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Subject: <u>Spiritual Homecoming</u> – National USA Pilgrimage to Prasanthi Nilayam, July 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Om Sri Sai Ram.

"At Prasanthi Nilayam, every day is a festival day; every day is a holy day. As the saying goes, it is 'perpetual joy, perpetually green (nithya kalyaanam, pachha thoranam).' This Nilayam (abode) is Prasanthi Nilayam (Abode of Tranquility). It is the abode of the highest form of peace (santhi), absolute peace (prasanthi)." - SSS, Vol 2, Ch 40

With prayers to Bhagawan, we are pleased to announce a USA National Pilgrimage to Prasanthi Nilayam from **July 6th to July 10th, 2017** (inclusive of both dates) during Guru Poornima (July 9th) time frame.

Some of the highlights of the pilgrimage being explored:

- Service activities in and around Parthi
- Cultural program by SSE children
- Leading Bhajans in Sai Kulwant Hall
- Talks by eminent speakers to the group
- Group visit to places of interest in Parthi

All participants will take part in a sadhana (spiritual discipline) program in the months leading up to the pilgrimage.

The soil of Puttaparthi is holy. This is the land where He was born, where He played in the sands at the bank of the Chitravati River, where He established Centers for humanitarian service, where He lived in His chosen form and where His abiding presence continues to beckon one and all to a higher life.

Kindly save the dates. More information and registration details will be shared in the upcoming weeks.

Let us all pray to Our Lord Sai to guide our journey to this sacred land.

Lovingly in the Service of Sai

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