## The Gist of the Jashan Ceremony

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We begin in the name of the Lord, who is the great giver, great forgiver, and so kind and merciful!

May the light, and radiance of my soul shine bright by virtue of my Knowledge of the Nature and Function of the Fravashis and Angels Daham and Sarosh, and help me toward self-realization. May the light of wisdom and excellent Mazda-Yasni faith be moving in the minds of men, of all the Seven Climes of the earth! May the participants in the Ceremony here, have (a) Glimmerings of perfection, (b) Triumph of spirit over flesh, (c) the state of virtue and Bliss, linked with (d) the Auspicious Light of the soul shining clearer And growing in Glow, from strength to strength!

May the good outcome of all these prayers be spent for the greater good of mankind! May we develop (a) Inner Strength (b) Intellectual Keenness, (c) power derived from our prophet's precepts (d) and moral strength. May my single endeavor be accepted to the Value of a thousand (listless) performances! Side by side with the universal and collective remembrance of all the souls, may the special mention be made of the immortal soul of (so & so), as also the very special, extraordinary Remembrance of Zarathushtra Spitama of the Holy Realization – the Frayashi!

May all the Fravashis of the Saintly be collectively remembered here, from Gayomard, who was the first man on earth, to Saoshyant who is the last messiah to come to redeem us all. May the fravashis of the following Order be remembered here, from Gayomard to Saoshyant – (a) Of the living, (b) Of the departed, (c) Of those to be, (d) Of the born, (e) of those unborn still, (f) Of this country, (g) of the countries across our borders, (h) of holy men and women, (i) Of the minors, (j) of the adults, – each and every one of those who have departed from this physical world!

We prayerfully remember the souls of our (a) Fathers, (b) Mothers, (c) Grandparents, (d) ancestors, (e) children, (f) persons with diverse Relationships, (g) and the Fravashis of the Perfect Saintly Souls, and the pious souls of the close-knit Fraternity of Faith, from Gayomard to Saoshyant! May the Fravashis of the pious of all the Seven Climes of the Earth be ALL collectively remembered here, from Gayomard to Saoshyant! May we contribute to the total good of mankind. May each one of us endeavor to make the most and the best of each day, month, and year of his/her precious life! May it be so!

We pray for (a) Moral Courage that shapes Life well and to a virtuous growth, (b)Triumph over evil as destined by the Supreme, (c) and Winning excellence of Asha-Truth, (d) a complete Vigilance over Malice and Hatred, (e) putting down the bad thoughts, (f) driving out hostile, dark mental attitudes! May our meaningful utterances be acceptable to the Surpreme Being, by virtue of their (a) granting us inner strength of the Holy Spirit, (b) strength for self-sacrifice and service, and thus enable us to spread the (a) knowledge, (b) progress in life, and (c) wide renown of the Mazdayasni religion on the seven continents of the Earth – Amen!

## (Greet the person next to you and recite):

"Hamaa Zor Hamaa-Asho Baad!"

May our community be soon blessed with: (a) Adequate Means of Decent Living, (b) Opportunities for the Righteous and Truthful Living, (c) Holy Men of Spiritual Strength, and (d) the careful Observance of the Faith!

May in our homes obedience triumph over disobedience, peace over discord, generosity over self-centerdness, Benevolent Spirit over Evil Spirit, well-spoken words over ill-spoken words, and Asha over Druja.

May SRAOSHA the divine Conscience, working -for the Triumphant Fulfillment of the Cosmic Law (ASHA), abide with us – within us, to help us attain the Goal of Life! All the Words of Wisdom, communicated to us by ZARATHUSHTRA do we ever revere! We revere Sraosha ... who from the very dawn of Conscience in Man sweetly intoned the Songs Divine (the Holy Gathas).

May ail the Good People and we, who have reached here from far and near, to participate in this Sacrament, receive the Best light of the Soul, twelve hundred times our merit. May the physical life grow in moral Good! May the spiritual life gather Strength in Excellence of Spirit! May the sum-total of all my Endeavors culminate in the gradual Growth of Goodness!

All the Good Thoughts, Good Words, and Good Deeds – done in the past, or to be done henceforth, here or anywhere else, (in the wide world) – do we assimilate these into our Being, and transmit them to others with added strength of Goodness – So that we may belong to the Fraternity of the good and the. virtuous!

Hamaa Zor Hamaa-Asho Baad – may we be ever united in Asha.

Amen