samiti



Celebrating 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Sister Nivedita



This Souvenir is a tribute to Sister Nivedita, the foremost Western disciple of Swami Vivekananda who wrote to her, "What the world wants is character. The world is in need of those whose life is one burning love, selfless. That love will make every word tell like thunderbolt. You have the making in you of a world-mover, and others will also come. Bold words and bolder deeds are what we want."

Nivedita dedicated her life to the education of girls and the uplift of India and is an inspiration to the members and friends of the Sri Sarada Mahila Samiti.

Holy Mother in a letter written to Sister Nivedita: "May this letter carry all blessings! I always pray to the Lord that He might help you in your noble efforts and keep you strong and happy. May He fulfill your desires about the women's home in India and may that would-be home fulfill its mission in teaching true dharma to all."

Sister Nivedita in a letter written to the Holy Mother: "Dear Mother! You are full of love! And it is not a flushed and violent love like ours, and like the world's but a gentle peace that brings good to everyone and wishes ill to none. It is a golden radiance, full of play. Surely you are the most wonderful thing of God- Sri Ramakrishna's own chalice of His Love for the world- a token left with His children, in these lonely days, and we should be very still and quiet before you- except indeed for a little fun!"

# San gacchadhvam from the Rig Veda. X. 191.



संगच्छध्वं संवदध्वं सं वो मनांसि  
जानताम् समानो मन्त्रस्समितिस्समानी  
समानं मनस्सहचित्तमेषाम्। समानी व  
आकूतिस्समाना हृदयानि वः॥ समानमस्तु  
वो मनो यथा वस्सुसहासति ॥

**San gacchadhvam sam vadadhvam sam vo manaamsi jaanataam/  
devaa bhaagam yathaa puurve sanjaanaanaa upaasate//**

Come together! Speak together! Let our minds be all of one accord as the gods of old sat together in harmony to worship.

**Samaano mantras samitis samaani samaanam manas saha cittamesaam/  
samaanam mantram abhi mantraye vas samaanena vo havisaa juhomi//**

Let our speech be one; united our voices! May our minds be in union with the thoughts of the Wise. Sharing a common purpose, we worship as one.

**Samaanii va aakuutis samaanaa hrdayaani vah:/  
samaanam astu vo mano yathaa vas susahaasati//**

Let our aim be one and single! Let our hearts be joined as one. United be our thoughts. At peace with all, may we be together in harmony.

Adapted from translation of the Convent Vedanta Society of Northern California.

*Vedic ascension prayer chanted by  
Sister Nivedita (first 2 lines only) as  
she passed on October 13, 1911*

Om. Asato maa sadgamaya/  
Tamaso maa jyotirgamaya/  
Mrtvormaa amrtam gamaya/  
Aaviraavir ma edhi/  
Rudra yat te dakshinam mukham/  
Tena maam paahi nityam/  
Tena maam paahi nityam/  
Tena maam paahi nityam//

***Om. Lead us from the unreal to the Real!  
Lead us from darkness unto Light!  
Lead us from death to Immortality.  
Reveal to us Thy resplendent Truth!  
And ever more protect us, O Lord,  
By Thy sweet and compassionate face,  
By Thy sweet and compassionate face,  
By Thy sweet and compassionate face!***

*--First 2 lines from Bhadaranyaka Upanishad, 1:3.28*



Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi      Sister Nivedita (Margaret Elizabeth Noble)

**'A combination of all that is best in Eastern and Western Culture  
will be in the nucleus of a grand educational movement.'**





## Meditation Mantra

Om

Shaantaam shaarada paarvanendu  
vadanaam padmaasane samsthitaam  
bhaktyaa paavana raamakrishna  
charanaambhojam bhajantiim shivaam |

samsaara anala dagdha bhakta hrdaye  
saswat kripaa varshiniim  
ambaam nistula kiirtaniya charitaam  
srii shaaradaam bhaavaye ||

O Mother Sharada,  
You radiate peace!  
Your face resembles the autumnal moon!  
You are seated on a lotus!  
You are ever devoted to the lotus feet of  
Sri Ramakrishna, holiness personified!

You are the embodiment of  
auspiciousness!  
You ever bestow the rain of grace upon the  
heart of devotees, scorched by the heat of  
worldly afflictions!

Oh Mother, of incomparable and glorious  
life! We meditate on you!



