

## Jaya Kula Opening Chants

### Gaṇeśa Mantraḥ

**Oṃ gaṇānām tvā gaṇapatim havāmahe kavim kavīnām upamaśravastamam,  
jyeṣṭha rājam brahmaṇām brahmaṇās pata ā naḥ śṛṇvannūtibih sīda sādanam.**

**vakratunda mahākāya sūrya koṭī samaprabha,  
nirvighnam kuru me deva sarva kāryeṣu sarvadā**

**siddhi buddhi śakti sahita śrīman mahāgaṇādīpataye namo namaḥ,  
nirvighnam kuru.**

### Oṃ Gaṃ Gaṇapatayē Namaḥ (x3)

We invoke you, Gaṇeśa, the Lord of the Hosts, the most renowned, full of inspiration, the most elder among the high Gods. Oh, divine father of all mantras, the leader of the Gods, by listening to our humble prayer, come with all of your powers and sit with us to protect us and help us to learn.

### Chant to Śārada Devi

**Namaste śarade devi kāśmīra pura vāsini  
twāmahaṃ prārthaye nityaṃ vidyādānaṃ ca dehi me**

**yā śraddhā dhāraṇā medhā vāgdevī vidhivallabhā  
bhaktajihvāgrasadanā śamādiguṇadāyini**

**namāmi yāminīm nātha lekhāṅkṛtakuntalām  
bhavānīm bhavasantāpa nirvāpaṇasudhānadīm ||**

### Oṃ Hrīm Klīm Śāradāyai Namaḥ (x3)

Salutations to Sharada Devi who abides in the City of Kashmir!  
I pray continuously that you will give me the gift of true wisdom.  
You are faith, remembrance (of Reality) and understanding. You are the Goddess of Speech,  
The Shakti of Brahma. You reside on the tip of your devotee's tongue.  
You are the ultimate giver of peace.  
I prostrate to you, Yamini. You are patience itself. Bhavani, your hair is adorned with  
The crescent moon. You are the river of nectar that annihilates discontent.

## Short Guru Stotram

Gurur brahmā gurur viṣṇuḥ gururdevo maheśvaraḥ  
Guruḥ sāksāt parabrahma tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ  
Tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ  
Om Aiṃ Guṃ Śrī Gurubhyo Namaḥ (x3)

Guru is Brahmā. Guru is Viṣṇu. Guru is the Supreme Lord Śiva. Guru is both manifest Reality and the Absolute. Salutations to that glorious Guru.

## Śānti Paṭh Mantraḥ

Asato mā sad gamaya	From ignorance lead me to Reality.
Tamaso mā jyotir gamaya	From darkness lead me to illumination.
Mṛtyor mā amṛtam gamaya	From samsara lead me to immortality.
Sarveṣam svastir bhavatu	May all beings realize happiness.
Sarveṣam śāntir bhavatu	May all beings realize peace.
Sarveṣam pūrṇam bhavatu	May all beings realize the fullness of life.
Sarveṣam maṅgalam bhavatu	May all beings realize life's auspiciousness
Lokā samastā sukhino bhavantu	May happiness pervade all worlds.
Om tryambakaṃ yajāmahe sugandhiṃ puṣṭi-wardhanam urvārukam iva bandhanān mṛtyor mukṣīya māmṛtāt	We meditate on Shiva, the three-eyed one of sweet fragrance, who nourishes spiritual growth. Like a ripe cucumber easily snapped from the vine, may I be free from the bondage of death, but not from immortality.
Om Śāntiḥ Śāntiḥ Śāntiḥ	Peace, Peace, Peace