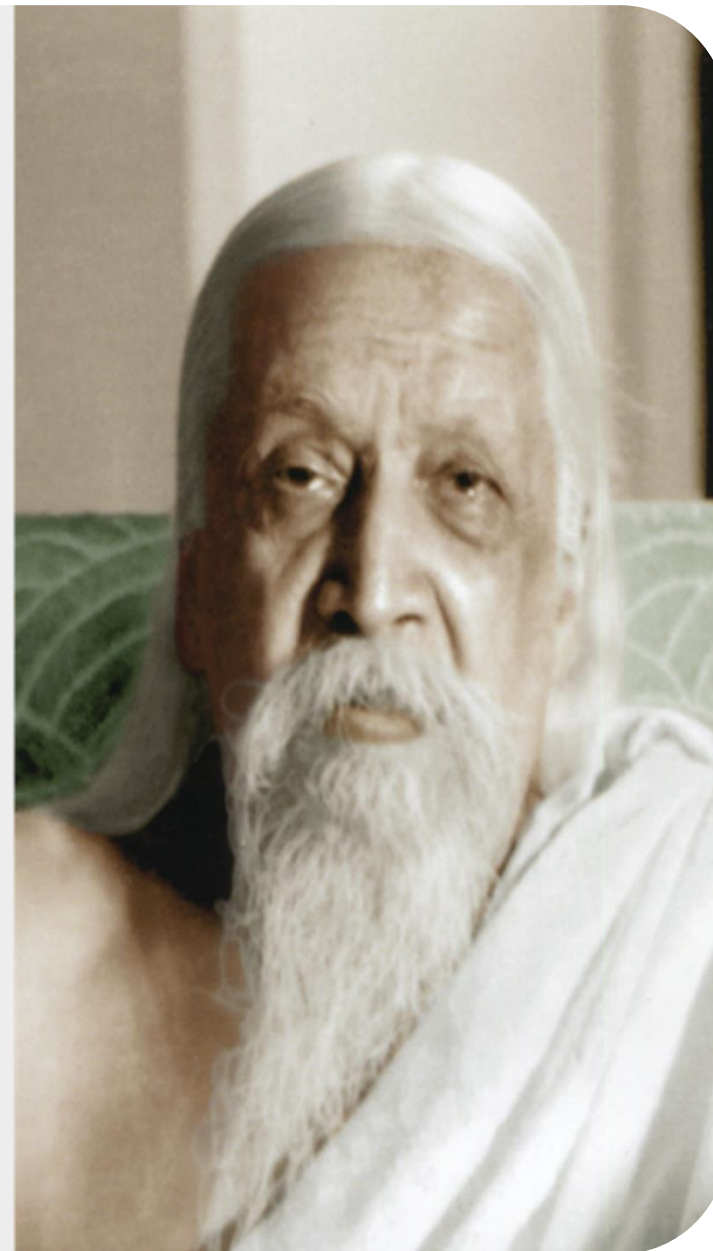


# *An offering to...*

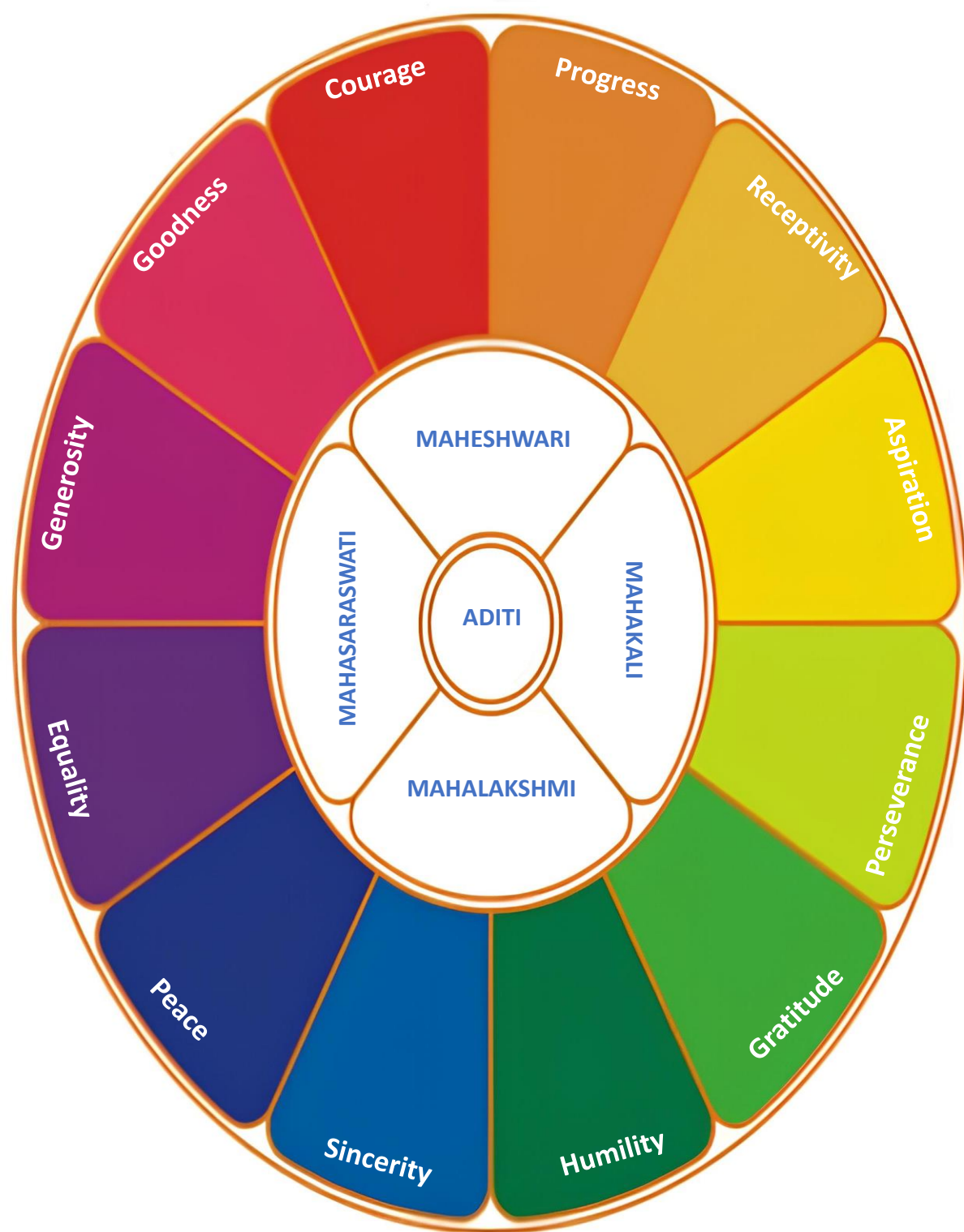
**THE MOTHER**



**SRI AUROBINDO**



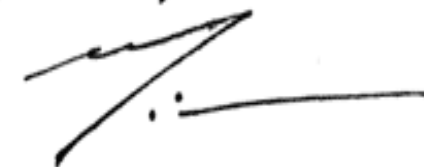
# Symbol of The Mother



*The central circle represents the Divine Consciousness.*

*The four petals represent the four powers of the Mother.*

*The twelve petals represent the twelve powers of the Mother manifested for Her work.*



# ‘ADITI’

(The Divine Consciousness)

**“Pure, immaculate, gloriously powerful.”**

- The Mother

The central circle represents the divine consciousness, the Mahashakti. The Mahashakti, the Universal Mother works out whatever is transmitted by her transcendent consciousness from the Supreme and enters into the worlds that she has made.

**White Lotus**



# MAHESHWARI

(Wisdom)

**“Can only be acquired through union with the  
Divine Consciousness.”**

- The Mother

One is her personality of calm wideness and  
comprehending wisdom and tranquil benignity  
and inexhaustible compassion and sovereign and  
surpassing majesty and all-ruling greatness...



Rain Tree

# MAHAKALI

(Strength)

**“Indispensable for progress.”**

- The Mother

...Another embodies her power of splendid strength and irresistible passion, her warrior mood, her overwhelming will, her impetuous swiftness and world-shaking force.



Hibiscus, Gurhal



# MAHALAKSHMI

(Harmony)

**“Let us work for the day when this will  
become both the means and the end.”**

- The Mother

...A third is vivid and sweet and wonderful with  
her deep secrets of harmony and beauty and fine  
rhythm, her intricate and subtle opulence, her  
compelling attraction and captivating grace.



Coral Vine



# MAHASARASWATI

(Perfection)

**“Is not satisfied with makeshift.”**

- The Mother

...The fourth is equipped with her close and profound capacity of intimate knowledge and careful flawless work and quiet and exact perfection in all things. Wisdom, Strength, Harmony, Perfection are their several attributes and it is these powers that they bring with them into the world...

**Rondeletia, Panama Rose**



# SINCERITY

**“The beginning of all progress.”**

- The Mother

To be sincere is to be pure. As Sri Aurobindo tells us, ‘Desire nothing but the purity, force, light, wideness, calm, Ananda of the Divine Consciousness, and its insistence to transform and perfect your mind, life and body.’



