Spiritual strength may be gained by meditating regularly with others. The united effort of a group makes it easier for each one to commune with God, and draw His blessings. "As a rope formed of many fibers is stronger than a single strand, so members of a group, by uniting their efforts, strengthen their meditations.

- Paramahansa Yogananda -

#### **READING SERVICES**

The hour-long 'Reading' Service each Sunday includes passages from the scripture interpretations and other writings of Paramahansaji. These readings, together with devotional chanting and meditation, make up a balanced service that meets the needs of both long-time SRF members and those who are new to the path. Once during each Calendar of Services the Compassionate Prayer Service is held, immediately following on from the Reading Service, and concluding at about 12.15pm.

#### **EARLY MEDITATION SERVICES**

The early meditation service is a three-hour service, which allows Self-Realization Fellowship students to practice together the methods of concentration and meditation as taught by Paramahansaji in the SRF Lessons. The service consists of three extended periods of silent meditation, which are interspersed with periods of devotional chanting. You may enter or leave during periods of chanting, so as not to disturb meditating devotees.

#### **PRAYER SERVICES**

Uniting with Prayer Circles which meet regularly in all SRF temples, the prayer service allows devotees to pray for world peace and to pray for all those who request healing of physical illness, mental in-harmony, and spiritual ignorance. Devotees may also pray for their loved ones, as well as for divine aid in overcoming their personal difficulties. The group then practices the healing technique taught by Paramahansaji, which is explained in the free booklet, 'Worldwide Prayer Circle'.

#### **COMMEMORATION SERVICES**

A Special Commemoration Service is held to honour each Birthday and Mahasamadhi of the Self-Realization Fellowship line of Gurus. 'Mahasamadhi' means 'great ecstasy', the union of the soul with the Infinite during a God-realized yogi's final exit from the physical body. Paramahansaji said that such celebrations are a great spiritual occasion on which the vibrations of blessing from an illumined Master are stronger than on other days of the year.

For '**Birthday' & 'Mahasamadhi' Services**, please bring along a flower to be offered as a symbol of devotion to God and the SRF Gurus. In addition to the flower, please bring along a donation in an envelope as a symbol of loyalty and faithfulness to the cause of SRF. This offering is sent to the SRF Mother Center to be used for sharing the sacred teachings of Yogananda with other truth-seeking souls.



# Self-Realization Fellowship Brisbane Meditation Group

Self-Realization Fellowship - founded by Paramahansa Yogananda in 1920.

#### **INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

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#### VENUE

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#### COORDINATOR

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# **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday * Early Meditation Service7 am - 10.05 am
Last Sunday of Month Guided Meditation 7 am - 10.05 am
Sunday Prayer Service 10.05 am - 10.30 am
Energization Exercises (self conducted)10.40 am
Sunday Reading Service 11 am - 12 noon

\* You are welcome to enter on the hour during periods of chanting.

# **CALENDAR OF SERVICES** (July 2019 to October 2019) SUNDAY 11.00 am SERVICES

July 2019	Sunday 7th Sunday 14th Sunday 21st - # Sunday 28th	Peace: the Altar of Heaven The Place of Money in the Spiritual Life What Is Love? Mahavatar Babaji's Commemoration Day - Special Service			
Aug 2019	Sunday 4th Sunday 11th Sunday 18th - # Sunday 25th	Anchor Yourself in God Good Books: Aids on the Spiritual Path Why Our Loved Ones Die Janmashtami (Birth of Bhagavan Krishna) - Special Service			
Sept 2019	Sunday 1st Sunday 8th Sunday 15th - # Sunday 22nd Sunday 29th	Ideals for a Balanced Education The Universe: God's Magic Drama Spiritual Foundations of World Brotherhood (21st Sept is International UN Day of Peace) Lahiri Mahasaya's Mahasamadhi - Special Service Lahiri Mahasaya's Birthday - Special Service			
Oct 2019 # = Su	Sunday 6th Sunday 13th Sunday 20th - # Sunday 27th - C	Attuning Your Life to God's Abundance How You Can Talk With God Yoga Methods for Proving Reincarnation Beholding God Amidst Life's Dualities : C = Compassionate Prayer Service			
<b>BOOKROOM -</b> Please visit the bookroom at the back of the chapel for free literature, and new & old publications.					
So that we can keep you up to date with group notices, please send in your email address & updated contact details to: <u>srfbrisbane@gmail.com.</u>					
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## **SPECIAL & EXTRA SERVICES**

Sun 28th	July	* Mahavatar Babaji's Commemoration Day	11 am			
Sun 25th	Aug	* Janmashtami	11 am			
		(Birth of Bhagavan Krishna)				
Sun 22nd	Sept	* Lahiri Mahasaya's Mahasamadhi	11 am			
Sun 29th	Sept	* Lahiri Mahasaya's Birthday	11 am			
Last Sunday of the Month - Guided Meditation, reset for Sunday 25th August (January 10.05 am						
except for Sunday 25th August (Janmashtami) * Please bring a flower and a donation in a sealed envelope						
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feel friendly toward all. This is the harmony God intended for						

His creation"

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### **GROUP ACTIVITIES**

General Meetings:	(Three 'Incorporation' Meetings)	
Sun 14th July Sun 11th August Sun 15th September	<ul> <li>'Rules of Incorporation'</li> <li>'Responsibilities &amp; Obligations of Incorporation'</li> <li>'Silent Vote regarding Incorporation'</li> </ul>	Noon - BYO lunch Noon - BYO lunch Noon - BYO lunch
ocials:		
un 18th August	+ Social and Working Bee	Noon
un 20th October	+ Social	Noon

+ Please bring along a plate of vegetarian food to share. All are welcome to the group's activities, with family and friends.

> "The true state of meditation is oneness of the meditator with the object of meditation, God." - Paramahansa Yogananda -