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rites and rituals
[VIDHI-VIDHAN]

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DEDICATION

to

PREFACE

Rev. Shree Mota has written all his teaching in a very simple Gujarati. He observed that a common man does not understand the meaning of Sanskrit Shlokas narrated by the Pundit or ācharya conducting the ceremonies. So he composed all the ceremonies in very simple Gujarati language which can be understood by every body. He has composed prayers and rituals for all occasions.

So many Gujarati families have settled in other parts of India and in many countries of the world. They want to perform certain rituals but pundits knowing these rituals in Sanskrit are not always easy to get. To solve their problems, Hari Om Ashram-Surat has taken this initiative to translate the book 'Vidhi-Vidhan' in English. Shree Babu (Sarkar) a great devotee of Shree Mota and who has good fortune to be blessed by Shree Mota voluntarily undertook the job of translation. He has completed it successfully and we are pleased to place it at your service.

We are thankful to all those who were instrumental in getting this book printed.

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Believing that whatever the officiating priest does is right and according to scriptural injunctions, following them blindly, doing what is told mechanically, certain pronouncements of words being not correct and without our understanding the inner meaning and significance, repeating the words of the priest parrot like, the rituals lose the effect they should have on the follower - this is done in case of marriage, laying the foundation stone of a house, investiture of thread ceremony and house warming ceremonies.

Pujya Shri Mota took a bold and new step and introduced innovative rituals with the idea that the priest, the doer of rituals and the general public attending the ceremony do understand the meaning and significance of it all. The main purpose of it all is to inculcate and infuse virtue and goodness (Guna and Bhava) into the listeners and the good qualities may be imbibed by those attending. And Shree Mota's rituals are all as per scriptural injunctions and yet the expenditure involved is less than when done by the professional priests in Sanskrit.

There are three fold benefits in his method. First, the priest, the performer of the rituals and the general public partake in it and understand the meaning. Second it is all done with understanding, consciously and third it does away with heavy cost of ritualism. All this is by no means a small achievement. And the society is greatly benefited. The anthology of these rituals was done by Rama Kant Joshi. And our gratitude to Hari Om Satsang Mandal and Hari Om Ashram Surat for their joint, collective efforts in bringing out this collection of rituals in English.

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TRANSLATOR'S VIEW

HERACLITUS ON FIRE

Before translating Pujya Shree Mota's book Vidhi Vidhaan from original Gujarati into English, let us first understand the significance of fire.

According to the Greek philosopher Heraclitus [6th century B.C.] all things and beings originate from fire and in the end return to fire and change is the only truth or principle of being. And change also means death. According to Shree Aurobindo, death is only a change from one stage of life to another which Pujya Shree Mota endorses fully. Death is never a full stop. According to Shri Mota fire is a great power. According to modern scientists, fire is the greatest source of energy - for example solar energy. Hence the worship of Sun assumes great importance.

All human activity is done in the presence of the Sun - after Sun rise and before Sun-set.

Now to the main question-why are all our rituals and ceremonies-done in the presence of fire or why are they done keeping fire as a sacred, divine witness ?

The Parsees in their worship of fire God undestood its significance to an extent.

Now the Soul is nothing but a combination of two elements - fire and ether or space.

Fire when ignited comes from space and then returns to space. Fire can never be stored or held without a purpose. It then becomes an agent of destruction. Fire is called down from space for a purpose.

The flame of a fire points upward only. It can never point downward. This shows fire dwells only in space and nowhere else. All other elements can be held or contained but not the fire. Fire and soul are never subject to gravity.

Now the soul is of the nature of fire, It combines heat and light. Lively living being has a temperature and a dead body has none. Often when the soul leaves the body of a highly evolved person, it is seen for a moment as a small fire as if a burning wick has come out of that body. And that fire is more Golden in colour.

The dwelling place of a Soul is space. It comes from space and returns to space in the end. It cannot be held or contained - cannot be tied or imprisoned by any human means.

Pujya Shree Mota knew and believed that marriage is of two souls and not of two bodies.

Therefore our ancients, with full knowledge, evolved marriage ceremonies to be conducted in the presence of and witnessed by fire God.

Fire is not just one of the elements. Like the Sun, it is considered a lower God. Hence the words-Surya Devata, Agni Devata have a significance.

Now to the business of actual translation of all the rituals and ceremonies.

- Babu Sarkar

rites and rituals of pujya Shree Mota

Shri Mota accepted all facets of life, all aspects of life, and every work that comes to him without his asking or making any effort for it as a means of spiritual advance. This was a great quality/trait in him and an important one.

After the great experience of being omnipresent everywhere and his final liberation - Mukta stage -his new divine life for welfare of man began, He had become a perfect being, a free being and an adept, fit to guide humanity to God. He appeared to all as down to earth common man. Many drawn to his vast, crystal being, he could see through and understand their inner beings. And all people believed that 'Mota' belonged to him exclusively and was his wholly. And through this oneness of heart, he could sow into their hearts the seeds of godly emotions.

Shree Mota worked upon and through human nature and that human nature could not remain static after his psychic touch but underwent a great change and transformation which was primarily to bring a new awareness in life and getting great help from Mota in

his (aspirant's) Life and effort the latter could take great strides in his Godward journey. Why should an adept create these rituals then ?

Behind all these rites and rituals [Vidhi-Vidhan] Shree Mota had the aim of spiritual development at the core. Let us observe some external as well as internal aspects of them to verify this.

(1) The rites of Shree Mota are composed in very simple Gujarati language. [Which was his mother tongue and the language of the area where he grew up, and carried out most of his activities.] Traditional rites, performed by brahmins/acharyas are in Sanskrit. As a result, their meanings, implications and ideals are not understood easily by every one. In order that every one can understand the spirit behind each and every action and the offering, Shree Mota composed the rites and rituals in simple Anooostoop matter. [chhand]

(2) Every one, he may be a relative, friend or a wellwisher, who attends the ceremony, has to sing it along with the host. By this action on part of the participants, the host feels that he has received the real company and support of all. Simultaneously those who have come to attend the occasion, feel that

they have actively participated instead of remaining passive spectators. This way good bhaav (Love) is kindled in all the hearts participating in the propitious occasion.

Due to chanting the prayers of the rituals collectively as a chorus, a single bhaavna gets fortified by the bhaavna of so many who have come together. This generates such an intensity of good feeling [Bhaavna] that it penetrates deep into the hearts of all and touches them emotionally.

Besides, the typicality of these rituals is that, they have sprung forth from the loving heart of a renounced, self realised Sadguru. Their words, therefore have lots of animated power which subtly affects the nervous system and internal organs [mind-chit etc.] of those who sing them consciously and loudly. The sum total result is that the participant gets the benedictory touch of spirituality without being aware of it. Moreover singing these words loudly in a chorus, generate a serene atmosphere surcharged with good vibrations which is so suitable to carry out the auspicious work. All the participants are collectively engaged in singing for a single cause, there is no duality of thought and action. The dynamic

consciousness of the awakened soul can instill at such a time, inscrutable and divine imprints on the heart of every participant. These are some of the spiritual implications of singing the rituals in a chorus.

(3) The rituals formulated by Shree Mota indicate the types of intentions we should inculcate in our heart while carrying them out. So while we are singing the rituals, we must know and be aware of the full meaning they convey. Bhaavna gets kindled in our heart only if we know what we are invoking. Shree Mota has explained in details what type of spirit we should hold at our heart and how to go on strengthening it, while performing a certain action in real life. So the priority is given to bhaavna and Bhaav and how to strengthen them in the rituals of different occasions. So every prayer inspired by him is conducive to lead a life full of love for god or in other words it can emanate quality and love in life and go on strengthening it.

(4) As a result, the vidhi [ritual] consisting of various prayers initiated by Shree Mota, is not a dry and rut ritual to be performed for the sake of performing [for our superficial mental satisfaction] but it is a unique power

inspiring us to proceed with our life on a path which leads to higher planes of divinity.

We have to pass through crucial stages in life when we have to follow rituals described in this book as initiated by Shree Mota. If we will follow them, they will provide great momentum to our efforts. Shree Mota has devoted special thoughts in devising rituals for 'Thread Bearing Ceremony' and 'Marriage Ceremony'. He has given detailed description as how to carry them out. Society in general is greatly indebted to Shree Mota for devising these rituals and explaining bhaavna behind each action. Normally otherwise we tend to utilise these occasions in a vulgar way to show off our opulence and elegance to create a false, illusory high social status.

It is a good sign of open mindedness of our society that even the brahmins who carry out rituals in traditional ways have acclaimed the rituals of Shree Mota.

(5) Except for the 'Ground Breaking Ceremony' [Laying Foundation Stone], all the rest require fire to be ignited at the time of the ritual. Proper mantra has to be selected and offerings are made in the fire place while chanting that mantra. Shree Mota has

explained the purpose of igniting fire. [Refer page no...]

The equipments and articles required for each ceremony are listed carefully. But bear in mind that the articles used are only symbolic. The more important thing is the Bhaavna behind them which we have to invoke and lead a pious, peaceful and serene life. This is the real secret behind all rituals. 'Catch hold of the essence of the substance, and you get hold of the life'-Shree Mota used to say.

We do come across hinderences, difficulties, obstacles and a stretch of bad luck in life. These rituals are devised by the most complete liberated soul for us to sing at such times so that we remain united with god. These yagna can be performed individually or by the whole family jointly. It is worth trying these prayers and experience their effects, when we are in dire need of help at the time of great difficulty.

(6) Shree Mota had devised these rituals whenever some one became an instrument (Nimitta) for them. For a liberated soul, nimitta plays a subtle and inscrutable roll behind his every action. It would be advisable for the aspirant, to read his book titled 'Nimitta.' As indicated in it, each ritual

contained in this booklet, was inspired when he was invited to perform that ritual himself by a devotee close to him.

Rituals are unseparable part of our life. In the initial years, when Meditation Rooms [Maun Mandir] were started at both the ashrams, Shree Mota used to go to the devotee in his room and carry out some secret symbolic ritual. There after his potent power was working on that devotee subtly [during his stay in maun mandir and thereafter].

