

# *Invitation*



## Programme

**Silent Prayer**

**Welcome Speech**

: Betty Karan

**Presidential Address**

: Babu Paul IAS (Retd.)

**Inaugural Address &  
Unveiling of Prodigal Son**

: Jacob Mathew (Executive Editor, Malayala Manorama)

**Felicitations**

: Sam Philipe (Sculptor of the Prodigal Son)

: Venugopal C. Govind (Managing Partner, Varma & Varma)

: Beatrice Baskin (Former BBC Television and Radio Presenter)

: Sunil Thomas (Indian representative, Pave the Way Foundation)

: Pamela Anna Mathew (Managing Director, OEN India Limited)

: Jacob Thomas (Past Rotary District Governor – RI District 3211)

**Vote of Thanks**

: N. Venugopal (Director, Karan Group)

**National Anthem**

**Dinner at Shanti Bhavan (Betty's residence)**

It is my pleasure and privilege to invite you  
to witness the dedication ceremony  
of  
**The Prodigal Son**  
at Revi Karuna Karan Memorial Museum premises  
on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012 at 6:30 pm.

**Betty Karan**  
Managing Trustee  
Sri Karunakaran Charitable Trust



**The Prodigal Son** is a life size statue created by the world renowned Israeli sculptor Sam Philipe. This bronze statue weighs around 1400 pounds and is 7 foot high.

**Sam Philipe's** ([www.samphilipe.com](http://www.samphilipe.com)) sculptures are presented to heads of states including Popes, Presidents of USA, other world leaders, royalty, and Hollywood celebrities.

The statue is based on the biblical parable of the prodigal son—the story of a man who has two sons. The younger son asks for his share of inheritance. Once received, he goes away and wastes his fortune. When the money runs out, the son finds himself in dire circumstances. He finally comes to his senses, recognizes his foolishness, decides to return to his father and ask for forgiveness and mercy. The father receives his son back with open arms of compassion.

The statue was presented to **Revi Karuna Karan Memorial Museum** by **Pave the Way Foundation, USA** ([www.ptwf.org](http://www.ptwf.org)). The foundation is a secular organization, whose mission is to promote cultural, educational, charitable and technological gestures, and to identify and eliminate non-theological obstacles between the faiths. The foundation has its chapters in many countries including India.