## PRANAMS TO OUR BELOVED MAHATMA

On October 2, 2015 we salute him on his 146<sup>th</sup> birthday. He sacrificed his life for us. He lead us from untruth to truth; darkness to light; mortality to immortality. He told Louis Fischer "I am a Christian and a Hindu and a Moslem and a Jew". Albert Einstein said "Generations to come will scarce believe that such a one as this ever in flesh and blood walked upon this earth". Early in his life he took not one or two vows but eleven of them: Ahimsa (Non-violence), Satya (Truthfulness), Asteya (No stealing), Brahmacharya (Self-discipline including chastity), Aparigraha (No possessions), Sharirshrama (Working for daily food), Aswada (Control of diet), Sarvatra Bhayavarjana (Fearlessness), Sarva Dharma Samantva (Equality of all religions), Swadeshi (Use locally made goods), Sparshbhavana (Against idea of untouchability). Let us contemplate on these vows and try to practice them to create a better world. Let us follow this great soul!

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