According to Shree Mota, we remember him because of the subtle ritual carried out on us by him without our knowledge. Thus even those who have not met him in person and yet are drawn to him is due to the fact that they are his subtle instruments. He must surely have carried out certain necessary subtle rituals on them on his own.

He was a omnipotent realised soul who showered his energetic and dynamic consciousness on us subtly. We have received his benedictory gift in the form of rituals and prayers in Gujarati, which is now translated in English.

(7) Due to over enthusiasm or because of awe of emotions overtaking us, if some

mistakes are committed while performing the rituals or if they are performed in topsy turvey manner, don't get scared. Our priests warn us of dire consequences in such events, but it might be with the intention that we are attentive and serious while performing them.

In the rituals devised by Shree Mota, rituals are merely symbolic, the bhaavna and bhaav behind them is the important thing. So it is only necessary to keep in mind that and try to be attentive that the prayers donot become a peripheral action. Moreover we have to strive to awaken our awarness confirming to the bhaav expressed by the words of the prayers so that it helps us to lead a life as prayed for. It is more important to have a lasting impression of the real implications of the prayers on our mind, intelligence and chita.

- HARI OM SATSANG MANDAL

HINTS FOR ONE WHO OFFICIATES AS A PRIEST IN THE RITUALS

Since these rituals are by Shri Mota and we are adopting them, the performer of the rituals must have the image of Shri Mota before him firmly believing him to be

present in Soul and uttering "Hari Om" three times, calling down his consciousness, let him commence the rituals. This will invoke his blessings.

Whenever a fire is to be lit he should recite the prayer for igniting the fire.

The officiating priest should believe himself to be a humble servant and instrument of Shri Mota and invoke his grace and power.

Hari Om.

In presence of you, to day as I do
Pray wish good luck O! Sire
Pray bless me now O! Sire
Pray grace you love O! Sire

ENGAGEMENT CEREMONY

To day you enter a new phase of life,
The first ritual for this is
being performed now. -1
To day is the glorious day of founding
A new life in this world together. -2
In the presage of all elders,
with their good wishes
The auspicious engagement ritual
with due affection is performed. -3
To be one in heart and
soul from now on
In life's every event with graceful
ease is its main aim. -4
In each other's companionship,
one in heart
Together to live and work, this
new stage of life is here. -5
Knowing each other's nature,
understanding each other
Both must have sympathetic
love for each other. -6

This is the occasion
glorious to understand
Each other's traits and qualities of life. -7
Before actual marriage,
this is the Occasion
To know and understand
feelings of each other. -8
Why have you met in
life or come together
This is the auspicious occasion
to know. it well. -9
This is the occasion to have mutual
Feelings of love for
each others' families.-10
This is the first step in commencing
To maintain and develop
our culture and heritage.-11
To be always happy,
be your firm determination,
Sorrow and happiness are always
in your hands.-12
To have harmony in life, renounce,
sink all differences,
To be mutually happy learn to
renounce, give up for the other.-13
In each other's Sorrow and joy
be you a partner of life,

This is the key of eternal happiness,
you will ever be happy.-14
To become one at heart
though you are two,
This is the glorious occasion of
developing loving unity in diversity.-15
May the heart-felt blessings of all
elders be upon you both
Is my prayer of love at the
feet of my Lord.-16

MANDVA MUHURT

A ceremony performed under a canopy of cotton for relatives to meet, after digging in a small pillar, inviting them to bless the house.

The commencement ceremony before wedding proper for this canopy for relatives assembled below

The ceremony includes the following rituals :

- Mandava Muhurt
- Igniting fire
- Aahuti Mantra [Mantra for oblation]
- Yagna Poornahuti [Final offering]
- Grahshanti [Prayer for peace at home]

Instructions :

- After fixing a small wooden pillar sing prayer for Mandva Muhurat.

- Sing prayer for igniting fire as shown on page No.
- Ignite fire
- Offer Aahuti 108 + 1 = 109 times by singing Aahuti Mantra.
- There after sing Poornahuti Mantra 21 times.

PRAYER FOR MANDVA MUTURT

As the small pillar is fixed in the ground
So should our lives' deep
feelings be fixed in each heart. -1
Our harmony, fraternity,
cooperation in every way
Among all relatives, dear ones,
for ever may remain in our hearts. -2
May our dealing with our
near and dear ones
Run smoothly with mutual
love and respect. -3
If any occasion arises, we have to
forgo anything
Let us so endure for
others unhesitatingly. -4
Even if some injustice'is done,
to us by someone
Let us act justly and equitably
with such ones. -5

May we ever be helpful and
useful to all,
Let our behaviour in our dealings
be helpful to all. -6
May we never have any
hatred for any one
Nor may we harbour any
disliking for any one. -7
This canopy or structure is an example
Of how to have smooth
dealings encompassing all. -8

MANTRA FOR OBLATION

Joy, happiness, peace and delight to
awaken

In our hearts, we pray offering oblations
here.

MANTRA FOR FINAL OFFERING

This final offering with heart's whole love
we make

We pray with our whole being, let us ever
be truthful to all.

Note : Offer coconut in vedi after singing
this Mantra.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Shree Mota has given a go by to the old
routine of propitiating nine planets (Graha

Shanti) and has given a new meaning to it
(Griha Shanti) propitiating the Home Gods,
for peace at home, for maintenance of
harmony and unity among the home
members and has explained, the significance
of it in eleven stanzas. He would often repeat
that during war there should be peace and
harmony and unity on the home front at
any cost. So also after marriage there should
be peace, harmony and unity in the family
at any cost, making every adjustment and
sacrifice for it. This is particularly so in
Indian joint families.

GRAH SHANTI

[PRAYER FOR PEACE AT HOME]

(A propitiation ceremony for marriage)

To day's auspicious event

is for all to take part and enjoy,

May our joy and love

sprout like a fountain. -1

For such feelings to sprout in our heart

There must be peace, joy,

delight in all of us. -2

Let there be no rift or

break in our peace

May our hearts be ever vigilant

in regard of this. -3

Let none be hurt by us
 even a whit inadvertantly,
 May all be ever happy and pleased
 with our loving efforts. -4
 May peace and happiness
 of all be well maintained,
 May all be well taken care of
 by us towards that end. -5
 May all be pleased and happy
 with our loving efforts,
 May we welcome with love
 all our near and dear ones. -6
 May the atmospher of today's gathering
 On this occasion be
 surcharged with joy. -7
 Let us tie all the dear and loving ones
 Through a thread of unity,
 so we may be one. -8
 Peaceful and happy will be,
 all our guests at home
 On this occasion,if all have only joy,
 delight and ananda. -9
 May our hearts take delight in
 according high respect to all,
 It is only to awaken in us this
 awareness, this ceremony is performed.-10
 This propitiation and prayer is

 wholly necessary for this alone,
 And we pray all our guests and
 relations to reciprocate thus. -11
**GOOD WISHES FOR
 THE NEWLY MARRIED**
 May you both for each other's
 sake offer yourself with love,
 May you remaining together
 tread the path of life apace. -1
 Both of you loving each other
 as one Soul
 Whatever merit you earn
 offer it at the Feet of the Lord. -2
 In marriage dissolve all duality with
 the feeling of oneness of heart.
 May the pure love of heart flow
 from you with compassion for all. -3
 May there be a cool healing
 shade in your life unique
 Lord, may your choicest blessing
 be upon this couple with your love. -4

ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF
WEDDING CEREMONY
COMPOSED BY PUJYA SHREE MOTA
IN GUJARATI

**ARTICALS REQUIRED FOR VEDI
SACRIFICIAL POT (VEDI)**

The sacrificial fire pot [vedi] made from metal should have inside dimensions : 400mm x 400mm x 325mm deep [16"x16"x13"]

The pot should be kept on bricks and surrounded by bricks which are white washed. Fire pot can be had from Ashram. 50-60 bricks to be arranged and white washed.]

Other articles to be arranged for the marriage ceremony.

- (1) Two fibrous coconuts containing water.
- (2) Vermillion-moistened.
- (3) Sandal paste.
- (4) White-red cotton thread-Nādāchhadi.
- (5) Mindhal - 2.
- (6) Melted Ghee made from cow milk-300 grams.
- (7) White sesame-300 grams.
- (8) Barley-300 grams
- (9) uncooked rice-300 grams.
- (10) Coriander seeds mixed with jaggery-200 grams.
- (11) Betal Nuts-10 Nos.
- (12) Betel leaves-10 Nos.
- (13) Camphor-about 12 tablets.

- (14) Match box-one.
- (15) Charcoals 2.5 to 3 kg and dry wood pieces [pieces not to be longer than 250mm (10")]-10 kg.
Cow dung cakes-25 Nos. can be used in place of charcoals.
- (16) Plates or big dishes-3
- (17) Small bowls-vātiki-8
- (18) Tea spoons-3
- (19) Soup spon-1
- (20) Water jug-1
- (21) Wooden stools-Pātlā-6
- (22) Cotton Assans-6
- (23) Garlands-6 (Besides those required for the bride and bridegroom)
- (24) loose flowers, Dharo
- (25) Photograph of Shree Mota preferably of large size.
- (26) Chair with handles for Mota's photo.
- (27) Cotton
- (28) Insense sticks-packet
- (29) Chair with a handle for the officiating priest.
- (30) Napkins-3
- (31) Hand fan-1
- (32) Lamp for Mota's photo
- (33) Booklets of marriage ceremony [to be collected from Ashram and returned]

SITTING ARRANGEMENT

Bride and bridegroom to sit east facing, Achāryā to sit south facing, Bride's parents to sit west facing, Bridegroom's parents to sit north facing. Commencement of ceremony with Pooja, Archana, lighting the small ghee lamp and a bow.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WEDDING CEREMONY PROPER

(as seen by Shree Mota)

Shree Mota had applied his mind to all our rituals. Marriage is the most important ritual in the life of a man and a woman who wants to be a HOUSEHOLDER. [Grahastha] Shree Mota has explained in brief the significance of using certain items to perform a marriage ceremony. They are as follow :

VEDI : [Fire Place]

The Vedi, if time and space permits, is constructed of unburnt bricks. The inside dimensions of the vedi are 450mm x 450mm x 325mm deep. [16" x 16" x 13"]. In cities and in halls, normally a metal Fire place is used conforming to above dimensions as far as possible.

