

Bala Vikas Youth Competition - 2018

Elementary I

Recitation

Sri Ramakrishna's Prayer to Kali for Divine Love

O Mother, I throw myself on Thy mercy;
I take shelter at Thy Hallowed Feet.
I do not want bodily comforts;
I do not crave name and fame;
I do not seek the eight occult powers.

Be gracious and grant that I may have pure love for Thee,
A love unsmitten by desire, untainted by any selfish ends—
A love craved by the devotee for the sake of love alone.

And grant me the favour, O Mother,
That I may not be deluded by Thy world-bewitching maya,
That I may never be attached to the world,
To 'lust and gold', conjured up by Thy inscrutable maya!

O Mother, there is no one but Thee whom I may call my own.
Mother, I do not know how to worship;
I am without austerity;
I have neither devotion nor knowledge.
Be gracious, Mother, and out of Thy infinite mercy,
Grant me love for Thy Lotus Feet.

-The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna