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(Vedic hymn of adoration to Goddess Durgā)



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*The Fragrant Divine Lotus Feet of my beloved SatGuru - Bhagavan Sri Skanda  
&  
All His Beloved Children of Light*

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## Guide to pronunciation

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This guide is based on American pronunciation of words, and is therefore not a perfect representation of Sanskrit sounds.

### Sanskrit Vowels

<b>a</b>	like <b>a</b> in nap
<b>ā</b>	like <b>a</b> in father
<b>ē</b>	like <b>ay</b> in may
<b>i</b>	like <b>i</b> in pin
<b>í</b>	like <b>ee</b> in sweet
<b>ō</b>	like <b>o</b> in rose
<b>u</b>	like <b>u</b> in put
<b>ū</b>	like <b>oo</b> in food
<b>ha</b>	pronounce as a faint echoing of the previous vowel; e.g. <b>ah:</b> would be pronounced “aha”; <b>ih:</b> would be pronounced “ihi”; <b>uh:</b> would be pronounced “uhu”; etc.
<b>ai</b>	like <b>ai</b> in aisle
<b>au</b>	like <b>ow</b> in cow

### Sanskrit Consonants

<b>b</b>	like <b>b</b> in bird
<b>bh</b>	like <b>b h</b> in job hunt
<b>ch</b>	like pinch
<b>d</b>	like <b>d</b> in dove
<b>dh</b>	like <b>d h</b> in good heart
<b>g</b>	like good
<b>gh</b>	like <b>g h</b> in log hut
<b>h</b>	like <b>h</b> in hot
<b>j</b>	like <b>j</b> in job

<b>jh</b>	like <b>dgeh</b> in hedgehog
<b>jñ</b>	like <b>ng y</b> in sing your
<b>k</b>	like <b>k</b> in kite
<b>kh</b>	like <b>ck h</b> in black hat
<b>l</b>	like <b>l</b> in love
<b>m</b>	like <b>m</b> in mother
<b>ñ</b>	like <b>n</b> in pinch
<b>p</b>	like <b>p</b> in soap
<b>ph</b>	like <b>ph</b> in up hill
<b>r</b>	rolled like a Spanish or Italian “r”
<b>s</b>	like <b>s</b> in sun
<b>ś</b>	sometimes like <b>s</b> in sun, sometimes like “sya” sound
<b>t</b>	like <b>rt</b> in heart
<b>th</b>	like <b>t h</b> in fat hat
<b>v</b>	like <b>v</b> in love, sometimes like <b>w</b> in world
<b>y</b>	like <b>y</b> in yes

\***t, th, d, dh,** and **n** should be pronounced with the tongue placed against the protruding slightly beyond the upper teeth.

**ē** should be extended; e.g. **ē** would be extended in sound and pronounced **ae-ē**



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## மேதா ஸுக்தம்

ஓம் யஸ்சன்தஸாம்றுஷ்போ விஸ்வரூபம் |  
 சன்தோப்யோஉத்யம்றுதாத்ஸம்பபூவ |  
 ஸ மேன்த்ரோ மேதயா ஸ்ப்றுணோது |  
 அம்றுதஸ்ய தேவதாரணோ பூயாஸம் |  
 ஷரீரம் மே விசர்ஷணம் |  
 ஜிஹ்வா மே மதுமத்தமா |  
 கர்ணாப்யாம் பூரிவிஸ்ருவம் |  
 ப்ரஹ்மணஃ கோ ஷோ அஸி மேதயா பிஹிதஃ |  
 ஸ்ருதம் மே கோபாய ||  
 ஓம் சாந்தி சாந்தி சாந்தி

ஓம் மேதாதேவீ ஜுஷமாணா ன ஆகாத்விஸ்வாசீ பத்ரா ஸுமனஸ்ய மானா |  
 த்வயா ஜுஷ்டா னுதமானா துருக்தான் ப்றுஹத்வதேம விததே ஸுவீராஃ |  
 த்வயா ஜுஷ்ட றுஷிர்பவதி தேவி த்வயா ப்ரஹ்மாஉஉகதஸ்ரீருத த்வயா |  
 த்வயா ஜுஷ்டஸ்சித்ரம் வின்ததே வஸு ஸா னோ ஜுஷஸ்வ த்ரவிணோ ன  
 மேதே ||

மேதாம் ம இம்த்ரோ ததாது மேதாம் தேவீ ஸரஸ்வதீ |  
 மேதாம் மே அஸ்வினாவுபா-வாதத்தாம் புஷ்கரஸ்ரஜா |  
 அப்ஸராஸு ச யா மேதா கம்தர்வேஷு ச யன்மனஃ |  
 தைவீம் மேதா ஸரஸ்வதீ ஸா மாம் மேதா ஸுரபிர்ஜுஷதாக்  
 ஸ்வாஹா ||

ஆமாம் மேதா ஸுரபிர்விஸ்வரூபா ஹிரண்யவர்ணா ஜகதீ  
 ஜகம்யா |  
 ஊர்ஜஸ்வதீ பயஸா பின்வமானா ஸா மாம் மேதா ஸுப்ரதீகா  
 ஜுஷன்தாம் ||

மயி மேதாம் மயி ப்ரஜாம் மய்யக்னிஸ்தேஜோ ததாது மயி மேதாம்  
 மயி ப்ரஜாம் மயீம்த்ர இம்த்ரியம் ததாது மயி மேதாம் மயி ப்ரஜாம்  
 மயி ஸூர்யோ ப்ராஜோ ததாது ||