Vedi has four sides. On each side, a betel nut is placed on top of a betel leaf. Betel nut signifies god Ganesh. The betel leaf is a

seat (Aasan) offered to Ganesh. Ganesh is the first god to be invoked in all Hindu ceremonies. He dispells all evils and helps to complete the ceremony without any problems. He is a protector.

AGNI : (Fire)

Our physical world is made of five elements viz. Aakash (space), Tej (Fire), Vaayu (Air), Jal (Water) and Pruthvi (Earth). Even though these elements are distinct, they are always in an intermingled form.

Why is fire so important in a marriage ceremony ? It is because fire is omnipresent. It is present in Aasash in a subtle form. In Tej it is in the form of fire. There is fire in Vaayu, Jal and Pruthvi tatva also but it is in subtle form. Fire is present in our body too. Our ancestors recognised its importance as we can not live for long without fire. So they enshrined him as a god. It is a deity, a power.

Fire symbolises knowledge. It is also a power. It must be kept energetically alive by fuelling it. What fuels should be offered to him in order to keep our body fire energetic? In other words, what should be the oblations for our inner fire ? They are, Passion, anger, greed, infactuation, conceit, envy, ego, attachments and aversions etc. If we give

these as oblations, the fire burning within-our strength and intelligence will remain dynamic and sharp. Fire is given a prominent importance in almost all Hindu ceremonies.

KUMKUM : (Vermillion)

Why Kumkum is applied on our forehead in all ceremonies ? Kumkum symbolises renunciation. It is red in colour-the colour of our blood. Most of the portion of the food we intake is discarded by the body in the form of excreta, urine perspiration etc. only a small portion is converted into blood. Thus blood is a very valuable thing received from the process of discarding-from the process of renunciation by the body. As Kumkum is as red as blood, it is applied on our forehead to make you conscious of the spirit of renunciation.

AKSHAT : (Rice)

Rice grains are used in all ceremonies. The Sanskrit word for rice is 'Akshat', meaning 'that which is flawless, The rice grains selected for religioius ceremony do not contain any broken pieces-flaw less. Rice is grown almost in all parts of the world since the birth of civilization. Farmers toil to grow rice and feed the world. Thus rice symbolises effort and struggle. Unbroken rice symolises unrelenting,

Need other fire, to kindle your fire
that is the rule of game
Dilligent search will lead you these
Sadhna is its name. -4

Efforts are needed to kindle the fire
Sadhna works same way
If dies down, light it again
Don't leave it half way
In quisitiveness will lead you these
to the gates of consciousness
Enter with might with your due right
don't rest, have first success. -5

To settle down well, in life as well
with devotion I light the fire
In presence of you, to day as I do
Pray wish good luck O! Sire
Pray bless me now O! Sire

Pray grace you love O! Sire
Now the parents of the bride give advice
to their daughter as how to behave in a new
roll as a house wife. The advice includes the
bridegroom also who now will have to play
the roll of a house holder.

PARENT'S ADVICE TO THE BRIDE

Offering in the Yagna called marriage
oblations of hearts
Daughter of us, so dear to us
and unseparable part. -1

Daughter who dazzles with jems of
knowledge acquired by herself
Offering in the Yagna of marriage
all through by herself -2
Let this Yagna of life go on
with love for each and other
live you life with devotion nice
and spend it all together -3
Know that life, is really a life
that leads to revolution
Marriage is meant for climbing high
on steps of evolution -4
Marriage if spent for canal desires
the effort in vain will it be,
Oblations of baser traits of nature
is the correct marriage to be -5
Going to be one, by mutrual consent
so live as one throughout
Working together for well of others
let lives of yours shine out -6

Now the bride and bridegroom offer gar-
lands to each other. This signifies that they
have consented to get married and assume
responsibilities as householders. What are
those responsibilities they promise to abide
by ? there are seven stages of life, Shree Mota
believes they are fourteen. So he has composed
fourteen stanzas symoblizing 14 steps of life.

'Keeping this sacred fire as
 our witness to act with love,
 To be one in life, we offer oblations
 together with our hearts' -6
 Taking seven steps together
 companionship grows,
 In life's varied stages we shall
 act together thus,
 'Keeping this sacred fire as
 our witness to act with love,
 To be one in life, we offer oblations
 together with our hearts' - 7
 What meaning and value has
 life that is spent in mere
 physical enjoyment ?
 Life is a real penance and offering,
 in real life we
 shall endeavour to be
 one at heart.
 'Keeping this sacred fire as
 our witness to act with love,
 To be one in life, we offer oblations
 together with our hearts' - 8
 We cannot only fill our lives
 with the beauty of the rose
 Knowing it has also thorns,
 we unite in life

'Keeping this sacred fire as
 our witness to act with love
 To be one in life, we offer oblations
 together with our hearts' - 9
 Sorrow and joy, grief and delight's
 mental tendencies,
 To be endued with equal hearts,
 we meet in life today,
 'Keeping this sacred fire as
 our witness to act with love,
 To be one in life, we offer oblations
 together with our hearts' - 10
 Sinking ourself, giving importance
 to our life-partner,
 To help evolve ourself we gain
 in life with mutual love,
 'Keeping this sacred fire as
 our witness to act with love,
 To be one in life, we offer oblations
 together with our hearts' - 11
 Love never knows to enjoy,
 offering its own self it loves,
 To blossom our love,
 we unite in life
 'Keeping this sacred fire as
 our witness to act with love,
 To be one in life, we offer oblations
 together with our hearts' - 12

To enjoy life's delight, we are
 immersed in life's love.
 To touch others' lives,
 we now become one,
 'Keeping this sacred fire
 as our witness to act with love,
 To be one in life, we offer oblations
 together with our hearts' - 13
 With a yearning heart on
 this our new path
 To begin a new life together
 we unite truly,
 'Keeping this sacred fire as
 our witness to act with love,
 To be one in life, we offer oblations
 together with our hearts' - 14

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Now the boy and the girl hold their palms together. This is called 'HASTA MELAP'. After this process, the following prayer called 'JEEVAN VRAT' is recited by all the participants.

JEEVAN VRAT : (Vows of Life)

We will carry out together
 task as house holder
 We will live with love so much
 and respect for each other. -1

We will not load high handedly
 ideas on each other
 We will alertedly not be
 assertive to the other. -2
 Let it never grow in us
 the sense of owning other
 We will never be owners but
 frindship be with others. -3
 By Volition we got together
 and chose to get united
 Let oblations be offered
 by us in life united. -4
 Tricky problems may bog minds
 and no way is in sight
 We stand firm shoulder to shoulder
 and drive away the blight. -5
 If we walk together as one
 in life as we go
 Awarness to enjoy, joy of life
 is surely to follow. -6
 We will strive hard to live in
 united love for other
 We will be awed in heart always
 seeing virtues of each other. -7
 We will fight shoulder to shoulder
 what ever comes our way
 Calamity, obstacles distress
 we will drive away. -8

Marriage of bodies, ney it can't be
 Marriage is always of hearts
 To day we join in presence of all
 beg blessings from bottom of hearts. -9
 We pray for proper understanding
 as how to be fruitful
 We lead a balanced life, life long
 and make marriage fruitful. -10
 Let it dawn to us the thought
 to use only left over
 Give away as much we can
 for satisfying others. -11

After singing Jeevan Vrat the next formality is of singing Sapta Padi. This ritual plays a big roll in the marriage ceremony. Marriage is not solemnised unless Saptapadi is recited. The significance or the hidden meaning of it is intended to lead the couple from the lowest rung of life-satisfying physical needs, to the highest-attaining spiritual needs.

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SAPTAPADI

Bridegroom says :
 To day got united we for
 sustenance and growth
 'Let us lead congenial life
 holding hand in hand. -1

Bride says :
 Sustenance at home to enhance
 higher and yet higher
 Whatever is needed for that
 we will strive together. -2

Bridegroom says :
 God united us to strengthen
 efforts for wellbeing
 Passing through the word, we will go
 singing so enchanting. -3

Bride says :
 Strength, splendour and vital force
 glow always by the food
 We will therefore keep in mind
 to earn that precious tool. -4

Bridegroom says :
 'Consolidate the wealth' said God
 when bringing us together
 Single pointed aim to be for
 Riches to go higher. -5

Bride says :

We will suitable measures
to increases and to ward
The wealth we earn by honest ways
and efforts measuring tall. -6

Bridegroom says :

To increase the happiness always
God got us together
Concertrated efforts will being
results as desired. -7

Bride says :

Dropping differences for wealth
and happiness to get swelled
Sincere efforts we shall do to
keep whole family well. -8

Bridegroom says:

We are united to increase
happiness and its means
We will cooperate to achieve
any cost it needs. -9

Bride says :

To project culture and Dharma
what is to be done
We will do it with love also
stand always as one. -10

Bridegroom says :

God united us with aim of
Beautiful the world

We will make earnest efforts
to make it more cultured. -11

Bride says :

Beauty is born from purity
That's the rule of game
We will treat with joy eachother
as season demands its way. -12

Bridegroom says :

Walking seven steps with me
bred friendship lovely thine
You have be come bosom friend
today onwards of mine
Friends aught to please a friend
by whatever means in life
So shall we live together in life
sacritices of life. -13

Bride says :

Your have become friend to breed
companionship at heart
We get intermingted so much
nothing can make us part
We will inspire to live in love
of any type in vain
Thus by love unconditional
and unlimited as well
We will treat each other
at par and friends as well

By this stand we gain our love
and happiness and peace
Let us live with hearts full of
tranquility and Bliss.

(Note : Now the couple circumnulate
round the Vedi four times.)

CIRCUMAMBULATION

The four circumambulations of Fire are symbols of Religion (duty towards God-in-man), making a livelihood, rearing a family and liberation leading eventually to Godhood, in Indian terminology called Dharma (धर्म), Artha (अर्थ), Kaama (काम) and Moksha (मोक्ष) final liberation from the rounds of birth and death leading to God. Our ancient seers kept Artha and Kaama between Dharma and Moksha, emphasizing the importance of first and fourth in preserving religion as your first duty to God and man or God-in-man. These are the four circumambulations around fire, in the presence of fire and witnessed by fire. This is the key or cardinal principle of marriage - a necessary part without which marriage is incomplete. But to the youth of today making money and carnal pleasure have become very important, none cares for religion/Dharma or Moksha-they only gossip about it, indulge in idle talk.

