



Navraatri

Devi Yagya 2009

The power of Mother Goddess is perhaps greater than any of the other manifestations of God that Hindu's pray to. She is worshipped according to the Devi Bhagavat by Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva. She takes the form as their consorts, without whom they are helpless. "Tu Rishio ki Ridhi Sidhi Tu Brahma ke Bhakti Maa, Tu Vishnu ki Mayaa Devi, Tu Shankar ki Shakit Maa." The forms are Bramhani for Brahma, Lakshmi for Vishnu and Mother Parvati for Shiva. Maa Durga is worshipped all over the world with the same love under different names and manifestations, as all names belong to Her. This festival of Navraatri is observed twice yearly for nine days each time once in the beginning of March or April, "Chaitra" and again in Setpember or October, "Ashwin"

Durga Maa Blessings to All,
Pandit Bimal Maharaj

Instructions for your daily offerings:

Navraatri is here once again and the FHO would like to remind you of a few important tasks that one should perform during this time. During the period of Navraatri one should get up before sunrise and after taking a bath offer a lota of Dhar.

What is Dhar? Dhar contains Neem leaves, sugar, white rice, Hardie, Sindoor, Clove, Camphor, flowers, milk/water, Doob grass, suparie, and nutmeg.

Then after collecting these ingredients, grind them all together. For your convienence, the FHO puja shop has pre-packed dhar. The Dhar should be offered in a hole dug near to your Jhandi. This should be offered each morning throughout the Navraatri period (9 consecutive nights). Before offering the Dhar into the hole, light a camphor near to the hole. While offering the Dhar recite:

*Jayanti Mangala Kaali, Bhadra Kaali Kapaalini,
Durga Chama Shiva Dhaatri, Swaha Swadha Namoustutay*

While reciting this mantra, pray for the welfare of your family.

Summarize:

1. Awake before sunrise
2. Prepare your lota of Dhar, gather flowers, camphor, matches, and a deeya.
3. Light the camphor near the hole you dug.
4. Offer the Dhar and flowers into the hole while reciting the mantra above.
5. Perform aarati with the deeya.

Durga Maa Aarati

Suno mayree Devi paravata baasinee
Tayraa paara na paayaa

Paana sopaaree dwajaa naareeyala
Lay teri bheta charhaayaa

Soovaa chola tere anga viraajay
Keshara tilaka lagaaya

Brahma Veda parhe tere dwaaray
Shankara dhyana lagaayaa

Nangay paga tere aagay aayaa
Sonay ka chatra charhaayaa

Satyuga dwaapara trayta madhye
Kaliyuga raja samaayaa

Dhoopa deepa naivayda aaratee
Mohan bhoga lagaayaa

Dhaanoo bhagata maiyaa tere guna gaavay
Mana vaanchita phala paayaa

Gayatri: Repeat 108 x's

**Om Dum Durgayea
Namaha Swaha**

Lakshmi Maa Aarati

Om Jai Lakshmi Mata, Maiyaa Jai Lakshmi Maata
Tumo Ko Nishadina Sewat Hara Vishnu Daataa

Brahmaani Rudraani Kamalaa Tumhi hai Jag Maataa,
Surya Chandrama Dhyaat Naarad Rishi Gaataa

Durga Roop Niranjani, Sukh Sampati Daataa,
Jo Koyi Tumko Dhyaat, Ridhi Sidhi Dhan Paataa

Tuma Paataal Nivasini, Tum Hi Shubh Daataa
Karm Prabhaaw Prakashini, Jag Nidhi Ki Traataa

Jaha Tuma Rahati Taha, Sab Sad Guna Aataa
Sab Sambhaawa Ho Jaataa, Man Nahi Ghabraataa

Tuma Bina Yagya Na Hote, Vastra na Ho Raataa,
Khaan Paan Ka Vaibhav, Sab Tumsay Aataa

Shubh Guna Mandir Sundar, Ksheero Nidhi Jaataa
Ratna Chaturdas Tuma Bin Koyi Nahi Paataa

Maha Lakshmi Ji Ki Aarati, Jo Koyi Nar Gaataa
Ur Aanand Ati Upaje, Paap Utar Jaataa

Gayatri: Repeat 108 x's

**Om Maha Lakshmi Divyeya
Namaha Swaha**



Saraswati Maa

Hey Shaarade Maa (2)
Agyaanataa se hamay taaraday maa

Too swara ki devi ye sangeeta tujhase,
Hara shabda teraa hai hara geeta tujhase,
Ham hai akele, hama hain adhoore,
Tere sharan hama,
Hame pyaara de maa..

Muniyo ne samajhe, guniyo ne jaane,
Vedo ki bhaashaa, puraano ki vaani,
Ham bhi to samajhe, ham bhi to jaane,
Vidyaa kaa hamako, adhikaara de maa...

Too shweta varani, kamala pe biraaje
Haatho men veenaa mukuta sara pe saaje
Mana se hamaare mitaa te andhere,
Hamako ujaalo kaa sansara de maa...

Gayatri: Repeat 108 x's
Om Aiem Saraswatyea Namaha Swaha