1. **Om Omkaara mantra vishadaayai namah**  
Salutations to You the embodiment of the highest mantra Om.
2. **Om Hriinkaaryai namah**  
Salutations to You who are the *bijja*-mantra *Hriim* that destroys all evil tendencies in us.
3. **Om sarva mangalaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who are all that is auspicious.
4. **Om nara ruupa dharaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who have taken a human form.
5. **Om shaantaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the embodiment of peace.
6. **Om sharanaagata vatsalaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the refuge of your children.
7. **Om shaaradaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the Goddess of learning, Devi Saraswati.
8. **Om shaaradaambhoja vadanaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the giver of happiness.
9. **Om nishkalaatmikaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the indivisible.
10. **Om Raamakrishna gata praanayai namah**  
Salutations to You whose life's energy is merged in Ramakrishna.
11. **Om sarva dharma svaruupinyai namah**  
Salutations to You, the embodiment of righteousness.
12. **Om sarva sampatkaryai namah**  
Salutations to You who bestow spiritual, mental, and material wealth.
13. **Om nityaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the eternal one.

# 108 Names of Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi

14. **Om vivekaananda daayinyai namah**  
Salutations to You who bestowed compassion on Vivekananda.
15. **Om brahmaanandaashritaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the refuge of Brahmanananda.
16. **Om puurna prema vijnaana shaaradaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who bestowed the essence of spiritual life on Purna, Premananda and Vijnanananda.
17. **Om akhanda abheda turya shri niranjana vishuddhidaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who bestowed spiritual power and absolute purity on Akhandananda, Ahbedananda, Turiyananda, and Niranjanananda.
18. **Om advaita adbhuta samyoga shiva nirmala siddhidaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who bestowed yogic perfection on Advaitananda, Adbhutananda, Shivananda and Nirmalananda.
19. **Om vaikuntha naatha sarvasvaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the all and all of Lord Vishnu.
20. **Om vaikuntha priya saadhikaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the beloved of Vishnu, who accomplishes everything for devotees.
21. **Om paraat parataraayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the Highest of the high.
22. **Om mantra vigrahaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the embodiment of mantras.
23. **Om sarva saukhyadaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the giver of unlimited happiness.
24. **Om bhakta priyaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the beloved of devotees.
25. **Om bhagavatyai namah**  
Salutations to You, the Goddess supreme.
26. **Om bhadraanyai namah**  
Salutations to You, the most auspicious of the auspicious.
27. **Om bhaavanaatmikaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the object of meditation.
28. **Om bhavaanyai namah**  
Salutations to You, the giver of life.
29. **Om bhaavanaagamyaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who are attained through a living relationship.
30. **Om bhava paasha vimochinyai namah**  
Salutations to You who sever the bonds of attachment.
31. **Om ainkaaryai namah**  
Salutations to You, the bija-mantra Aim that bestows all knowledge.
32. **Om shankaryai namah**  
Salutations to You, the bestower of success.
33. **Om bhakta kinkaryai namah**  
Salutations to You who are ready to do anything for a devotee.
34. **Om karunaakaryai namah**  
Salutations to You, the ocean of compassion.
35. **Om maheshwaryai namah**  
Salutations to You, the supreme Goddess.
36. **Om mahaa maayaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the creator of cosmic illusion.
37. **Om madhuraayai namah**  
Salutations to You who are all sweetness.
38. **Om mohanaatmikaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the enchantress of all beings.
39. **Om dhaarinyai namah**  
Salutations to You, the sustainer of the universe.
40. **Om sarva santaapa harinyai namah**  
Salutations to You, the remover of all afflictions.
41. **Om dharma caarinyai namah**  
Salutations to You, the embodiment of spirituality.

42. **Om vaagishwaryai namah**  
Salutations to You, the Goddess of speech.
43. **Om gunamayyai namah**  
Salutations to You, the embodiment of all auspicious qualities.
44. **Om sharvaanyai namah**  
Salutations to You, the consort of Lord Shiva.
45. **Om sarva poshinyai namah**  
Salutations to You, the sustainer of all.
46. **Om vishwaashrayaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the substratum of the universe.
47. **Om vishwa maatre namah**  
Salutations to You, the mother of the universe.
48. **Om vishwa ruupaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the embodiment of the visible universe.
49. **Om vipaapmikaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the stainless.
50. **Om jagaddhitaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the helper of all.
51. **Om jagannaathaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the Goddess of the universe.
52. **Om jagatraya sukha pradaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the giver of happiness to the three worlds.
53. **Om jayantyai namah**  
Salutations to You who are always victorious.
54. **Om jayadaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who bestow victory.
55. **Om satya bhaashinyai namah**  
Salutations to You, the upholder of Truth.
56. **Om sarva saakshinyai namah**  
Salutations to You, the eternal witness of all.