In the first three rounds of the fire the girl leads the boy while in the last, the boy leads the girl. Life is made up of Purusha, the soul and Prakruti, the human nature. Purusha, the soul, is man and Prakruti, the woman. In marriage Prakruti leads or remains in front, in Dharma or religion, Artha or making a living, Kaama or the rearing of the family. In the final round Purusha or the man leads his wife, remains in front. This is symbolic but very important to understand. Marriage is founded on these principles.

In marriage these are the most sacred emotions. These emotions are a help in harmonising relations between Purusha and Prakruti, soul and nature, and then understanding, realising the supreme Being, bringing Him down into your being.

All the common men of this world
Enter this path.

What effort they make, what aspiration,
Have they in life?

Vain is that life lived if it lacks
Creativity or Originality.

Where there are sacrifice, penance,
Sacredness, that is a life fully lived.

May God help us keep alive these ideals

of marriage in our hearts and lead us to a happy fruition of life-is my humble prayer to Lord.

MANGAL BHAVANA- MANGALĀSHATAK

(Best Wishes)

The marriage has now taken place. The last ritual is for the participants who bestow blessings and best wished to the newly wed couple for a very happy, prosperous and sustaining married life. They express it through singing together an eigh stanza prayer called Manglashtak. Shree Mota had composed seven such manglashtaks for different devotees. Any one of them is to be sung, jointly by all.

MANGAL BHAVNA (No. 1)

As blossoms your hearts' feelings
so will blossom thy consciousness,
And touching all organs and
senses will rectify all deficiencies
How man is transformed
into God ! Joy so assured,
May such God consciousness
work in thy life only
good and Auspicious things. - 1

This great cosmic play conceals
within it Lord himself,
He plays Himself with Himself,
none knows this mystery;
Whom the great devotees
with efforts herculean attain,
The lives of such saints, sages and
men of wisdom are ever Auspicious - 2
Who enduring his followers' sorrow,
protects and guards their lives
Who inspires them in life
remaining himself invisible
Whose love flows without a break,
such love being divine,
Receiving that love in life, I pray,
may our lives be Auspicious -3
This fire of sacrifice has
gone on from time
immemorial and offering
Himself into it,
Offering His own tribute in
running this universe,
Mingling and merging with all
and in life, offering Godhood to all
And being delighted with it all with
love bring God into our lives - 4
Every where variety, strange changeful
phenomenon spreadout all-around

The invaluable opportunity
 now accorded to you,
 Make the most of it for the
 wellbeing of all and joy
 and delight Auspicious -3
 Today giving up your old home
 and entering a new one,
 You and your near and dear ones
 are all so full of joy,
 May such joy be lot more even
 in your new life,
 May God's choicest blessings
 be upon you most Auspicious -4
 The creeper (Lata) may be delicate
 of build yet it
 endures summer's burning heat,
 It endures heavy downpour of rain
 as well as the biting cold of winter,
 Yet ever laughing it grows higher
 and spreads out its fragrance,
 May you ever be happy emitting
 this fragrance of life Auspicious -5
 Faith and patience in sorrow,
 in happiness humility,
 A heart full of love,
 large and forgiving
 If these be in Joy and Sorrow then
 there is peace, harmony and happiness

May you be equal visioned in
 these dualities for happiness
 Auspicious - 6
 Ill health, worry and pain can
 come to you in life,
 None is exempt from these in life,
 some appear happy, some are sad,
 Not vicissitudes of life, but the
 mind is the true cause of it all
 May you preserve equanimity in all
 these for happiness Auspicious - 7
 Traversing long distances Ganga
 and Kalinidi meet and unite,
 What a holy place is the
 confluence of these rivers !
 May the two rivers of your married
 life meet to unite, may, your
 life be a holy pilgrimage,
 Where dwell the couple Lata : Bride
 Anil : Bridegroom may there be
 only delight Auspicious - 8
MANGAL BHAWANA
MANGLASHTAK (NO. 3)
 Remaining hidden from human
 sight, He sports
 and plays both in the
 Gross and the Subtle,

And soul attracts kindled soul
 with love to be one in soul and life
 That heart's love that binds all in one,
 (giving freely of that love mutually
 spread far and wide
 Joy of life Auspicious -1
 Even as Soul and Nature mingle
 and play in this universe,
 Nature appears to act from the front,
 the Soul remaining silent within
 Yet both act together with
 each other's support,
 Live upto that ideal of
 harmony in life to
 experience delight of
 life Auspicious -2
 Men of wisdom too well knew
 love is pure and ethereal,
 To give concrete shape to that love
 is marriage performed,
 For the individual to rise higher to
 the universal is the
 purpose of marriage,
 Keeping that aim and ideal before
 you act and live in Joy to
 give out Joy Auspicious -3
 What ever vicissitudes befall you
 are all for thy soul's
 evolution towards God,

Using your life's energy for this
 purpose to attain thy goal
 Never measure life with material
 accumulation or possession
 Live out thy life thus Know these are
 God's gifts for thy evolution-4
 Life has been given you not without
 any meaning or purpose
 Give to others greater importance
 than to thy little self
 What Joy is there in life
 lived for thy self alone?
 Renouncing self the flower
 of life Blossoms
 Automatically to shed its
 perfume all around -5
 Renouncing self the flower of life
 Blossoms and sheds its
 perfume all around
 Whatever comes to thee in life
 enjoy never alone
 but with love share with others.
 Higher culture is never got from birth
 but acquired only by right living
 Living thus a nobler life experience
 Joy of life Auspicious -6
 Great transformations flow from the
 sacred element of love.

Bless this Couple O Lord, with all
 Thy Heart of Love -4
 Faith and patience in sorrow,
 and in Joy humility,
 And your heart large with love
 full of forgiveness,
 Then evolving through joy and
 sorrow peace you attain,
 May you ever have this before
 your mind's eye
 together joy to attain Auspicious. -5
 The relationship established in your
 heart maintain your life through,
 Loving each other at heart learn to
 forgo for the other half,
 Give greater importance to
 the other with love,
 Endure for each other without a
 feeling of regret -6
 Maintain harmony and rhythm
 in life to attain goodness of life,
 Though separate be one at
 heart to attain perfection,
 This world is created only to attain
 oneness, life on earth is meant for that,
 Maintaining a living awareness
 of this life's

purpose taste life's
 delight Auspicious -7
 Kindle a spark of oneness and light
 the flame of love in the heart,
 Keep the fire of sacrifice alive offering
 oblations at every moment to it
 Transform lower, base tendencies
 into nobler virtues,
 May the heart of the couple
 unite as one so joy may
 flow in their lives together

Auspicious -8

MANGAL BHAWANA (NO. 5)

In man's married life what a deep
 significance resides,
 Through the dual to attain oneness
 and then together living in joy,
 Living out life's true purpose it is
 possible, To witness, enjoy,
 experience joy of life,
 beholding the Play of
 Divine Auspicious -1
 To bring about that awareness true
 in life is this union of life.
 The two minds merging as one
 everywhere in this world,
 For this alone is Lord's creation
 everywhere in this universe

May this purpose of creation be ever
 awake in your heart Auspicious -2
 But that is not easy to achieve,
 new hurdles spring up in life.
 To find that mutual love humility and
 self sacrifice are inevitable.
 That is the great penance,
 fire of sacrifice, for
 attaining unalloyed peace
 May Lord's blessings be upon
 you in this life
 together of penance Auspicious -3
 Pain, Sorrow and affliction is one's
 lot in life, a little less or more,
 None can be free of this wholly,
 some appear glad, some others sad,
 Not circumstances of life, but the
 mind is the cause of it all,
 May your mind ever understand this
 to experience joy Auspicious -4
 Just as Nature and Soul coming
 together sport in this world,
 Nature appears to act from the front,
 the silent sanctioning Soul inactive,
 Yet both act together
 with each other's consent
 Know this truth of life to experience
 joy of life Auspicious -5

The best declared life is
 of the householder,
 What a meeting ground
 of coming together and
 parting and changes in life,
 The opportunity accorded
 you today
 Make the best use of it to work
 the well being of all Auspicious -6
 Keep that ideal always in your heart,
 if you can live together in harmony,
 Experiencing and sharing mutually
 that love you will know
 what true love is
 To attain that goal, if sorrow comes
 to you, and if your heart is firm set
 An determined then Lord's blessings
 will only create delight Auspicious -7
 True life in togetherness which to realise
 You have taken seven steps hand in
 hand in the presence of the Divine
 Offering mutual help and
 cooperation in each
 other's duties and responsibilities
 I pray to Lord for joy Auspicious in
 the couple's life together -8

MANGAL BHAWANA (NO. 6)

In this universe, in a grain of sand
smaller than atom dwells
the Consciousness of the
Lord of the Universe,
But it is hidden from the mortal
sight and assumes
many forms with different
stages of evolution
Invisible to the world, the world views
these quite differently,
May that Universal Consciousness
work for the
good Auspicious of the duo -1
He who created in this world the
vegetation-green,
animal and man, created variety
for his sport,
Yet just as flowers are tied together
in a garland,
He ties all together Thus with love,
May that consciousness work
delight Auspicious in you both -2
To be joined as one gives
Him so much joy for ever,
To manifest after union as one is the
purpose of life's consciousness,

