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## Closing Prayer

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3:15

**Attendee 1:** Andy and Peggy had played a tape last night where you were talking in Myrtle Beach referring to a letter from Baba and Baba was quoting this Italian. Do you know now the poet who?

**DELIA:** I'll tell you what happened. The poem is a long poem by one of the disciples of St. Francis of Assisi, Jacopone da Todi. I was enchanted with what was said that I copied it and sent it to Baba. And Baba liked it so much, He was in Ajmer He had it read there and when I came to Myrtle Beach last summer I gave a talk, I finished up reading this letter and reading this poem. I wish I had it here it is the most beautiful poem. I should have liked to ended up with that.

**Attendee 1:** Would you like to send it to us?

**DELIA:** Have you got it?

**Attendee 1:** No, no

**DELIA:** I will write it out and the letter and send it to you because it is really beautiful but I should think you could get that poem. It is translated by Evelyn Underhill, actually as it happens.

**Attendee 2:** Really?

**DELIA:** He was one of the Friars Minor. Jacapone da Todi was his name.

**Attendee 3:** Do you know what the title of the poem was?

**DELIA:** It's the *Poems of Jacopone da Todi*.

**Attendee 3:** But that particular one, do you know which one that was?

**DELIA:** It's in a book, in that book translated by Evelyn Underhill. But the actual poem I will send you.

**Attendee 2:** It will have more value to us if you send it.

**DELIA:** Yes, but isn't it on the tape actually. But I will send you a copy of the letter.

**Attendee 2:** That would be fine.

**DELIA:** Which Baba said how He liked it and what it means. I will send it. I thought I'd like to end up with this. It's in this little book. Have you all read it?

"Trust God completely and he will solve all difficulties. Faithfully leave everything to him and he will see to everything.

Love God sincerely and he will reveal himself. Sacrifice everything at the altar of His supreme love, you will realize the Beloved within you.

Why is it so difficult to find God? It is because you are looking for something you have never lost. I am the One so many seek and so few find. No amount of intellectual effort can fathom me. No

amount of austerity can attain me. Only when one loves me and loses oneself in me am I found."

**Attendee 1:** Jai Baba

**Attendee 3:** Thank you, Delia.