## I LOVE SATSANG BECAUSE....

#### **By Arnav Lande**

Today we are celebrating **HUMAN UNITY DAY** in satsang.

It is a great joy to see you all.

Each one of you is unique and special.

# I love satsang because...

- It is fun to be here on Sundays and special occasions
- There is bal-sangat with drawing and painting activities
  - We can listen to nice music and songs
    - We can do sevadal P.T. exercises
    - We get to eat cake most of the time
  - I get candies from candy-uncle and candy- aunty
- I get a chance to talk on microphone and receive your blessings and aashirvaad for my little doggy-fund

Thank you so much!

**SAY WITH LOVE – DHAN NIRANKAR!** 

# Love thy neighbor

#### Rishi Jadhwani

Love thy neighbor means to love everyone who is around you. We would think neighbors as people who are living next to us but everyone we meet are our neighbors. When you move house to house, you still call people living near your old house neighbors. This teaches us that the whole world is our neighbor. So we should love our neighbors, which means that we should love everybody in this entire world.

I would like to share a story with you. One person prayed his whole life to almighty God, one day God came and blessed him with the power of wish. But under one condition, when the person asked for something, his neighbor gets double of what the person got. The person asked for a house, he got it but his neighbor got two houses. The person asked for a son, he got a son but his neighbor got two. Then the person asked for a million dollars, he got a million dollars but his neighbor got two billion dollars.

He started to get jealous and greedy. The next day he asked God to take away his one leg, he got his one leg taken away but his neighbor got both of his legs taken away. He got more jealous and greedy so he asked God to take away one of his eye, he got his one eye taken away but his neighbor lost both his eyes. God was furious at the person so He took away his powers and everything he had. This story teaches us to love thy neighbor no matter what kind of person he/she is.

There a saying that goes "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," which means that we have treat our neighbors like you want them to treat you. An example, one day your neighbor asks you for some sugar and you selfishly said no, the next day you run out of sugar and you go to ask them for some sugar, but they said no. With this example we learn how to love our neighbors

As we all know that God is in everyone so we should see God in everyone. By doing this we not only love other people, we also love God and that is the most important thing. Love is not only within people but the countries as well. We should love all the countries because they all are our neighbors. Since the world is round, we have all the countries as a neighbor in all 4 sides. This love for our neighbors leads to unity in diversity.

# **Love Thy Neighbor**

#### Simran Jadhwani

I think love thy neighbor means to love everyone around you. Neighbor is not the only person that lives next to you, but it's everybody around you. Like at work, at school, or any place everyone is your neighbor. I think love is to be kind, respectful, polite, and helpful. Love is also to be happy, make others happy, and always smile.

I would like to tell you a short story by J.P Vasvani ji. An old man, who lived all alone in his house, complained to his neighbor woman that his eyesight had grown weak and that, as he looked out from his window, he could not see the beauty of the outside world. The woman found that the window panes were covered with dust and dirt. She cleansed them with soap and water. The old man was delighted to find that he could see as clearly as ever. "It was not that your eyesight had grown dim," the woman said to him; "You allowed you windows to get dirty." May we never lose sight of god and we shall kindle little lights of love and service, wherever we go.

Bless me that I always love everyone around me, be respectful, happy, and helpful to make myself happy, the people around me happy, and make Babaji happy.



# Love Thy Neighbor -The story of two helpful neighbors.

### Harshey Mirpuri

Once there were two neighbors who were always helping each other. One of the neighbor's names was Henry and the other's was Jack. They were always there for each other.

Now this is how the story starts. Henry had just gotten fired from his job and needed a new job. While Henry was looking for a new job, he needed someone to watch his children. Jack agreed to babysit them. Although Jack had plans to go to a baseball game, Jack thought he should be nice to Henry and babysit his kids until he came back. When Henry got back, he thanked Jack, picked up his kids, and went home.

Another day, Henry's wife had gotten home from her job and was talking to Jack's wife over the phone. Later his wife gave him the phone because Jack wanted to speak to him. Jack had a bad cough so Henry offered to help out. When Henry got there he told Jack to rest. Henry wanted to thank Jack for babysitting his children the other day, so he decided to help. While Jack rested Henry shoveled the snow off the driveway. When Henry was done, he went upstairs to Jack. Henry chatted with Jack for an hour and then he left. Although Henry was tired he was glad to have helped Jack.