So has He inspired the birds,
animals and men to
move towards oneness
May God's purpose be fulfilled
in your life for
delight of life Auspicious -3
Whatever sorrow befalls but,
if understanding
The deeper purpose of union
in life one endures all,
then one reaps peace of heart,
He manifests in a greater measure
that higher consciousness
So live thy life and manifest
that consciousness Auspicious -4
He/She whose hand you
have held and offered
in return to hold in the presence of
all assembled here and the sacred fire
To be one with him or her
and live in joy
And to dedicate your life to
God for your partner in life
Living such a life there is nothing
but only Auspiciousness -5
May the hand of God
reaching out everywhere

where circumstances are advers
 He extends that helping
 hand by his Grace,
 If your love is deep and true then
 God's grace works in your life,
 That is your life's true asset may
 such grace grow
 in your life to make it Auspicious -6
 His devotion to Sri Rama always flamed
 freely from the heart,
 Who did not accept the royally,
 grandeur of
 Kingship, though living in a palace
 Such Let Bharat's Blessings be upon
 you to create Auspiciousness
 in your life -7
 One who shines bright
 through a red glow
 flooding the world with
 wonderous light
 Through whom the world awakes
 to consciousness
 Offering that consciousness whole
 to Bharata be you blessed
 And may you be worthy of your
 name Aruna, may
 you be truly blessed -8

MANGAL BHAWANA (No. 7)
 Before these was neither 'Asat'
 nor was there 'Sat' yet both were
 Brought into existence by
 'Brahman' which was
 the truth discovered by
 the ancient Rishis.
 Thereafter was naturally born
 'Maya' the power of Lord's creation.
 So I first bow to the great first
 created duo-
 Brahman and Maya -1
 With this world's creation were
 brought into Being the dual
 energy of all manifestation
 what a great wonder !
 The great duo are above and
 beyond all Time space
 They are beyond all limited
 understanding of finite intelligence
 They are a divine pair and I bow to
 them from my heart. -2
 This world was created in pairs,
 God and the world,
 Shiva and his consort Shakti,
 Laxmi and her spouse Vishnu
 Oblation and Fire, Being and
 Non-being, Lord and

his Light, Birth and Death, Body
 and Mind, the Gross and Subtle,
 May such pairs eternal,
 bless this couple marrying
 with joy Auspicious -3
 What a grand sport dost Thou play
 O Lord of Life
 and Death, incomprehensible.
 Where ever two are seen,
 hidden behind them is
 unity of oneness of life in diversity,
 The sacret essence hidden from
 view, pervading everywhere
 Only a microscopic minority
 discoverers this Truth,
 Yet consciously or unconsciously
 all try in their own limited
 way to Know that Truth -4
 After going through varied experiences
 when two souls unite in life,
 Then enjoying their experiences
 they move towards unity of life,
 Their life together is only a penance
 But through selfless love it is a
 higher and more
 intense penance Auspicious -5
 If a woman can renounce her
 all for her beloved,

And if she can lose
 herself in his interest
 Her life is great, truly blessed is herself
 giving for it is a power in itself,
 May you be endowed with
 the power of
 Motherhood so fragrant -6
 If any suffering come to you in
 securing that love,
 Enduring and loving is the art so
 natural in a woman, inborn.
 May you experience that secret
 power of Womanhood within you,
 Thus may you work Thy good
 and thy beloved's too -7
 To long for love from others is
 a wrong approach,
 Like a fountain it sprouts and
 is self existent and self contained,
 The joy you will get from your
 life mate will so
 out weigh all other joys that they
 appear as worthless to you,
 May you have such fragrant
 love in your heart
 always is my prayer to my
 Beloved Lord. -8

In presence of you, to day as I do
Pray wish good luck O! Sire
Pray bless me now O! Sire
Pray grace you love O! Sire

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE

List of Articles required

- (1) Five types of Gems :
Diamond, Emerald, Ruby, Sapphire, Pearl
- (2) Seven types of metals :
Gold, Silver, Copper, Brass, Iron, Tin and Aluminium
- (3) Seven types of grains :
Wheat, Rice, (with husks) Millet (bajra)
Black Gram (Adad), Green Gram (Mog)
White Gram (Math), Barley (Jav).
- (4) A pit of 24" x 24" x 24" or if it is a cistern 30" x 30" x 30"
- (5) Books with God's names handwritten, prayer books to Mother Earth [Get these from Ashram].
- (6) Betal Leaves 10, betal nuts 10, white and yellow thread (nāḍāchadi), Rice, wet, Vermillion Sandal Wood, Panchamrit-mixture of milk, curd, sugar, honey, ghee; jaggery and coriander seeds, some flowers and one lamp with wick and ghee.

- (7) Copper Coins without holes, spade, three small benches (Patla), three small cotton mats/carpets (Aasan).
- (8) Unburnt Bricks-five nos.
- (9) A small earthen pot with lid and a small cloth to tie round the opening. (Matli)
- (10) 2 buckets of water to pour into the pit to be dug in the earth, 2 napkins and some dug out earth.
- (11) A large canopy so that many visitors can sit underneath and if the attendance is large, arrange for a loud speaker.

Note : The photo of Rev. Shree Mota to be kept in a chair facing South. Two Patla to sit facing East.

ACTUAL CEREMONY OF LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE

- (1) Om Kesavay Namah, Om Narayanay Namah, Om Madhavay Namah-with this mantra, take a little water in your right hand and drink it gently and after Om Govinday Namah wash your hands.
- (2) Om Bhumiya Namah - pour a little panchamrit into the pit.
Om Bhumiya Namah-sprinkle a few drops of sandal water.

Om Bhumiya Namah-apply wet vermilion as a dot to the pit (kumkum tilak).

Om Bhumiya Namah-scatter a few rice grains into the pit.

Om Bhumiya Namah-scatter a few flowers into the pit.

- (3) Put a few books with God's names and a prayer book into the earthen pot. Thereafter ask the relatives present to put the various grains into the pot.
- (4) Thereafter ask the main person, the house holder to place the seven metals and five gems in the pot.
- (5) After that draw a swastika on the betel leaves, place the betel nuts on them, after placing vermilion, rice grains and flowers on them offer worship to Lord Ganesh, then place all that in the pot. Then a lady should carry the pot on her head and place it in the pit.
- (6) Then light the lamp, put it in the pot, close the lid of the pot. Thereafter place five bricks over the pot in the formation 2+1+2. Then tie the yellow and red thread over the pot and bricks. All those present should fill the pit with loose earth.

Thereafter the vastu ritual is to be performed.

PRAYER TO MOTHER EARTH

Mother Earth, all the people of the
world are born through Thee,
Mother Earth, We live our lives
desiring our wellbeing,
Mother Earth, how full and
rich have you made our lives,
Mother Earth, take us into Thy fold
and keep us safe in Thy Earthen bed.
Mother Earth, we adore Thee and
bow to thee again and again
Mother Earth, we pray unto Thee from
the heart "Keep us on the path, with love".
I have wronged/hurt Thee by the
innumerable touches of my feet.
I have trampled under my feet to
Thee, yet you never were angry.
Giving you just a grain,
you return to us manifold times.
So, generous Thou Mother,
ever nurture and rear us with love,
We live by Thee, yet we
never remember Thee,

Working hard all the time what grace
 is it to meet with this success?
 We bow to you a million
 times to forgive us wholly
 Whatever we have done knowingly
 or unknowingly, Lord
 Forget and forgive and turn our
 weak human nature to Divine
 Nothing seems to be attractive
 in your shop tough and tall
 But who dares to climb its steps
 shall get desired all.
 Million struggles, inapt to give
 the precious thing of all.
 Can be had with grace from you
 I bow with hearty call.

VASTU OR GRUHA PRAVESH

House Warming Ceremony

List of Articles required

- (1) Fire pit-16" x 16" x 16" inlaid with white washed bricks or a metal vedi of same inside dimensions.
- (2) Small fire sticks of wood, about five kgs or so, not longer than 10".
- (3) 12 pieces of Camphor.
- (4) Ghee 125 grams, in liquid form, cow ghee preferable.
- (5) One Match box, one local hand fan.
- (6) Sesame seeds, 100 grams, Barley 100 grams (Jav) (In case the house is haunted, use black sesame).
- (7) One coconut with fibres but with water inside.
- (8) Long cotton wicks dipped in ghee, 10
- (9) Sofa, Chair with handle for Shri Mota.
- (10) Rice grains, Vermillion, Red and Yellow thread (Nādāchhadi), betel leaves 10, betel nuts 10.
- (11) A little sandal wood paste, four low stools (Patla), One garland of beads, 109 beads.
- (12) Flowers, coriandel seeds, jaggery, cotton carpets 4 for placing on low stools (patla),

- (13) To recollect seven generations of fore fathers -write them on a piece of paper. Prayer for igniting fire, oblation mantra to be chanted after remembering each ancestor, Griha Pravesh -House Warming prayers. Aarti-(Books to be procured from Hari Om Ashram).
- (14) Open cup (vatko) and spoon for ghee.
- (15) Wet kum-kum or vermilion.
- (16) A large Tray, (Thali)
- (17) One big lota or jug of water - 2 napkins,
- (18) One stick [of Arani or Samadi tree] about a foot high for sticking into the ground tied with Red, Yellow, White thread,
- (19) The officiating priest's bench facing south, the house owners' facing east,
- (20) Ten types of totally dry wood-
 - (1) Samadi-Khijado (2) Peepel
 - (3) Mango tree (4) Arani
 - (5) Aakdo (Calotropis) (6) Aghedo
 - (7) Pendula (8) Oomardo
 - (9) Khakhro (10) Darbh-Dharo
- (21) Cow dung cakes (dried) about 2 kgs. In south east direction plant the stick of Arani mentioned in (18) and Mindhal fruit. There should be minimum smoke, use small dry sticks for fire.

SOME INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) Acharya's seat should be south facing,
- (2) The householder's seat should be east facing. Others should sit around them facing the Acharya,
- (3) Apply vermilion to Acharya's forehead,
- (4) The others who sit with the householder should apply vermilion on each others' forehead and tie the sacred red and yellow thread on wrists of their right hand,
- 5) Place betel leaves and nuts on the fire pit, invoke the presence of Lord Ganesh or Ganapati. Then worship him with vermilion, rice and flowers,
- (6) Offer worship to the fire pit,
- (7) Place cow dung dry cakes in the vedi and remembering 7 ancestors place seven wicks in the vedi,
- (8) Prayer to fire (To sing together)
- (9) Prayer to ancestors-forefathers, (To sing together)
- (10) The purpose of vastu's sacrificial fire, (To sing together)
- (11) 108 + 1 for the centre head-total 109 oblations to be offered. Some one can keep count with the garland of beads, (Rosary)

- (12) Sing Pooranhuti Mantra 21 times first.
Thereafter offer coconut in oblation.
Place dried cow dung cakes on it.
- (13) Prayer for vastu or throwing open the
premises, then opening ceremony or
entering the house ceremony.
- (14) Alter all this, distribute Jaggery and
Coriandel seeds.

