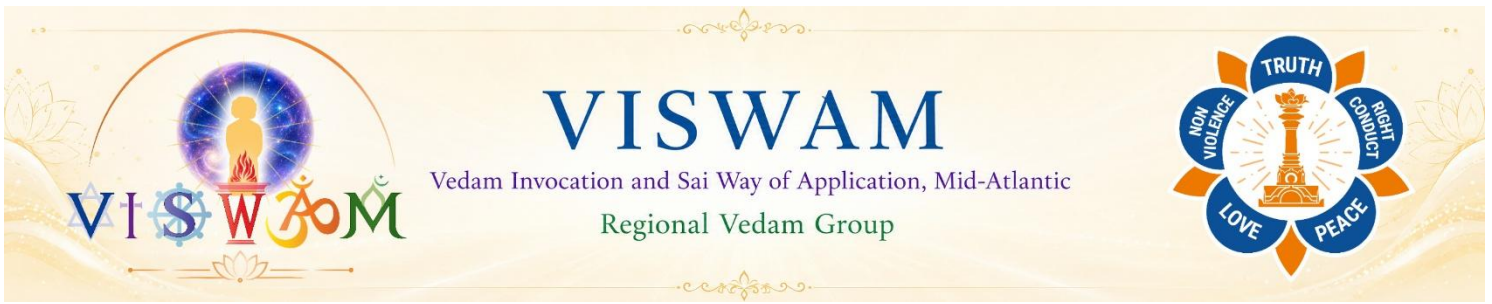




## VISWAM - Vedam Invocation and Sai Way of Application, Mid-Atlantic

Sairam Embodiments of Divine Love,

With Bhagawan's Divine Grace, we are blessed to formally launch **VISWAM, Vedam Invocation and Sai Way of Application, Mid-Atlantic**, the Regional Vedam initiative of the SSSIO USA Mid-Atlantic Region.

In a Divine Discourse on September 28, 1987, Bhagawan reminded us:

*“Every human being must revere the Vedas. It is the very foundation of life. Every act of daily life has its roots in the Vedas. Whether everyone knows this or not, the Vedas pervade everything. Everyone must regard it as his foremost duty to work for the revival of the Vedas and live the Vedic way of life.”*

Throughout His earthly sojourn, Bhagawan placed great importance on the study, chanting, and practice of the Vedas. He created opportunities for Vedic learning and brought awareness of this sacred spiritual heritage to devotees throughout the world.

The seeds planted by Bhagawan continue to flourish today. It is now our privilege and responsibility to **preserve this sacred tradition, strengthen its practice, live its message, and pass it on to future generations.**

It is with this prayer and intention that **VISWAM** has been established.

### Our Purpose: Vedam through SAI

The purpose of VISWAM can be expressed through three letters that are especially dear to all of us:

#### **S – Strengthen**

Strengthen and unite Vedam practitioners across our Region through shared practice, guidance, and learning, while preserving the purity of Vedic chanting.

#### **A – Apply**

Apply the deeper truths and values of the Vedas in our daily lives, remembering Bhagawan's teaching that spirituality is not merely to be spoken or chanted, but lived.

## I – Inspire

Inspire everyone to learn Vedam by creating a welcoming and encouraging environment where practitioners and learners of all levels can grow together.

VISWAM is therefore intended to be more than a chanting group. Our prayer is that it becomes a spiritual community where we **learn together, chant together, grow together, and strive together to live the message contained in the Vedas.**

## The Universal Spirit of VISWAM

Bhagawan has repeatedly reminded us that the Vedas are not limited to any one religion or community:

*“We should never say that the Veda is only for Hindus. Veda is for all.”* (Divine Discourse, May 06, 2008)

The prayers of the Vedas seek **peace, harmony, and the welfare of all creation**. Their message transcends boundaries of country, culture, language, race, and religion and points us toward the fundamental unity and Divinity underlying all existence.

It is particularly meaningful that the Sanskrit word **VISWAM** means **“Universe.”**

The name therefore beautifully reflects the universality, unity, and inclusiveness that are at the heart of Bhagawan’s teachings.

