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## SOME QUOTES FROM RABINDRA NATH TAGORE'S GEETANJLI

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*“Do not go to the temple to light candles  
before the altar of God.  
First remove the darkness of sin from your  
heart.*

*Do not go to the temple to bow down your head  
in prayer.  
First learn to bow in humility before your  
fellow men.*

*Do not go to the temple to pray on bended  
knees.  
First bend down to lift someone who is  
downtrodden.*

*Do not go to the temple to ask for forgiveness  
for your sins.  
First forgive from your heart those who have  
sinned against you.”*

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*“Leave this chanting and singing and telling of beads!  
Whom dost thou worship in this lonely dark corner of a temple with  
doors all shut?  
Open thine eyes and see thy God is not before thee!*

*He is there where the tiller is tilling the hard ground and where the  
path maker is breaking stones.  
He is with them in sun and in shower, and his garment is covered  
with dust.  
Put off thy holy mantle and even like him come down on the dusty  
soil!*

*Deliverance? Where is this deliverance to be found?  
Our master himself has joyfully taken upon him the bonds of  
creation;  
he is bound with us all forever.*

*Come out of thy meditations and leave aside thy flowers and  
incense!  
What harm is there if thy clothes become tattered and stained?  
Meet him and stand by him in toil and in sweat of thy brow. ”*

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