ஓம் ஹம்ஸ ஹம்ஸாய வித்மஹே பரமஹம்ஸாய தீமஹி |  
 தன்னோ ஹம்ஸஃ ப்ரசோதயாத் ||

ஓம் சாந்தி சாந்தி சாந்தி



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(Vedic hymn of adoration to Goddess Saraswathi)

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śrī gurubhyo namah(a) - harih(i) ōm

ōm - yaś-chanda-sām rasha-bho viśva-rūpah(a) |  
 chando-byo-dyam-rutāt samba-būva |  
 sa-mēndro-mēthēyā spru-notu |  
 amrutasya-dēva-dhā-rano bhū-yāsam |  
 śha-rī-ram mē vi-char-shanam |  
 jihvā-mē-madhu-mat-tamā |  
 karnā byām būri-viśhru-vam |  
 bramana ko-śho-asi mēdhayā pi-hi-tah(a) |  
 śhrutam-mē gō-pā-yā ||

ōm śānthi - śānthi - śānthi(hi)

mēdhā dēvī jusha-mānā-na-ā-gā |  
 viśvā-chī, | badrā su-manasya mānā |  
 tvayā-jushtā-nuda-mānā duruk-tān-  
 bruhad-vadēma-vidathē, | suvī-rā-ā-h(ā) |

*Let the goddess of intellect come here with happiness,  
 She is everywhere and has a happy frame of mind,  
 May we who were grief stricken, before she came,  
 Become greatly intelligent and know the ultimate.*

tvayā jushta rusher-bhavati-dēvī –  
 tvayā brahmā gata-śrī, | ruta tvayā-ā |  
 tvayā jush-taś-chitram vindatē vasu –  
 sānō jushas-vaḍ-dravi-nō na mēdhē |

*By your grace one becomes a saint,  
 One becomes learned, one becomes rich,  
 Showered by your grace one gets different kinds of wealth,  
 And so goddess of wealth, give us wealth and intellect.*

mēdhām ma indrō dadātu –  
 mēdhām dēvī sarasvatī |  
 mēdhām mē aśvinā-vu, | ubā-vādaḥ-tām –  
 push-karas-rajā |

*Let Indra give me intelligence,  
 Let Saraswathi give me intelligence,  
 Let the Aswini Kumaras support my intelligence,  
 For they wear the garlands of lotuses.*



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ap-sarā-su-cha-yā mēdhā –  
gandhar-vēshu-chayan-manah(a) |  
daivīm mēdhā-sarasvatī –  
sā mām mēdhā-sura-bir-jusha-tāgm svāhā |

*Apsaras posses intelligence,  
Gandarwas possess intelligence,  
Goddess of intelligence is Saraswathi,  
Let the intelligence spread like fragrance  
I offer you without any reservations.\**

*\* Svaha is the wife of fire God. We give offerings to her and she gives it to fire, who gives it to devas.*

ā mām mēdhā sura-bir-viśva-rūpā–  
hiranya-varnā jagatī jagam-yā |  
ūr-jas-vatī-paya-sā pin-va-mānā–  
sā mām mēdhā supra-tīkā jushan-tām |

*Intelligence is glorious in form and is like nectar,  
Intelligence is golden and pervades the entire universe,  
Intelligence is powerful and is sought after continuously,  
Let it come to me with love and favour me.*

mayi mēdhām, | mayi prajām, | may-yagni-stē-jō-dadātu–  
mayi mēdhām, | mayi prajām, | mayīndra-in-driyam-dadātu–  
mayi mēdhām, | mayi prajām, | mayi sūryō, | brā-jō-dadātu |

*May the Fire God grant us the intelligence and the glow of the vedic chanting,  
May Lord Indra grant us intelligence and the strength arising from the control of one's senses, May  
the Sun God grant us intelligence and the strength to create fear in the enemy's heart.*

vākdēvīyai cha vidmahē  
brahma patniyai cha dhīmahī  
thannōh vāni prachōdhayāt(u)

*Let me meditate on the Goddess of Speech,  
Oh, wife of Lord Brahma, give me higher intellect,  
May Goddess Vani illuminate my mind.*

hamsa hamsāya vidmahē  
parama hamsāya dhīmahī  
thannōh hamsa prachōdhayāt(u)

*May we realize Hamsa that is our own Self as swan.  
Let us meditate on that Paramahamsa, the Supreme Self.  
May Hamsa illumine us.*

ōm śānthi - śānthi - śānthi(hi)

*Request we for peace, peace and peace.*



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ōm - yadak-shara pada-bhrashtam - mātrā-heenam tu yadbhavēt |  
tat-sarvam kshamyā tām-dēva - subrahmanya namōstutē ||

visarga-bindu-mātrāni - pada-pādāksha rāni-cha |  
nyoo-nāni chā-tirik-tāni - ksham-asva shikhi vāhana ||

anyathā sharanam-nāsti - tvamēva sharanam mama |  
tasmāt-kārunya bhāvēna - raksha-raksha shadā-nana ||

*I may have erred whilst construction of, writing of, pronouncing of - sentences, words, consonants,  
improper grammar, verb, vowels of the prayers.*

*I may have also forgotten to put the punctuation marks due to my ignorane in understanding the  
heavenly idiom.*

*Oh Lord Subrahmanya, may my flaws be overlooked for they are out of my ignorance.*

*I seek your pardon for all the commissions and omissions for they are involuntary.*

*Kindly bless me for the sincere endeavour.*

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