While VISWAM is rooted in the sacred tradition of Vedic chanting, we pray that it will always reflect the universal spirit of Swami’s mission and His message of the **unity of all faiths and the oneness of humanity**.

## A Place for Everyone

VISWAM welcomes everyone with an interest in Vedam.

Those who already know Vedam are encouraged to participate, chant, guide, and support others.

Those who are learning are encouraged to continue their journey through shared practice and guidance.

And those who have never learned Vedam but have a desire to do so are equally welcome. Opportunities for learning will be created as VISWAM develops.

**Even listening to the Vedas with devotion has great spiritual value.** Bhagawan says:

*“Even if you cannot chant the Vedas, if you only listen to the sounds with devotion, they will elevate you to a higher level.”* (Divine Discourse, October 18, 1993)

Therefore, **everyone has a place in VISWAM**. The experienced chanter, the learner, the beginner, and the devoted listener can all participate in this sacred offering.

Bhagawan has also reminded us of the power of Vedic vibrations:

*“We can purify the atmosphere of the world by chanting the Vedas and singing the glory of God.”* (Divine Discourse, October 18, 1993)

Our collective chanting is therefore not only for our individual spiritual growth. It can become an offering for the **peace, harmony, and welfare of the entire world.**

## **A Blessed Beginning**

It is especially meaningful that VISWAM was formally initiated in **New York City.**

Vedam chanting and Ekadasa Rudram have been conducted consistently in New York City since 2011. For approximately fifteen years, devotees have lovingly sustained this sacred practice in our Region.

It therefore seems most appropriate that Bhagawan chose New York City as the place from which VISWAM would now expand into a unified Regional initiative.

What began as a seed many years ago is now being brought together and offered to Bhagawan in a new form.

We are particularly blessed that the formal initiation of VISWAM took place at the **Sri Sathya Sai Center of Bronx**, where Bhagawan’s Grace and Divine Presence continue to be experienced so beautifully.

We see this not merely as the beginning of another Regional activity, but as **Bhagawan’s own orchestration and an offering placed at His Divine Lotus Feet.**

## **Our Prayer**

**Beloved Bhagawan,**

With love and gratitude, we place **VISWAM at Your Divine Lotus Feet.**

You planted the sacred seed of the Vedas in our hearts.

You brought us together.

You gave us this opportunity.

And we pray that You alone guide us on this journey.

May every mantra chanted through VISWAM be an offering to You.

May those who know Vedam share their knowledge with humility and love.

May those who are learning receive Your guidance and encouragement.

May those who have never chanted before be inspired to begin.

May our chanting never remain merely an exercise of the voice, but become a **transformation of the heart.**

May we not merely **chant the Vedas, but live their message.**

May VISWAM always remain universal in spirit, united in love, and completely dedicated to You.

Remove from us all ego, pride, differences, and the feeling of doership. Make each one of us an instrument in Your Divine Mission.

Let every sacred sound carry Your Love.  
Let every vibration spread peace.  
Let every gathering strengthen unity.  
Let every learner inspire another.

**Swami, VISWAM is Yours.  
Its beginning is Yours.  
Its journey is Yours.  
Its destination is You.**

Please accept this humble offering, bless VISWAM, guide VISWAM, protect VISWAM, and use VISWAM as an instrument of Your Love for the welfare of all.

**Samastha Lokah Sukhino Bhavantu.**

Lovingly in the Service of Sai,

**SSSIO USA Mid-Atlantic Region**



**Sreejith Narayan**

*President, SSSIO USA Mid-Atlantic Region (Region 2)*

*“No matter where you go, always do your duty as you see it and know that I will be there inside you guiding you every step of the way...There is no need to worry about anything. Whatever is experienced, whatever happens, know that this Avatar willed it so. There is no force on earth which can delay for an instant the mission for which this Avatar has come. You are all sacred souls and you will have your parts to play in the unfolding drama of the new Golden Age, which is coming.” – Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba*