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With Love and reverence, I offer my humble pranams at the Divine lotus feet of our Loving and Omnipresent Lord, Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. Dear Brothers and Sisters, loving Sairam to all of you.

This Easter Day is of special significance for Sathya Sai devotees because our Lord, Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba has chosen to leave His body on this auspicious day on Apr 24, 2011, transitioning from the form to the formless. The Lord, when He comes in human form, decides the date of His entry and exit of His earthly sojourn. Another interesting coincidence – I would say Sai -Incidence, is that the Western and Eastern Orthodox Easter days happened to coincide on this day. This happens to be the Divine plan.

As we see, Lord Jesus and Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba have one thing in common. They sacrificed their lives, their everything, for the upliftment and redemption of humanity. When the temples of worship became places of business, Lord Jesus Christ incarnated to teach humans the way of love and sacrifice. His greatest commandment was “Love Thy God with all thy heart, soul, mind and strength and love thy neighbor as Thyself.” His life was an example and even during the last supper, he washed the feet of His disciples to show how one should love each other the way the Lord loved us. Another great message of Jesus was of forgiveness. He said that the best way to love was to give and forgive. And even when He was on the cross, His words were "Father, please forgive them, for they know not what they do." This is the ultimate forgiveness. Another important message of Lord Jesus was never to criticize, condemn or judge other people. He said, “Don't look at the speck in other people's eye but look at the beam in your own eye.” An anecdote from the life of Jesus mentions when the crowd was about to stone a fallen woman, He comes to her rescue and tells them that the one without any sin may throw the first stone.

In these days, when the way of life has become that of greed and selfishness, Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba came to teach us the eternal and universal human values. These five human values are divine. They are our very life breath—Sathya, Dharma, Shanti, Prema, and Ahimsa—Truth, Right Conduct, Peace, Love, and Non-violence. The underlying current is Love. Bhagawan Baba's footsteps are these five human values. If we practice these values in our daily lives, it means that we are walking in His footsteps.



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In 1998, in His Christmas discourse, Swami sang this beautiful song: "Love is my form, Truth is my breath, Bliss is my food." After He finished singing the song, Swami said: "If anybody asks you 'Who is Sai Baba?' sing this song and tell them Sai Baba's life is His message and Love is His form." Swami says our Life should be His message. We should be the embodiments of love and messengers of love. To be the children of God, we should be like Jesus and Sai Baba, wherein we always offer love, we receive love, we spread love and we live in love. To cultivate this love, Swami has shown two methods. First, consider the faults of others, however big, to be insignificant and negligible. And, consider one's own fault, however insignificant and negligible, to be big, and repent and correct. The second method Swami has shown is that whatever you do with yourself or others, always remember that God is omnipresent. God sees, hears and knows everything. So, discriminate between right and wrong, and do only the right thing. I pray to Bhagawan to give us the strength to be instruments of His love and to be exemplars of His divine teachings. Thank you. Jai Sai Ram.

***(Samastha Lokah Sukhino Bhavantu – May All the Worlds Be Happy)***

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