# Love Your Neighbor

By: Manisha Mirpuri



Don't say mean words.



Help your neighbor when they need help.



Always say please and thank you.



Don't hurt feelings.



Share your stuff.



Be nice to your neighbor.



Play with your friends.



Never say never or anything like that.



God is watching you so don't cheat.



IF YOU BE MEAN TO OTHERS, THEY WILL BE MEAN TO YOU



#### LOVE THY NEIGHBOR



#### Nikita Raheja

What does love thy neighbor mean? Love thy neighbor is basically just loving your neighbor. The first step to love a neighbor is to first love yourself. If you do not love yourself you cannot love anyone else.

Why is it important to love yourself before anyone else? You should first have love inside yourself to spread it outside. If you have hatred inside then how can you love someone at the same time? You can only give what you have, that is the reason I believe you should love yourself before loving a neighbor or anyone else.

Who are my neighbors? My neighbors could be people who live by me, my house or they could be anyone who is around me. So basically if I am being nice to people around me and not having any negative or bad feelings towards them then I am loving my neighbors.

Is a neighbor more than just a person next door? Could enemies be neighbors too? If that is true how can we love someone who is our enemy? How can we love someone who acts hatefully towards us? Babaji teaches us that when we love God with all our heart, mind and soul, we grow to recognize that everyone is part of His creation.

Finally you shall love your neighbor as yourself. "Love Thy Neighbor" is not hard as it looks on the surface. It simply means respecting others and regarding their needs and desires as highly as we regard our own.

Saints please bless me that I too can respect people around me and help spread the Message of love.

# **Love Thy Neighbor**

#### Vishal Disawar

Baba Ji says to everyone that they should love their neighbor. He teaches us to be nice to our neighbors and help them in times of need. If we are good to our neighbors and treat them as an equal, then one day, they will help us when we are in a deep crisis. Even if our neighbors don't help us, we should still love them. We should respect our neighbors and they will respect us and our property. If we don't treat our neighbors nicely they will turn out to be our enemies and the worst type of enemy to have is one living right next to you. If our neighbors don't treat us with respect even though we're treating them with respect, we should still try to make a place in their hearts. The one thing that we should always keep in mind is that if our neighbors try to raise conflicts, we should do what Baba Ji tells us to do and try to solve the problems peacefully and make sure it's a win-win solution.

Another thing we should keep in mind is the children. If they grow up with conflicts arising everyday with their parents and neighbors, they will also begin to hate their neighbors at a very young age. When they go to school, they will dislike the people who their around and will get involved in more conflicts. They will not know anything about love and how to treat others with respect. The kids will always fight since at a young age that's what they learned and little kids capture things fast. Whereas, if the kids are born in a calm and loving environment, they will grow up to be successful since the values their parents taught them will be carried on by the child forever. They will always be cherished because the kids growing up will always respect other people which what other people like. The people will know that their parents are very caring and loving. So, if the parents show the kids good examples by loving, caring, sharing, or any other loving act to their neighbors, the child will see how to treat other people; by loving, not hating.

Baba Ji also tells us that our neighbors are like God, so we should never disappoint them and they never will disappoint us. If our neighbors are a different race or culture than us, who cares! In Baba Ji's eyes we are all the same since all of us have God inside and around us. God made us and we should appreciate his creation, not hate it. We should get to know our neighbors because the more we know them, the more we will love them. If we think our neighbors are doing something wrong, then we should talk to them and try to find an alternative solution. If our neighbors are some different culture and we don't like some of the rituals they do, we shouldn't be ignorant and disliking it, we should respect their customs and they'll respect ours. If we want to get involved with their culture, we should ask them all about it and also ask them if you could take part in it, but if they don't want you to then we should respect that.

We can also try to interest them in Sant Nirankari Mission so we can expand our mission, but if they're not interested then we shouldn't push them. We can also ask if they're interested in any of our cultural activities at the sangat. If our neighbors get angered by our actions, then we should try to apologize to them and don't do that action again.

