Prayer

Guru madhye Sthitham Vishwam
   Vishwa madhye shitho Guruhu;
Gurur- Vishwam Nacha-anyosthi
   Thasmai Shri Gurave namh.

The universe has its being within the Guru (dispeller of darkness); the Guru abides within the Universe (as its essence); the Guru is the Universe; nothing exists besides him. Salutations to such a Guru.

(Shri Guru Gita)
With blessings from:

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