## Prayer to Enhance God's Self-Realization

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WE ARE THE SUPREME FORM of God's self-realization. Accordingly, God's mind dwells in the very depths of our life. My innermost heart is God's, filled with His love, truth, and wisdom.

Our surface (conscious) mind belongs to the physical, hence it wavers and occasionally becomes confused, deluded, and tossed about by events in the physical world. However, my innermost heart, which belongs to God, does not become disturbed by happenings in the phenomenal world. It does not know torment or worry, so it maintains eternal joy. When our conscious mind is thrown into turmoil by confusion in the phenomenal world, we will not be beguiled but we will bring out God's mind from the depths of our subconscious. Then peace, harmony, love, and wisdom will surely be restored.

Now I realize that deep in my inner soul dwells God's mind, the divine. I call upon and bring out from my inner soul God's wisdom, joy, love, harmony, prosperity, happiness, and health, and realize them in my daily life. By practicing Shinsokan every day, God's divinity within me is expressed in a more tangible form in the physical world. Because I am constantly guided by God's wisdom, I always exercise good judgment, and accompanied by appropriate planning and action, I never fail in my endeavors.

Since the divinity dwelling within my family's inner soul is brought out more and more each day, we all enjoy good health, become physically stronger and more beautiful, and with my business prospering, we can make significant contributions toward the welfare of our community and nation.

Since I owe the success and prosperity of my business to God's guidance and love, I do not consider the profits I make to be my own personal property. Rather, by regarding them as a gift granted by God, I willingly spend them for the welfare of the community, nation, and humanity. Since this world is governed by the law of "Give, and you shall receive," my family's prosperity increases in accordance with the contributions we make to the community, nation, and humanity.

We are children of God, so deep within us God resides. Each time we contribute to the welfare of the community, nation, and humanity, we will manifest God within more completely. Just as Shakamuni Buddha had the 32 physical features and 80 characteristics of a Buddha, my facial expression becomes brighter every day so that people feel my affection, love, and joy, and love and peace come to their souls just by looking at me.

-From Shinri No Ginsho, "Recitations of the Truth," pp. 179-182