

Lord Ganesha's Prayer

Gajananam Bhoota Ganadi Sevitam Kapittha Jambu phalasara bhakshitam |
Umasutam Shoka Vinasha karanam Namami Vighneswara pada pankajam ||

He who has the face of an elephant, one who is worshipped by the Bhootha ganam, He who eats the essence of kapitha and Jumbu fruits, He who is the son of Uma Devi and He who alleviates the ill feelings in us. O! Lord Vigneshwara who is an embodiment of all the above, we offer our Namaskarams at your Divine feet.

Vedic Aarati

om na karmana na prajaya dhanena tyagenaike amrtatvam anasuh
parena nakam nihitam guhayam vibhrajate yad yatayo visanti

vedanta-vijnana suniscatartha sannyasa yogad-yataya-suddha-sattvah
te brahma-loke tu paranta-kale paramrtat-parimucyanti sarve

dahram vipapam parame' sma bhutam yat-pundarikam pura-madhya sagmstham
tatrapa dahram gaganam visokas tasmin yad antas tad upasitavyam

yo vedadau svarah prokto vedante ca pratistatah
tasya prakrti-linasya yah para-sa mahesvarah

na tatra suryo bhaati na chandra taara kam nemea vidhyuto bhaanti kuto yamagnh
tameva bhaantam anubhaati sarvam tasya bhaasa sarwamidham vibhaati

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न कर्मणा न प्रजया धनेन त्यागेनैके अमृतत्वमानशुः ।
परेण नाकन्निहितङ्गुहायाँव्विभ्राजते यद्यतयो विशन्ति ।
वेदान्तविज्ञानसुनिश्चितार्थास्सद्भ्यासयोगाद्यतयश्शुद्धसत्त्वाः ।
ते ब्रह्मलोके तु परान्तकाले परामृतात्परिमुच्यन्ति सर्वे ।
दहँव्विपापम्परमेऽश्मभूतँय्यत्पुण्ड्रीकम्पुरमध्यसंस्थम् ।
तत्रापि दहङ्गगनँव्विशोकस्तस्मिन्यदन्तस्तदुपासितव्यम् ।
यो वेदादौ स्वरः प्रोक्तो वेदान्ते च प्रतिष्ठितः ।
तस्य प्रकृतिलीनस्य यः परस्स महेश्वरः ॥
न तत्र सूर्यो भाति न चन्द्रतारकं
नेमा विद्युतो भान्ति कुतोऽयमग्निः ।
तमेव भान्तमनुभाति सर्वं
तस्य भासा सर्वमिदँव्विभाति ॥

One can achieve immortality in association with the Lord, not by ones own pious deeds, nor by the pious deeds of one's progeny, nor by the accumulation of wealth, but only by renunciation of all enjoyment for oneself and offering everything to the Supreme Lord. This state of perfection, which is attained by the real sannyasis, is situated far beyond this world, and is difficult to reach for the ordinary man.

Those sannyasis, having realized the actual conclusion of the Vedas, having given up personal sense enjoyment for engagement in the Lord's service, and being completely free of the influence of the material modes, at the end of their lives become freed from the material world and enter that Vaikuntha realm.

There is a lotus situated within the body, in the middle of the heart, a place free from all suffering. It is the spiritual sky, free from all material contamination and lamentation. There resides the object of our worship.

He who is glorified at the beginning of the Vedas, and is firmly established at the end of the Vedas, who resides beyond the material sphere, who is second to none, He is the Supreme. (Maha-narayanopanisad 4.12)

The Sun does not shine there, nor does the moon, nor do the stars, nor the lightning's shine. How can this fire? When He shines, everything shines after Him; by His light, all these things shine.

CHINMAYA AARATI

Ārati śrī cinmaya sadgurukī, divya rūpa mūrati karuṇākī. Ārati sadgurukī.

*Caraṇome unake śānti samāye, śaraṇāgatakī bhrānti miṭāye
Pāpa tāpa santāpa haraṇkī. Ārati śrī cinmaya sadgurukī...*

*Veda upaniṣad gitā ko gāyā, dharma sanātana phira se jagāyā
Śuddha nīti prīti śaṅkarakī. Ārati śrī cinmaya sadgurukī*

*Siddhabārī kī tapo bhūmi me, nitya birāje guru hamāre
Bhakta hṛdaya ānanda srota kī. Ārati śrī cinmaya sadgurukī
Ārati śrī cinmaya sadgurukī*

Pledge

We stand as one family
Bound to each other with love and respect.
We serve as an army
Courageous and disciplined
Ever ready to fight against all low tendencies
And false values, within and without us.

We live honestly
The noble life of sacrifice and service
Producing more than what we consume
And giving more than what we take.
We seek the Lord's grace
To keep us on the path of virtue, courage and wisdom.
May Thy grace and blessings flow through us
To the world around us.

We believe that the service of our country
Is the service of the Lord of lords
And devotion to the people
Is devotion to the Supreme Self.
We know our responsibilities
Give us the ability and courage to fulfill them.

Om Tat Sat

Study Session Prayers

Invocation

(Om three times and recite the following)

Om saha naa vavatu
saha nau bhunaktu
saha veeryam karavaavahai
Tejasvinaavadheetamastu
maa vidvishaavahai
Om Shaantih, Shaantih, Shaantih

*Om, may the Lord protect us, may He cause us to enjoy,
May we exert together, may our studies be thorough and
Faithful, may we never quarrel with each other.
Om Peace, Peace, Peace!*

Santipathah

Om sarve bhavantu sukhinah
sarve santu niraamayah
sarve bhadraani pashyantu
maa kaschid dukhabhaag bhavet

*May all be happy; may all be healthy; may all enjoy
prosperity; may none suffer.*

asato maa sad-gamaya
tamaso maa jyotirgamaya
mrutyormaa amrutham gamaya
Om Shantih, Shantih, Shanthih

*Lead me from the apparent to the real; from
darkness to light; from death to immortality*