57. **Om shabdaatikaaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the primordial source of all sound.
58. **Om shivaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the most beneficent one.
59. **Om sarva shaktidaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the giver of all energy.
60. **Om sharmadaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, who bestow joy.
61. **Om shubhaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the embodiment of auspiciousness.
62. **Om adrshyaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the invisible.
63. **Om paramaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the supreme.
64. **Om puurnaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the infinite.
65. **Om sarva vidyaa pradaayinyai namah**  
Salutations to You, the giver of all knowledge.
66. **Om aaryaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the most respectable one.
67. **Om sarveshwaryai namah**  
Salutations to You, the empress of the universe.
68. **Om sarva paapaghnyai namah**  
Salutations to You, the remover of all evils.
69. **Om brahmachaarinyyai namah**  
Salutations to You who are purity itself.
70. **Om vimalaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who are stainless.
71. **Om vipulaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the source of abundance.



72. **Om vijnayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the giver of supreme knowledge.
73. **Om bhaktaanaam abhayankaryai namah**  
Salutations to You who grant fearlessness to your devotees.
74. **Om bhakta saubhaagya daayinyai namah**  
Salutations to You who give all that is auspicious to devotees.
75. **Om bhakti mukti pradaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who give devotion and liberation.
76. **Om bhadraayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the auspicious.
77. **Om srishti sthiti antakaarinyai namah**  
Salutations to You, the creator, sustainer and absorber of everything.
78. **Om kaala hantryai namah**  
Salutations to You, the destroyer of time.
79. **Om kevalaananda vigrahaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the embodiment of pure bliss.
80. **Om kalyaanayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the giver of blessings.
81. **Om karna piyuusha suswaraayai namah**  
Salutations to You whose melodious voice delights the hearer.
82. **Om karma naashinyai namah**  
Salutations to You who destroy all karma.
83. **Om caaritryadaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who uphold good character.
84. **Om caarushilaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who are sweet natured.
85. **Om saralaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who are simplicity itself.
86. **Om nitya baalikaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the eternal girl, the embodiment of innocence.
87. **Om nishkalankaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who are free from blemish.
88. **Om niraalambaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who are without support, yet support all.
89. **Om nitya shuddhaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who are ever pure.
90. **Om niraamayaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who are free from all defects.
91. **Om jnaana pradaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the giver of knowledge.
92. **Om bhava haraayai namah**  
Salutations to You who remove our attachments to the world.
93. **Om naada brahma mayyai namah**  
Salutations to You who are one with Naada Brahman, the primordial sound.
94. **Om paraayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the supreme.
95. **Om sarva abhiishtakaryai namah**  
Salutations to You who fulfill all wishes.
96. **Om saumyaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who are pleasing like the moon.
97. **Om muniindra gana samstutaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who are worshiped by sages of all times.
98. **Om aadyanta shuunyaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who are ever full, without beginning or end.
99. **Om varadaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the giver of boons.
100. **Om shriividya mantra maatrikaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who are the ultimate source of the highest knowledge through the mantra.

101. **Om nityaanandakaryai namah**  
Salutations to You who are filled with eternal bliss.
102. **Om durgaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who protect us from dangers.
103. **Om nissangaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who are free from bondage.
104. **Om nigamaashritaayai namah**  
Salutations to You whose glory the scriptures praise.
105. **Om sneha sampuurna hridayaayai namah**  
Salutations to You whose heart overflows with love.
106. **Om bhakta hrid padma raajitaayai namah**  
Salutations to You who dwell in the lotus of our hearts.
107. **Om jnaana vairaagya sampannaayai namah**  
Salutations to You, the giver of knowledge and dispassion.
108. **Om sacchidaananda ruupinyai namah**  
Salutations to You who embody existence, consciousness and bliss.



The Holy Mother at the Samiti Shrine.

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# *Our Purpose*

We are an association of women dedicated to the study of the universal teachings of the Holy Mother, Sri Sarada Devi and Sri Ramakrishna as taught by Swami Vivekananda in the West.

*Our Purpose is to:*

- Provide educational programs in the United States which are based on the ancient spiritual wisdom of India.
- Offer financial support for projects in India and in other countries.

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