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With the blessings of **His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Tridandi Chinna Sriman Narayana Ramanuja Jeeyar Swamiji**, and on behalf of a host of dedicated devotees around the world who seek to serve Divine, I am happy to announce *Bhakthi Nivedana- Special Edition*, a monthly magazine dedicated to sharing the Universal Message of our ancient Vedic culture for the benefit of the world.

We begin our newly revamped monthly with a very special issue about HH Sri Jeeyar Swamiji's historic visit to the USA. While His Holiness has visited this country several times before, based on my personal experience and from speaking with others, this particular trip has brought about momentous changes in each of us. These changes came about only through the Striking Divinity, kindness and mercy of His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji, who could be seen to be like the conductor of a fine symphony orchestra, the theme being - **Service to All Beings as Service to God**.

Sri Jeeyar Swamiji brought this theme to each of our lives in two ways. First, through His messages about the essence of the Eternal Wisdom that is contained within the Vedas, and how such wisdom can and should be available to anyone at anytime, irrespective of race, caste, creed, gender or geographic location.

Sri Jeeyar Swamiji's other way to reach us was far more subtle. It could be experienced in the laughter of little children, in the affectionate friendships that were forged among the adults, and in the greetings of "**Jai Sriman Narayana**" that were heard everywhere. Somehow, Sri Jeeyar Swamiji's very presence had brought to each of us a sense of family, fellowship and the willingness to serve and care for one another unconditionally. For those who hailed from India, it brought to mind memories of happy extended family gatherings or grand temple festivals; and for their children, it showed first-hand the "key ingredients" in life that all of us so desperately need in this increasingly mechanistic world.

It is this spirit of friendship, family, service and faith, and our desire to pass these important values on to future generations that serves as the focus of this special issue of *Bhakthi Nivedana*; and with His Holiness Sri Jeeyar Swamiji's blessings, will continue to serve as the focus of each and every future issue.

While this particular issue has contributions solely from the USA, in the future we will include articles from JET centers throughout the world. Our target will be to reach **children, young and old**, for the future of our Vedic Culture lies in their hands.

Jai Sriman Narayana!

