

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 Śāradā Devi

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

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

**namāmi yāminīṃ nātha lekhāṅkṛtakuntalām
bhavānīṃ 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 sit on the tip of your devotee's tongue.
You are the ultimate giver of peace.
I prostrate to you, Yamini. You are mercy itself. Bhavani, your hair is adorned with streaks of moonlight. 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.

Tvam Eva Mātā

tvameva mātā ca pitā tvameva
tvameva bandhuśca sakhā tvameva
tvameva vidyā draviṇaṃ tvameva
tvameva sarvaṃ mama devadeva

You are my Mother and you are my Father. You are my Relative and you are my Friend.
You are my Wisdom and you are my only Wealth. You are my All, My God of Gods.

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 maṅgalaṃ 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