OFFERING OBLATIONS

At the end of this Yagna

I offer you whatever
Urge you to accept it and give
Peace-wellbeing for ever.

(uttering this mantra 21 times offer
coconut to Fire God and utter the prayer
given below)

After offering the coconut in the vedi, sing
the following prayer-couplet and then the
Family's prayer.

Free us off evils, we pray
from the bottom of our hearts
Obliations to thee O ! Hari
Be steadfast in our hearts.

FAMILY'S DAILY PRAYER

(This prayer is also offered at the time of
vastu or house warming ceremony)
Lord ! The'knower of All,
Lord the giver of All,

Lord ! The doer of world deeds,
again Thou, the
protector of this world
Lord ! Thou the giver
of all strength
Pray do come and dwell
in this our home. -1
Having dreamed and worked so hard,
Having thought and planned
how to give it shape,
We so assiduously have done all this,
Now condescend by Thy Grace
to enter this our home. -2
Lord ! May Thy will prevail everywhere,
May only Thy desire ever work here,
May Thy vibrations spread all around.
Thus make us truly blessed for ever. -3
In our home may Thy Lamp of Love,
Ever shine on us brightly, O Sire,
May every nook and
corner be fully illumined,
By its presence dispel all ignorance. -4
Let our home be full of harmony,
unity and grace.
And happiness, plenty and ease, O sire,
Let our home give out to all,
A spark of delight and joy. -5

A PRAYER WHILE ENTERING YOUR NEW HOME

May you inspire only good
and auspicious in your home,
May peace and joy dwell
in your home,
May new consciousness
come about in your home
May only Soul's well being
be in your home.
Lighting Lord's Lamp of
Love so wonderful
May you radiate divine joy, all around.
May the darkness of your ego and pride
Be dispelled by the Lord's Light of Love.

CEREMONY FOR INVESTITURE OF SACRED THREAD FOR YOUNG BOYS

All articles needed for a marriage are used here except the fruit mindhal; a danda or stick and a piece of cloth for the little boy. A small packet tied to the top of the stick containing a book and a laddu or a ball of wheat flour. Note : The head of Batook should be shaven clean. One bunch of his hair to be hung at the highest spot inside the house.

OFFERING OBLATIONS WITH MANTRA

We pray from our hearts
May our mind, intelligence, chitta
and pran be purified
We offer oblations with this motive
May our heart be at peace.

PARENTS' CALL TO THE CHILD TO AWAKEN TO NEW LIFE

We reared you so may you
tread a new path in life
We now release you so you may
learn a new art of living.-6
To learn, acquire knowledge
and training,
You are now entering a new
path shown by Guru.-7
'One who is not alert awake gets
nothing worthwhile'
To thus prepare thee in life
is this beautiful function arranged.-8
Ever dedicated and assiduous
to be in thy undertaking
Be awake always at heart, keeping
thy aim before thee.-9
Work is neither big nor small,
but to keep alive
The urge to do it perfectly is of
utmost importance.-10

**HINTS TO THE CHILD INVESTED
WITH THE SACRED THREAD**

The end of childhood marks
a new phase in his life,
For learning it is the best period
in his life.-24

The importance of this ceremony
of investiture is so great in life,
It is not a unit of threads alone,
but a symbol of Truth.-25

In these three threads is contained
the whole Universe,
To inspire thee with this knowledge
and set you free is its purpose.-26

Birth, life and death is
the cycle in eternity
To awaken you to this slavery
is this ceremony.-27

To be born to some parents,
to become parents in your turn
To be free of this blindness of life
enter into this knowledge.-28

The sun shines only to
illumine this world
So may the Lord make thy intelligence,
pure, refined, subtle and bright.-29

Thou doth encompasseth the whole
universe and earth and make it visible

Teach, guide him who is ripe
to turn to Thee.-30

'He gives Light that is Knowledge',
to acquire that
We take large strides with zeal
along the path.-31

This ceremony is truly a
principle of knowledge,
Always to keep you alert it acts
as a great sacrificial fire on thy way.-32

Dedication, enthusiasm, eagerness,
courage, strength and bravery,
For cultivation of these virtues is
a regular activity of thy study.-33

This ceremony is to equip
your life with means true,
The aim of this investure is to
master this sea of knowledge.-34

Peace, solitude, concentration,
atmosphere
harmonious conducive to progress,
Inspiring our hearts deeply, all prod
us on to a herculean effort.-35

This sacrificial fire is to make us
more bright, intelligent,
Without intelligence enlightened
knowledge can never be got.-36

That which liberates
 us is true knowledge,
 To get at that knowledge
 take strides with longing.-37
 Without respectful humility manifesting,
 Knowledge never sprouts within,
 we learn from this sacrifice.-38
 The long stick we hold is
 necessary in this world,
 This stick is just a symbol of
 knowledge to be acquired.-39

OFFERING OBLATIONS WITH MANTRA

We pray from out heart may our
 mind intelligence,
 Chitta and Pran be purified,
 We offer oblations with this motive
 may our heart at peace.

**WHILE ADMITTING A CHILD
 TO SCHOOL**

This ceremony can be done at the time
 of thread ceremony or even separately on the
 child's admission to school.

PRAYER FOR IGNITING THE FIRE

Fire is visible Energy behold it,
 spreads light all around.
 Fire purifies the things touched by
 and holiness also abounds. -1

Flame of Fire, of love, rise higher
 prompting us, do some
 Keeping goal higher, in heart still higher
 keep striving is the game. -2
 Igniting power as mighty as fire
 needs efforts unmitigated
 Worshiping Fire of intensity dire
 get life of you be related. -3
 Need other fire, to kindle your fire
 that is the rule of game
 Dilligent search will lead you these
 Sadhna is its name. -4
 Efforts are needed to kindle the fire
 Sadhna works same way
 If dies down, light it again
 Don't leave it half way
 In quisitiveness will lead you these
 to the gates of consciousness
 Enter with might with your due right
 don't rest, have first success. -5
 To settle down well, in life as well
 with devotion 1 light the fire
 In presence of you, to day as I do
 Pray wish good luch O! Sire
 Pray bless me now O! Sire
 Pray grace you love O! Sire

MANTRA OF OBLATION OFFERING

We pray from our heart
for purification of life
Mind intelligence, chitta and pran
With this aim we offer oblations,
May our heart be at peace.

(After this place some colourful grains of
rice and sandal paste on the tonsured head
of the child-at the spot of the small pigtail.)

EDUCATION-HUMAN VALUES-CULTURE CREATING RITUAL

Virtue and Goodness derive their
prime force from culture
How men's beings are moulded
by culture.-1
Culture depends not merely
on individuals
Its main support is in the of
society's thought expanse.-2
The child's moral fibre comes
from his heritage, birth
From its nurture, breed and
upbringing.-3
Infusing virtue and morality
is a great sacrificial duty
But no one is conscious about
its sacred importance.-4

The child learns by contact and learning
Contact with different beings
teaches him different things.-5
Thus is his learning acquired
To teach what is best for his
training and his moulding
A living awareness in his tutors
alone can alone achieve this faithfully.-6
Beautiful and great culture aspire
to implant in him
Behave with child with all love for him.-7
How the child follows
you in every way !
His behaviour is moulded by
whatever he observes.-8
The child's character is
formed even while in the womb
Yet it becomes active only on
world's contact and impact on him.-9
So if you desire at heart to impart
a particular quality to the child
Then create for the child the pure
atmosphere conducive to that quality.-10
Never command nor order the
child to do anything
Nor prick him nor find fault
with him for anything.-11
How great is the child's grasping power

He imbibes without our knowing all
our qualities good and bad.-12
He learns from us many
undesirable qualities
We have no knowledge of
anykind in this regard.-13
Our child should be the best
in every way in this world'
We desire so much, yet our
behaviour undoes our desire.-14
The child absorbs all our being's
thoughts thoroughly
Knowing this well we should regulate
our behaviour accordingly.-15
Who acquires skill in the art of child's
education to mould his being
He truly reaps great benefit in life.-16
A child is a great gift of God's love
None has a right to spoil
or ruin his life.-17
But some parents pamper
their children's false pride
And pelting them abnormally
they unduly enjoy themselves.-18
The future of this entire country
is in our hands
The country will become what
the child will be in future.-19

Childhood is the foundation
of the whole life
We should know therefore the care
we should take for children.-20
How much importance we
give to various aspects of
this great work will determine
The quantum, of the child's progress. -21
If you desire whatever qualities
he should imbibe
Teach the child to live
and act those qualities.-22
The child is cast in our nature in life
What we are in life the child
is its living image.-23
What you desire the child to do in life
By living that yourself be a
living example to him.-24
Like a blotter sucking out ink,
the child sucks all
Yet no one is aware of
how he does that all.-25
The behaviour a child observes in life
Sends its own signals of culture
automatically into his being.-26
Fulfil child's requests,
with love in every way

Fill our life with energy to fulfill
our life's allotted duty.
Inadvertantly even let not
lethargy invade our heart. -3
Let our lives pass in
hard work and efforts
May those who are related
to us in business be happy. -4
May you fill our allotted work
with transparency of heart
And may we always remember
you, Lord deep in our heart. -5

INAUGURATION OF NEW BUSINESS

Without prosperity there
can be no progress
For this country to rise,
prosperity is necessary. -1
Prosperity cannot come about by itself,
dilligence and hard work are the
necessary means for attaining prosperity. -2
Many types of business and
techniques, methods of working
Alone bring prosperity, therefore
work for it with full heart. -3
Where obstacles and hurdles crop up