Baba Ji loves us and he'll love us even more if we give love to other people. Love is priceless and you can give it to everyone. If we be nice to our neighbors and offer them our love it will make their day. Not only that, but they can also share your love with other people and make their day to and person will do the same and so on. If we offer our love to our neighbors and teach them to love, they can share it with other people and it will go all around the world bringing peace to people's doorway offering them an alternative of fighting. It is exactly what Baba Ji teaches us that it is our mission to spread love around the world, not conflicts and we can start giving it right next to the people who live next door to us. It is really that easy, but lots of people make it complicated or chose to fight, but we can start changing that right now. That's one of our biggest goals in life.

This is what our mission is all about. This is what Baba Ji teaches us. This is why God sent us here to this world. To love. Not to fight; to love. Everyday there are incidents conflicts raising all around the world, but the worst begin just in our backyards. We hear tragedies of people killing their neighbors just because they were different. This is not what Baba Ji wants. He is trying to do his best to spread the words and actions of love to us, but we have to spread it and it doesn't even cost a penny to make someone's live worthwhile. But people choose to spend millions do try and destroy God's creation and this is not the way it was meant to be. But under the leadership, courage, and determination of Baba Ji, we can make a difference. And we can start now.

### **LOVE THY NEIGHBOR**

# Sahil Bagga

You should care about the neighbor and give respect to them. If they need any help you should help them.

You should treat them like friends. If you want to play with your neighbor friends then you should have both your and his parent's permission.

Some times if you are in any kind of need or help then you can ask them to help you because they are the first one who lives close to your house.

You should greet them whenever you meet that shows your good behavior towards them and they really like it.

Neighbors are the one with whom you can play a lot and spend a good time and have fun. In summer when you do barbecue at your place, you should invite them and when they do they will invite you. In this way you can share different tastes of food.

You can go with them for trick or treat on Halloween day. Also you can enjoy Thanksgiving Day and Christmas with them. It's possible if you have good neighborhood and that you can make with your good and polite behavior.

# Love Thy Neighbour

#### Shobhit Kumar

"Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself." Is the exact phrase from the Bible where this phrase originated from. This phrase means that nobody should be treating each other with cruel acts. Loving everybody around you just as you love yourself. Caring for each and every person that needs help, even if it is a total stranger, like a close family member that needs your support. By doing this you are spreading Baba Ji's message of world peace and universal brotherhood. Loving the world isn't only a good thing to do but it is necessary in order to live a more joyful, peaceful, and fun filled life.

Studies have proven that people that express their love and are kind to others tend to build a more positive attitude towards things. By leading a positive life you are a happier person which will be beneficial to you and others around you. Baba Ji says that we should always love everyone, thinking not of their race, religion, or culture. This is what this phrase in the Bible is addressing. No matter who it is, what race they are, or why they need help it is the responsibility of a person who wants to help to address the problem and do what they can do help, just as they would if it was their own family.

This phrase is part of the Ten Commandments that are the rules that many religious people live by. Yet many people overlook the simple tasks that they must follow and go along without giving a helping hand to people in need. We can think of helping all these people like sewa. We take for granted so much that we have and don't see a glimpse of how difficult the lives of other people are. In many countries a full glass of water and a piece of bread would be considered as a feast. Which they only get a couple times a month if their lucky, now who in this country does that?

We eat ten times that in one meal let alone a whole month. Do many people think about it as they are eating? The truth is that most people don't, it isn't that they don't care or they don't want to help its just that they overlook simple things that we have and take for granted. People don't have to fly to different countries to make a difference and help out, if everyone did just a little bit it would help the world become a better place.

# LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

# Divya Dureja

To begin with let me tell you about the topic. The topic is taken from Bible, Matthew Ch 22:37-40 -- Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second [is] like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Let us briefly discuss this commandment. Here Lord Jesus Christ is telling us What to do (Love), who to Love (your neighbor) and how to Love (Just how you love yourself).

So the first question I ask myself is why Lord Jesus Christ asks us to Love, why not he asked to fight or dislike or just respect? I think the answer is that when you fight, everything goes wrong, everything is messed up. But when you love, you can be friends and you can spend the time being happy. Love is so beautiful.

