



Dear Members:

Jai Shree Krishna,

Back in February, it seemed like India had a control on Covid-19. There has been a surge of nearly 90% compared to the the peak from the first wave last year. Now, India is experiencing the world's worst outbreak. The cases have been rising continuously for the past 10 days; on Monday, India reported over 352,991 new cases, breaking yet another record for the highest single-day figure in the world.

These numbers translate to heart wrenching tragedies. Hospitals have run out of basic medical supplies- resulting in patients dying due to oxygen shortages. Family members are driving from clinic to clinic, frantically searching for open ICU beds for their loved ones. Unfortunately, many lives were lost!

Every country is doing their share to help India during this time of need. Did you know we all can help too? Many of our members friends, families and village neighbors are tremendously facing this crisis. At every moment of our existence God is always present with gentle compassion. Now is the time we all should be present to one another, so that our presence may strengthen and heal the wounds of our community. We anticipate that with the aid of prathna and bhajans you shall be given all the hope, comfort, and care you require. Not only that, but it shall extend to our grieving families and friends during a difficult time like that.

As written in the Bhagavat Gita, it is said that no other work can give you peace of mind as helping others can. We encourage everybody to come out and support one another during this critical time. We ask that we all gather and pray to heal and protect those who are sick, ask for a cure and fast distribution, and bring a quick end to this darkness.

As a community, we will all meet for Prathna/Bhajan on May 23, 2021, Sunday 5 pm.

Location: Days Inn by Wyndham Georgetown
333 N Interstate Hwy 35
Georgetown, TX 78628

Date: May 23rd, 2021

Time: 5pm – 6:30pm

The event will start with a Prathna and Bhajans following dinner. The dinner and Hall Rental is made possible by the generous support of:

- Hall Rental – Generous support from anonymous families
- Dinner – Vandanaben Vinodbhai Patel and Parulben Patel

We appreciate all the donor's selfless contributions. THANK YOU ALL! If it were not for their selfless act, we would not be able to gather to support India in its time of need.

If someone would like to donate*, here are some of the resources:

1. <https://www.bapscharities.org/>
2. <https://www.josfcenter.org/donate/>
3. <https://sewausa.org/Covid-19-Support-Bharath-Fundraiser>

*Before giving money to an organization, make sure you feel comfortable with it.

Important Note:

- Please use your good judgement when you are planning to join us for this Religious Celebration.
- Although things are starting to gradually normalize, face mask is still mandatory unless when eating!
- One of the LPS Committee members will be checking everyone's temperature.

Not everybody has received/completed their vaccine yet. Therefore, everybody is still at risk of getting COVID-19, even more so if someone is already exposed to the virus. Some people are more likely than others to become severely ill, which means that they may require hospitalization, intensive care, a ventilator to help them breathe, or die. We ask members that higher risk of severe illness to limit their exposure risk by remote participation. We will set up a zoom call for you to join us, so please keep an eye out for that email.

If you plan to be present at the Prathna/Bhajan, it is implied that you assume all the risks involved with attending such an event.

Sincerely,



LPS Committee.