

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**

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.

Short Guru Stotram

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

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

Student Teacher Prayer

**Om saha nāvavatu | saha nau bhunaktu | saha vīryam karavāvahai
tejasvi nāvadhītam astu mā vidviṣāvahai ||
Om Śāntiḥ Śāntiḥ Śāntiḥ**

Together, may we be protected by the Supreme Reality.
Together, may we be nourished by the Supreme Reality.
Together, may we work with great courage.
Together, may we study with great brilliance and gain illumination.
May we never become enemies. May peace be with us forever.

Śānti Paṭh Mantraḥ

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| 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-vardhanam 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 |