When it comes to who to love, Jesus Christ has asked us to love our neighbor, everyone close to us. I feel neighbor means; people next to you in a shopping mall, people living next doors, my soccer team, thinking about it, everyone.

Jesus also tells us how and how much to love. He says to love them like you love yourselves. I love myself a lot. I once heard that the shortcut to be happy yourself is to try to make other happy. So I should love everyone a lot too. The connection between this commandment from Bible and the teachings of Nirankari Mission is very simple. The very first pledge of Nirankari mission (The body, mind, soul all belongs to Nirankar) enables us to love all and be grateful to God for what we have. With the second pledge (do not discriminate on the basis of caste or creed) we are taught to love everyone as such irrespective of their caste or race. With the third pledge (do not discriminate on the basis of their living, dress or eating habits), we learn love everyone, doesn't matter their dressing up, or diet.

Nirankari mission also teaches that there are many religions in the world but God is one. This promotes Universal Brotherhood where by for a Nirankari Mahapurush the entire globe is one house and the whole humanity is one family. At this point I am also reminded of two famous quotes from Nirankari Baba Hardev Singh ji Maharaj. "Know one, believe in one and be one", "Piece not pieces, let's work for it". Both these directives of Nirankari Baba ji are clearly aimed toward unity of mankind.

On this day of Manav Ekta Samagam, I ask myself, how I am going to implement these teachings in my life. I feel that my contribution begins right from home as they say "Charity begins at home". I will not yell at my sister or fight with her when she takes my things. This will create love between us. I will make new friends with children who do not have friends at school. This way these children will also have good time at school.

In conclusion I feel what the world needs now is Love. Not just for some, but for everyone, including myself and my neighbors all over the planet.

# LOVE THY NEIGHBOR VANSH KUMAR

You should love your neighbor so that you have help each. For example, if someone breaks into my house - my neighbor could call the police. Also, if someone is trying to bring into their house - I can call the police. This way we care of each other. You should also love your neighbor because they can be your friends or nice people. If they are your friends then you will have people to play with over the summer. Also, you should love your neighbor because both of us can be there for each other. For example, if they need more Chuck E Cheese's tokens - you can lend them some. Mostly, you should love your neighbors so that you can share things. You share your games, toys and tokens. That way, you play more games and play with more toys. By doing all these things you and your neighbor are happier. It is a good bond or friendship to have and everyone giving and more loving.

# Love Thy Neighbor

By: Aneri Bamne

Love thy neighbor means to respect everyone even if you don't know that person. And even if you don't know them that doesn't mean that you don't treat them with no respect. You must treat everyone as if they are a part of your family everyone is family. You must always love them. Just because if they are rich that does not mean you should always hang out with them. Doesn't matter if they are rich or poor, if they wear good clothes or bad clothes, or by their race. Everyone is different and special.

In the past something very cruel was done. It was called segregation. That means it was the separation of whites and blacks. They treated the whites perfectly but they treated the blacks very differently just because of their and color. You shouldn't do that either. You shouldn't leave people out because of their color. It is very rude! It was a very hard time for the blacks. Everyone has equal rights and are not judged by their color.

You should have citizenship to everyone. Which means you should always be nice to everyone. You should help them if they are hurt or depressed. Being kind to people is you being a good person. You should be caring to everyone and it doesn't matter if you don't know them. If they are in a bad situation help them out. You should give love to them then in return they'll be nice to you too.

Here is something said by Jesus:

# <u>Love</u> the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

Is our neighbor more than the guy next door? Could he or she be someone in our community or almost anyone we meet? Could our enemies also be our neighbors? But how can we love someone who acts hatefully toward us? When you love someone and do something nice for them, you shouldn't expect something back from them. That means you should give them **unconditional love**. Which is what BabaJi always tells us to do. If you do expect something from them that's called **conditional love**.

Love thy neighbor means to love everyone. But the question above asks should we love someone who hates us? Well, in my opinion you should try to make peace with them and that way you can actually love EVERYONE. That's why it also relates to Peace not Pieces.

Remember you should always love everyone for who they are. Not by how they look. Love everyone and we will all live in peace!!!!!! ©©©©©