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 inharmony, 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 SRF 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 also 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.

#### Weeknight Gita Study Group - 7pm to 8.30pm

The Gita Study Group includes meditation, chanting, and reading of Paramahansa Yogananda's new translation of, and commentary on, the Bhagavad Gita. *Wednesdays 7pm to 8:30pm - by video conference. For further details please contact Jon on 0438* 450 606 or email srfbrisbane@gmail.com.



# Self-Realization Fellowship Brisbane Meditation Group

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

#### **INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

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#### COORDINATOR

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# **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday * Early Meditation Service 7.00 am - 10.05 am
Last Sunday of Month Guided Meditation 7.00 am - 10.05 am
Sunday Prayer Service
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 (March 2020 to June 2020) SUNDAY 11.00 am SERVICES

March 2020	Sunday 1st Sunday 8th Sunday 15th - # Sunday 22nd Sunday 29th	Loyalty is the Greatest Law <b>Paramahansa Yogananda's Mahasamadhi Service</b> <b>Swami Sri Yukteswar's Mahasamadhi Service</b> The Light of Truth Eternal Your True Self: The Immortal Soul
April 2020	Sunday 5th Sunday 12th Sunday 19th - # Sunday 26th	The Art of Devotional Singing The Resurrection of Christ Within You (Easter Day) Ways to Overcome Nervousness Practicing Yoga in World Affairs
May 2020	Sunday 3rd Sunday 10th Sunday 17th - # Sunday 24th Sunday 31st	God's Nature in the Mother <b>Swami Sri Yukteswar's Birthday Service</b> Freedom from Habit Slavery The Universality of Religion Finding the Joy in Life
June 2020	Sunday 7th -C Sunday 14th Sunday 21st - # Sunday 28th	How to Overcome Fear The Nature of a Master <b>No Service - Showing of 'Awake' The Movie</b> Kriya Yoga - Royal Science of Realization

#### # = Sunday School dates : C = Compassionate Prayer Service

**BOOKROOM** - 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>

Website: www.srf-brisbane.com.au

Facebook: SRF Meditation Group ~ Self-Realization Fellowship

### **SPECIAL & EXTRA SERVICES**

Sun 8th	Mar	* Paramahansa Yogananda's Mahasamadhi	11am
Sun 15th	Mar	* Swami Sri Yukteswar's Mahasamadhi	11am
Fri 10th	Apr	Good Friday Service	2 pm - 3 pm
Sun 12th	Apr	Easter Sunrise Service	6 am - 7 am
Sun 10th	May	* Swami Sri Yukteswar's Birthday Service	11 am
Last Sunday	7 am - 10.05 am		
Every Wedn	7 pm - 8.30 pm		
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# **GROUP ACTIVITIES**

Sunday 22nd March	+ Social & Working Bee	Noon
Sunday 31st May	+ Social & General Meeting	Noon
Sunday 21st June	Showing of 'Awake' The Movie, followed by lunch, which will be provided.	11 am

+ 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 -