Then I say "*sivaḥ prasīdeti sivaṁ prapadye* Oh Lord, May you be gracious to me and give me viśeṣa jñānam with jijñāsu bhakti."

I surrender to the Lord, sivah prasīdeti sivam prapadye

.Then Bhagavān blesses me with viśeṣa jñānam through a guru.

Then, "śivāt paraṁ neti śivaṁ prapadye

there is nothing other than Lord śiva."

And finally fall flat declaring, "*śivo'hamasmīti śivam prapadye* If everything is *Bhagavān*, I am also that Lord *śiva* only, *śivo'hamasmīti śivam prapadye*

This is what successful *bhakti* and *jñānam* leading to *mokṣa* on this auspicious *śivarātri* day. May Lord *śiva* bless us through all the stages and enjoy *viśeṣa jñānam* and *viśeṣa* bhakti and *mokṣa*.

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Retreat ID : V20-02

Retreat Topic : Vedic view of life

Retreat Dates : 8:00 PM Friday, 22nd May'20 to 12:30 PM Tuesday, 26th May'20

This retreat will be a family retreat.

The retreat will be conducted by Swami Shankarananda assisted by other teachers. Family retreat means children are also welcome. Children aged between 7 and 16 accompanied by a parent or guardian may also be registered for the camp.

Children should understand English. There will be separate classes and activities for children.

Only limited seats are available.

Please register before 1st April 2020.

Seva from parents are welcome during the camp.

Retreat will include temple puja, meditation, classes on Vedanta, satsang (Question and answer sessions).

You may register for the retreats by filling up the registration form available in our website **arshavidya.com**.

Note: The retreat may be affected if the corona virus situation does not revert to normal by 7th May 2020