Aster



# HUMILITY

**“Adorable in its simplicity.”**

- The Mother

True humility is humility before the Divine. It is a precise, exact, living sense that one is nothing, one can do nothing, understand nothing without the Divine... Even if one is exceptionally intelligent and capable, this is nothing in comparison with the Divine Consciousness.



Dropseed



# GRATITUDE

**“It is you who open all the closed doors  
and allow the saving Grace to enter.”**

- The Mother

There is nothing which gives you a joy equal to that of gratitude. One hears a bird sing, sees a lovely flower, looks at a little child, observes an act of generosity, reads a beautiful sentence, looks at a setting sun – no matter what – suddenly, this kind of emotion comes upon you so deep, so intense, that the world manifests the Divine, that there is something behind the world which is the Divine.



**Behaya, Morning Glory**



# PERSEVERANCE

**“The decision to go to the very end.”**

- The Mother

The road of yoga is long. Whatever method is used, persistence and perseverance are essential. A yoga like this needs patience, because it means a change, both of the radical means and of each part and detail of our nature.



**Marigold**

## ASPIRATION

**“Innumerable, obstinate, repeating itself tirelessly.”**

- The Mother

One must have a fixed and unfailing aspiration, vigilant and constant – an aspiration of the entire being – an aspiration that takes hold of you completely, an aspiration to unite with the Divine... to give oneself totally to the Divine, not to live outside the Divine Consciousness, so that the Divine may be all in all.



Night Jasmin, Parijat



## RECEPTIVITY

**“Conscious of the Divine Will and surrendered to it.”**

- The Mother

This means... to receive the Divine Force... and allow it to work, guiding one's sight, will and action. There must be a complete and never-failing assent, a willingness to let the Divine Power do with us whatever is needed for the work that has to be done.

**Gladiolus**

## PROGRESS

**“This is why we are on earth.”**

- The Mother

The very first condition of inner progress is to recognise whatever is or has been a wrong movement in any part of our nature – wrong idea, wrong feeling, wrong speech, wrong action – and by wrong is meant what departs from the truth, from the higher Consciousness and the higher Self, from the way of the Divine. Once recognised, it is offered to the Divine for the Light and Grace to descend and substitute for it the right movement of the true Consciousness.

**Old Maid, Baromasi**





**Sri Aurobindo**  
Integral Life Center  
Surat, Gujarat, India

## COURAGE

**“Bold, it faces all dangers.”**

- The Mother

As Sri Aurobindo says: ‘The forces that stand in the way of the sadhana – the spiritual discipline – are the forces of the lower mental, vital and physical nature. Behind them are the adverse powers of the mental, vital and physical worlds.... All I say is, keep the mantra of success, the determination of victory, the fixed resolve... and go bravely on with your yoga.... The inner doors will open.’

**Madar, Crown Plant**



## GOODNESS

**“Goodness is the harmony between our individual nature and the Divine Nature.”**

- Sri Aurobindo

One should not be good with an interested motive.... One should not be good so that others may be good to you. It is always the same lesson: One must do as well as one can, the best one can, but without expecting a result. One must be good for the love of goodness.



**Mignonette, Egyptian Rocket**



## GENEROSITY

**“Gives and gives itself without bargaining.”**  
- The Mother

It is to give unstintingly, selflessly, without bargaining or any expectation. It is to give for the joy of giving. It is an opportunity that the Divine gives us for the liberation of the ego and the servitude to self-indulgence, replacing it by the joy of participation in the divine work upon earth, for a true and beautiful and harmonious equipment and ordering of a new, divinised mental, vital and physical existence in whatever way the Divine Mother herself decides in her creative vision.



Garden Balsam, Rose Balsam

## EQUALITY

**“What you have, I have - what you can do, I can do - what you express, I express we are all alike.”**

**- The Mother**

The very first necessity for spiritual perfection is a perfect equality.... The perfect equality of our Spirit and nature is a means by which we can move back from the troubled and ignorant outer consciousness into the inner kingdom of heaven and possess the Spirit's eternal kingdoms of greatness, joy and peace...



Glory Tree



## PEACE

**“To want what You want always and in every circumstance is the only way to enjoy an unshakable peace.”**

- The Mother

In the liberation of the soul from the Ignorance, the very first foundation is peace, calm, the silence and quietude of the Eternal and Infinite...A consummate power and greater formation of the spiritual ascension takes up this peace of liberation into the bliss of a perfect experience and realisation of the eternal beatitude, the bliss of the Eternal and the Infinite.



**Zedoary, Curcuma**



**“Remember My child, your life is worth living only in  
the service of the Divine.”**

**- The Mother**