Show courage and move
forward cautiously. -4
May the God's Power
pervade in this interprise
May the flow of Thy Grace
flow abundantly here O ! God. -5
May this business grow,
blossom and spread everywhere
Sweet fruits of this business
reach all in the world. -6
May those involved in the
woking of this business
Show dedication, zeal and
hard work in its working. -7
This business activity is for
this country's prosperity
May a living feeling of this awake
in them and inspire them. -8
In and through this business may
prosperity of every sort come to all,
From universal point of view
this prosperity belongs to all. -9
There shall be no narrow throught
that it belongs only to a few,
May such a prayerful feeling of
universal sharing prevail in them -10

**INAUGURATION OF A MACHINERY OR A
FACTORY**

By the power of God's
Grace these various
Types of business, industry,
trade, function in this world. -1
Life's and other allied activities
that are in this world
Go on automatically, So maintain
and look after this venture of yours. -2
May the Divine Force work
in your new venture I pray
May you even be aware of His Hand
at work in your venture. -3
There is no way other than work,
work is the only means,
Awaken suitable skill in them
of work in all the fields. -4
Work is Cornucopia, the horn
of plenty, the wish fulfilling tree,
Work is power, the inner
force of our being. -5
In this country's every field
of work of every type
is productivity of the best type ever. -6
To produce more a
conducive atmosphere

Must be created, having this
before your mind's eye. -7
Whatever your motive, whatever
your aim in your work
Whatever awareness you have, work
with dedication, zeal in your work. -8
If other such good qualities be in
your work or abound in it
There is no factor like work in
your life's success. -9
Whose heart and soul are in work,
whose whole attention is in work,
Whose whole aim is in work,
unto him work is indeed a power.-10
One who is faithful to his work
Unto him work is a divine
Power in essence.-11
If one's heart is deeply
engrossed in his work
What a return does work give
in due proportion.-12
Today the country has forgotten,
lost knowledge of Yoga of works
That is the cause of this
country's present miserable plight.-13
Today through this inauguration
work I pray God
Awaken our countrymen to the
need of right work in life.-14

LAXMI POOJA ON DIWALI DAY

Wealth wisely used for good of all
Becomes a Great Power for good
To awaken you to this truth
Is this ceremony of wealth worship
(Lakshmi Pooja)
Wealth used religiously awakens
Intelligence
And invoking culture brings happiness.
That wealth that confers lasting happiness,
Prosperity and affluence in a good
measure
May it be your major aim in life
To Brighten your life with such wealth
To reconcile and harmonise the use of
wealth
For self as well as for the Divine
Has this wealth been conferred on you,
use it wisely therefore.

THE FEELING TO BE KEPT AT HEART AT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW VENTURE

May that power by means of which
we earn our living in this world
Combine our material wealth
with spiritual advancement. -1
Whatever happens in this world is
due entirely to Lord's Power
Intelligence-cum-Skill is that power

that works for us, which again comes
from the Lord. -2
Whatever skill or aptitude we use
in our daily life practically
Comes from our Lord, and whatever
we desire is not fulfilled wholly. -3
In everything there is one Lord,
Perfect and Potent in every way,
Keeping Him always in your heart
do thy allotted work. -4
In your daily bread winning activity
that goes on all over the world,
Pray to the Lord for His help,
calling down His Power into it. -5
In every thing you do keep
Him ever in your heart,
And give importance to your Lord in
each and every thing in your life. -6
The Lord does all through you, keeping
this firmly fixed in your heart,
Keep dissolving thy separate ego,
it will benefit you greatly. -7
Our cleverness does not help
us every moment,
Knowing this in your heart awaken
your awareness of the Lord within. -8
All works through His Power, therefore

performing penance for that power
With devotion sincere work
in this world always. -9
Give us the vision of integrity
and purpose in life,
In our daily life, purity, give us
the intelligence to guide us aright.-10
Let no injustice be done to
any even inadvertantly by us,
'May good be to all' our intelligence
should inspire us to act thus.-11
Let us pray for His Power in our
daily bread winning activity,
May Your Grace and Blessings
be ever upon us in our hearts.-12

SECTION : 4

This section contains prayers for :

- (1) To the fire
- (2) To be free of all undesirable elements
- (3) To increase peace of mind
- (4) To be free of all discords
- (5) To remove all obstackes
- (6) For completion of duties undertaken
- (7) For the acavision of Good
- (8) For the acavision of merits
- (9) For welbeing of all
- (10) For peace and harmony
- (11) Final oblations
- (12) Yagna Mangal Bhavna

PRAYER TO THE FIRE

We light this Fire of self within
with all reverence
We pray unto Thee O Lord help us
light this Fire
We pray from our heart may
our mind, intelligence, chitta,
vital force be wholly purified
With that aim we offer oblations
to Thee, accept it and gladden our hearts

PRAYER WHILE OFFERING OBLATIONS TO BE FREE OF ALL UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS

To become free of hostile elements
deep from our heart
We pray and offer this
oblation remembering the Lord. -1

TO INCREASE PEACE OF MIND IN LIFE

For establishing peace in life and
removing all undesirable elements
We offer oblations to turn our
hearts to your Holy Feet. -2

FOR GENERATING AMITY

In this house, let every one have
amity, peace and joy,
We give oblations with prayers to
grace your love so pure. -3
We pray also all the hearts be
full of amity
We give oblations with prayers
to get your divinity. 4

TO BE FREE OF ALL OBSTACLES

To be free of all obstacles, hurdles
and obtain peace and well being
We offer oblations so we may
turn to Thee in heart. -5
For all difficulties and obstacles
that come to us, with Thy Grace
We pray from our heart and
offer tributes to Thee for Thy help. -6

TO REMOVE ALL OBSTACLES

For the well being of all,
we all come together,
To earn peace and happiness, in this
fire of sacrifice we offer oblations. -7

**FOR COMPLETION OF DUTIES
UNDERTAKEN**

For the benefit of all for the
completion of all work
undertaken, praying from our heart,
we offer these oblations. -8

FOR THE ACQUISITION OF GOOD

For acquiring what is for our good,
to be free of all doubts,
We offer these oblations with reverence
Lord, Accept it for goodness' sake. -9

FOR ACQUISITION OF MERITS

For doing our duties in this world
and to live out our life as a sacrifice
We offer oblations with heart felt
prayer to acquire spiritual merits.-10

FOR WELL BEING OF ALL OF US

May we all fare well in life
through Thy Grace
May good befall all we desire,
offering prayers and tributes to Thee.-11

FOR PEACE AND HARMONY

May peace, harmony and joy
all dwell in this home,
Praying with our whole being
we offer tributes to Thee.-12

FINAL OBLATIONS

At the end of this
sacrificial fire ceremony,
from our heart we pray to Thee, let
us be true and faithful to all and to Thee.
At the end of this ceremony
desiring peace and well being of all
We offer with deep love this oblation
and pray accept it for good of all.

YAGNA MANGAL BHAWANA

For ages has this fire of self-
sacrifice been eternally burning,
In which Lord offering
tribute to Thyself from
heart Thou dost keep it alive,
ever burning,
Mingling, merging with all, offering
oblations to this fire of self sacrifice,
Thou dost work the well
being of all Auspicious. -1
Through One and Undivided,
Thou art yet many,
appealing in different forms,
Then offering Thyself into this sacred
Fire in the form of the Flame,

The Flame appearing as
 many is in reality only One,
 Thou Lord of this Sacrificial
 Fire as this Fire, may
 you bless all with
 Thy Auspiciousness. -2
 Just as blossoms your heart's
 feeling so does
 blossom your inner consciousness,
 And touching all parts of your
 being, fills up all your deficiencies,
 How that transforms man into
 God, bringing, delight in its wake !
 Thou Lord of this sacrificial Fire,
 as this sacrificial
 Fire, may you bless all
 with Thy Auspiciousness. -3
 Every where one beholds strange variety,
 novelty spread far and wide,
 How frightening is this
 diversity so jarring and incongruous,
 Hill of disharmony,
 Yet at the root of it all
 is this rich harmony,
 Thou Lord of this Sacrificial
 Fire, as this

Sacrificial Fire, may you bless us all
 with Thy Auspiciousness. -4
 This sport of the Lord, outwardly
 though wholly
 unmanifest, yet hidden deep within,
 Himself playing by Himself with
 Himself, none knows this mystery.
 Whom the great Sages with
 deep devotion and
 Herculean Penance and effort attain.
 Thou Lord of this Sacrifice as
 this Sacrifice Bless
 all with Thy Auspiciousness. -5
 Who Himself offering Himself
 as oblation to this Sacrificial Fire,
 Assuming many different Forms,
 yet Thou art One Lord.
 Thou art truly real and tangible,
 yet none cares to
 know you, O Lord what a
 strange delusion, Maya !
 Thou Lord of this Sacrificial Fire, as this
 Sacrificial Fire bless bless us all with
 Thy Auspiciousness. -6

**1. PRAYING FOR THE CHILD IN
MOTHER'S WOMB**

We pray Lord do protect well this child
enveloped in the mother's womb
That only what is good
for him truly may visit him,
I offer this oblation with my
heartfelt prayer

**2. ON THE YOUNG CHILD'S
BIRTHDAY**

On this child's auspicious birthday
I pray bowing at Lord's Feet
Bless this child with Thy Love true
And inspire him to tread
the path of selfless Love.

3. PRAYER FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY

This birthday consider to be
your new birth to acquire
Lord's Divine Love and make it
work in your life,
This gross body was not given
without any meaning,
May this awareness ever be in
your heart pray to your Lord

**4. GOODWISHES TO BROTHER AND
SISTER ON BHAI BEEJ - THIRD DAY
AFTER DIWALI**

Joining the hearts of brother
and sister auspiciously
Today the joyous day dawns of
auspicious well being in their hearts
Selfless support of brother
and sister for each other
Becomes a strong powerful
tie of love, may their
lives be kept eternally safe
and happy. -1
Bhai Beej signifying pure
and sweet love of sister
Awakens the heart, heightening
and increasing love,
May you keep alive their pure
and holy tie of love
I pray Lord, at His Feet may
you bestow only good
on them and work their weal. -2

**5. PRAYER FOR MAINTAINING RIGHT
ATTITUDE FOR SERVICE FOR
GOOD OF ALL**

Let us spare no efforts in the
service for good of society
Let there be no motive of self in this
service which is the right way to do.
Where service is the true motive that
action alone is karma of love true.
Karma dyed with love,
may we do only such service,
To lift life higher must be
our vision in life
Let our service be done
with the aim of doing it for
Love of Lord
May you look upto the blue heavens
while doing service for
life's upliftment.

**6. PRAYER TO THE SNAKE ON ITS
APPEARING BEFORE US**

If there is any shortcoming
in our action forgive us,
May you not bother to appear
again we pray again and aain
(Light a ghee lamp, bow five times to it,
recite the above mantra five times and then
place the lamp near the waterpot)

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7. PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED SOUL

(After the death of a soul for 16 days for
his well being, morning and evening, either
alone or with the other members of the
family recite the below prayer)

Give him peace at mind-heart fully
and give him all that's good
Give him carefreeness from people
he would worry for whom
Let him proceed peacefully further
snapping tethers for good.
OR

May the departed soul receive from YOU
Lord Peace of Heart and Mind,
In every way may only good
come to the soul from YOU.
Whatever ties of bondage he may
have had with men on this earth
May you free him for ever from all
such ties of attachment in everyway.

SRĀDDHA - PRAYER

(Offering to the departed Soul)

Remembering your father
and fore fathers,
praying for their well being in
their life after- death.
May you work for their peace and
happiness, making it your life's aim.

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**PRAYER WHILE SITTING DOWN FOR
MEALS**

Accept my offerings, O God within me in
the form of meals I take,
Ignite the conscious force in heart
by purifying cells of body. -8

PRAYER WHILE TAKING MEDICINES
Let ill health be discarded
through these medicines
for improvement of health. -9

**PRAYER TO BE UTTERED WHILE
WALKING OR STROLLING**
May Thy Consciousness
touch me eternally
May my heart be linked to
Thee through Love, Devotion, Faith.-10

PRAYER WHILE GOING TO SLEEP
May life's insensitivities be not
in my sleep, even in
my sleep may Thy consciousness
be in me.
May Thy Remembrance be
even in my sleep.
May I be conscious of
Thee even in my sleep

Whatever sinister thoughts
disturb my sleep as dreams
Remove and transform them into
Divine in my heart.-11

**WHENEVER DOUBTS, SUSPICIONS ASSAIL
PRAYER TO BE UTTERED THEN**
Doubts, Suspicions, and
Prejudices of the intelligence
Remove these and inspire
purity in my brain,
May Thy awareness ever be in my heart,
Making me struggle in life fill my
heart with Love and Devotion - 12

**PRAYER TO TRANSFER PUNYA EARNED BY
KEEPING ONE'S OWN VOWS TO ANOTHER
PERSON**
I complete to day the vow
I took few months ago,
Pray its punya be transferred to
the soul so dear to me,
O ! fire the oblation I give
pray transfer, humbly I tell thee.-13

SECTION : 7

This section contains daily prayers :

DAILY PRAYERS

(To establish firmly relationship with the Lord seated in your heart and make it alive)

Sympathy and oneness of being in life
Become strong through

prayer certainly,
When the atmosphere is disturbed
and you are restless
Prayer and singing of hymns
should be resorted to then.

PRAYER FOR AWARENESS TO FULFIL LIFE'S MAJOR PURPOSE

Resolves were made to redeem the past
life's actions, before my descent,
Pray, let me ever be aware of them
and help me in my ascent.

TO AWAKEN VIRTUE AND GOODNESS IN LIFE

To bring about inner awakening
to rise higher in life
May such awareness be in
my heart always. -1

TO SILENCE THE WANDERING MIND

The mind wandering
everywhere running after,
following its senses.
It is my prayer to Thee to
keep it tied to Thy Holy Feet. -2

TO KEEP THE INNER BEING HAPPY

If the inner being is disturbed, ruffled
Let me be alert atonce
May I struggle heartily to keep my
being happy. -3

IN CASE OF ANY QUARREL OR CONFLICT OR MISUNDERSTANDING

If the heart becomes disquiet
on account of any
conflict or misunderstanding
Let me feel it keenly, I pray Thee. -4

IN CASE OF SOME INJUSTICE DONE TO ANYONE OR TO ME

Let no injustice be done to
anyone in life by me
Let me supinely take the injustice
done by else to me. -5

May my heart ever beat with
it is my prayer to Thee.-14
By keeping my aim ever in my works,
Let me make all efforts to
complete them with dedication fully.
Let me work with love
of God, dedicating it to God.-15
Offering it all at His Feet
with adoration willingly.-16
halfheartedly let us do no work
Let us never indulge in
manipulations or dubious dealings.-17

**PRAYER DURING TOPSYTUREY
CONDITIONS OR UNDESIRABLE
CIRCUMSTANCES**

In sorrow and adversities
and tempests in life, pray lead
us out of it safely unscathed,
unharmd by Thy Grace.18

TO INFUSE COURAGE

During difficulties, obstacles,
hurdles all that come in life
To face all these squarely and keep
our heads high. give us courage.-19

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TO INFUSE STRENGTH OF SOUL
I stand firm, show manliness,
in face of adversities
Infuse in me your strength, O God
this prayer, my to Thee.-20

MOTIVELESS PRAYER

To bring our work to a successful
close is in Lord's hands,
This is my humble prayer, this
work is the invaluable means,
But if the results are contrary
to our expectations,
Accept them joyfully as
Lord's gift of love to thee.

TRUE SELFLESS SERVICE

Whatever pains and efforts you
take for welfare of others
In which you have no personal
interest or axe to
grind is true service to God and man
Whatever is done for service
of others that is the
right attitude good for you
That action or work selflessly
done moulds thy inner being,

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It lifts thee to a higher stage in
 life, giving you right vision of life.
Whatever service is done with
 Love and Devotion
 to Lord with full Faith
It takes thee high towards the
 heavens high up in the blue sky
Whatever living we make out of
 Loving Service rendered to Thee
May it infuse life and soul into
 our inner being by Thy Grace.

ETERNEL REMEMBRANCE OF THE LORD

In our mind's all
 thoughts and tendencies
In mind's base desires, sins,
 in all being's stored impressions
In mind's plays and sports,
 in mind's delights and tendencies
May Thy Loving Remembrance
 be ever fixed in my heart
In all our physical activities,
 in all our desires of the senses
In every atom of our body,
 in heart's very blood
In every pore, from head to toe,
 in all the nine gates of the body,

May the Loving Remembrance of
 Thy name be our heart's companion.

PRAYER FOR LORD'S REMEMBRANCE

Lord may you take good care
 of me, dwell forever in my heart.
In life may you, O Lord,
 ever protect me from all harm. -1
In life take care of me
 always in every way.
May you give me the
 heart to remember you always. -2
To remember Thee in my heart
 give me zeal of heart
In ease of forgetfulness may
 you prick my mind as
 if with a needle to awaken in.' -3
Knowing that Remembrance
 is Thy Holy Feet's Nectar
Inspire me to bathe in the waters of
 the Remembrance of Thy Name. -4
Give me the intelligence to
 please Thee at heart,
In case of any shortcoming on my
 part please forgive, please forgive. -5
In case of any wrong doing on my part
 After due punishment, pardon me. -6

Awaken my heart to the need of
 Remembering Thee always
To keep Thy Remembrance ever alive in
 my heartknock me again and again. -7
In case I ever forget
 Thy Remembrance may I feel in
my being the sting of a
 thousand scorpions,
 and be brought back on the path. -8

AARTI

OM: Give refuge at thy feet O! God
 give refuge and rest
Lift the fallen one and brace him
 closet to your chest.-1
Feeling of mind and speech, get them
 translated in action
Mind, speech and heart should always be
 united in action.-2
Let the heart be filled with reverence
 those meet in life.
Let love swell even for those
 gave insulted in strife.-3
Give me strength and will to fight
 lower traits of nature
Help me transform them to climb
 Steps of higher stature.-4

Traits of vital force so fierce
 thoughts that bog my mind
Doubts of intelligence so clever
 melt them all, be kind.-5
I appear to others as clear
 as I am at my heart
Pray my senses remain open, and
 frankness be my art.-6
Thought of doing other than what my
 heart tells me to do
Let that situation arise not
 guide me what to do.-7
Let my heart be attracted where
 virtues and love dwell
Let devotion for virtues and
 love enter it well.-8
Melt vital force, sense and mind
 in your love as well
Gusts of love for thee as high
 as ocean, let them swell.-9
 - Shree Mota

|| Hari Om ||

PRAYER FOR IGNITING THE FIRE

Fire is positive power, daze not, see
 Fir is a dazzling light,
Fire kindles holiness in you by
 making clear your sight. -1
Flames of fire, behold, always they
 go up higher and higher,
They inspire ambitions higher
 and keep attention sharper. -2
If we desire to burn fierce fire
 at heart for any good reason,
We must strive, with all our might
 to reap the fruits lying hidden. -3
Fire is needed to prompt other fire
 is a wellknown truth of life,
Quiet of life, is no other thing, but
 igniting fire in psyche. -4
Fire dies down, light it again
 and again you try to fire,
Inquisitiveness tells where success
 doors enter its doors for ever. -5
To day I light, for a steadfast life
 this fire in front of you,
Feelings at heart and bowing my head
 ask blessings of all of you. -6

PRAYER FOR IGNITING THE FIRE

Fire is visible energy, behold it,
 spreads light all around.

Fire purifies things touched by
 and holiness also abounds. -1
Flames of fire rise higher and higher
 prompt us to do the same
Keep goal higher and strive still higher
 that is the crux of game. -2
To ignite mighty power of fire at heart
 you need efforts unmitigated
Worshipping the fire with intensity dire
 let of your be related. -3
Fire is a must, to light other fire
 so start your search for that
Spiritual quest would need such a fire
 to light the fire perfect.
So strive in life with all your might
 and find it, go get set. -4
Inflame fierce fire, of inquisitiveness
 for quest of spirituality
If dies down, light it again and
 enter the gate-success. -5
To settle down well, in life as well
 with devotion I light the fire
In presence of you, to day as I do
 please with good luck O ! Fire. -6
Please bless me now O ! Fire.
Please grace with love O ! Fire.

