

A Manual of Fire Sacrifice with Meanings of the Mantras

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HOMAM : FIRE SACRIFICE

Before starting the homam, think in your mind of Mother Earth who is bearing you, Lord Ganesha who removes obstacles, your ishta devata (favorite deity), your parents, the rishis of your gothra (if you know them), all the rishis and all your gurus. Request all the gods to co-operate with your homam.

Aachamanam (sipping water to purify)

Sip water thrice while chanting the following Mantras

Om keshavaaya svaha

Om madhavaya svaha

Om Narayanaya svaha.

Pray to lord Ganesha to remove all obstacles while doing the Homam

Om vakra tunda mahakaya suryakoti sama prabah

Nirvighnam Kurme deva sarva Kaaryeshu sarvadaa

Pranayama

Alternate nostril breathing with retention and chanting of OM mentally.

Kalash Sthaapanam : Establishing The Pot of Holy water.

Place a glass of water and visualize that all auspicious essence of various rivers of the world is entering into the water of the glass. Purify it by offering rice and flowers and chanting the mantra ***“Vam varunaaya namah”*** eleven times.

Sprinkle a little water from this glass on yourself, the homa kunda and all the materials of worship for purifying.

Now chant the following Mantras and mentally bow to all the demigods mentioned.

Om Brahmane namah

Salutations to Lord of creation, Brahma

Om Yamaaya namah

Salutations to Lord of death, Yama

Om Somaaya namah

Salutations to Lord of nourishment, Soma

Om Rudraaya namah –

Salutations to Lord of Annihilation, Rudra

Om Vishnave namah –

Salutations to Lord of Preservation, Vishnu

Om Indraaya namah –

Salutations to Lord of Rain and Demigods, Indra.

Material for Homam:

1 cup sesame seeds, half cup rice (raw or puffed), ¼ cup barley. 1/8 cup sugar (or brown sugar). Mix it all with enough ghee that all the grains are coated well. You can also mix dry fruits with this mixture.

Procedure:

1. Place 6 sticks in the *Homa-kunda* in the form of a hexagon.
2. Write the root syllable (OM, Hreem, Hleem, kreem etc.) in the *Homa-kunda* with vermillion.
3. Light the fire in the kunda by placing some camphor or a lighted wick.
4. Worship the Fire-God *Agni*, by various offerings, while chanting the worship mantras.

Worship of the Fire :

Provide a seat to “Agni deva”, Fire-God by offering Flowers in the Homa- kunda and chanting the following mantra offer him your oblations.

Vaish-vaanar Namastestu havya vaahana I

Svagatam te sur shreshtam shaantim te namastute II

O Universally Present, Best amongst demigods, carrier of oblations, We welcome and salute you .Be with us peacefully.

1.Om Aagneya namah / aasanam samarpayami II

Salutations to Agni , Fire-God , we offer you a seat.

2. Om Aagneya namah / paadyam samarpayami II

Salutations to Agni , Fire-God , we offer scented water to wash your feet.

3.Om Aagneya namah / aachamnaiyam samarpayami II

Salutations to Agni , Fire-God , we offer you water for cleansing your mouth.

4. Om Aagneya namah / argyham samarpayami II

Salutations to Agni , Fire-God , we offer scented water to wash your hand.

5. Om Aagneya namah / snaniyam samarpayami II

Salutations to Agni , Fire-God , we offer you water for bathing.

6. Om Aagneya namah / Anga prokshan evam vastram samarpayami II

Salutations to Agni , Fire-God ,we offer to you towel and clean clothes.

7. Om Aagneya namah / Alankaaram samarpayami II

Salutations to Agni , Fire-God , we offer you ornaments.

8. Om Aagneya namah / Gandham samarpayami II

Salutations to Agni , Fire-God , we offer you fragrance.

9. Om Aagneya namah / pushpam samarpayami II

Salutations to Agni , Fire-God , we offer you flowers.

10. Om Aagneya namah / dhoopam samarpayami II

Salutations to Agni , Fire-God , we offer you incense.

11. Om Aagneya namah / deepam samarpayami II

Salutations to Agni , Fire-God , we offer you lamp.

12. Om Aagneya namah / naivedyam samarpayami II

Salutations to Agni , Fire-God , we offer you water for bathing.

Now, Place one or more dry coconut pieces (or a log/twig/piece of wood/Fire starter logs) above the burning camphor and make sure that it catches fire, and chant the following mantras.

Om Aagneya namah /

Salutations to the fire –god

Om Aagneya namah I Urdhva mukho bhava II

Salutations to the fire –god . Let the flames rise upright.

Om Aagneya namah / Chaitanyo bhava II

Salutations to the fire—god. Let the flames become Conscious.

Refinement (sanskaras) of the flames:

Offer 8 drops of clarified butter (ghee) and chant
“**Om Bhur bhuvah suvah svaahaa**”.

Now, Sprinkle water around the homa kunda to pacify the deities residing there.

Digpaal pooja : Worshipping the deities of the Ten Directions

Chant the below given mantras for worshipping the deities. Offer flowers and rice in all the ten directions, go clockwise (starting from east, southeast, south southwest etc.,). Place the flowers on the edge of the homa kunda.

For *Brahma*, ruler upward direction place the flower in the middle of northeast and east.

For *Sesha*, the ruler of downward direction place the flower in the middle of southwest and west.

Then offer flower to Fire god in the Homa Kunda.

Lastly, touch your heart and mentally offer your soul.

1.Om Indraaya namah ||

Salutations to the ruler of east direction, Indra

2.Om Agneya namah ||

Salutations to the ruler of southeast direction, Agni

3. Om yamaaya namah ||

Salutations to the ruler of south direction, Yama

4.Om Nirritiye namah ||

Salutations to the ruler of south west direction, Nirriti

5.Om Varunaaya namah ||

Salutations to the ruler of west direction, Varuna

6. Om vaayavye namah ||

Salutations to ruler of northwest direction, Vayu

7.Om Somaaya namah ||

Salutations to the ruler of north direction, Soma

8.Om Ishaanaaya namah ||

Salutations to the ruler of northeast direction, Ishaana

9.Om Brahmane Namah ||

Salutations to the ruler of upper direction, Brahma

10..Om Sheshaaya namah ||

Salutations to the ruler of downward direction, Sesha

11.Om Agneya namah ||

Salutations to the fire god, Agni

12.Om aatmane namah ||

Salutations to the Self or soul, aatma.

Preliminary Offerings:

Offer only clarified butter (ghee) to the flames in the homa kunda alongwith the chanting of the following mantras:

1.Om Prajaa pataye swaaha / Idam Praja pataye na mama ||

Salutations to the progenitor of all beings. This oblation belongs to prajaa pati , not me.

2.Om Indraaya swaaha / Idam indraaye na mama ||

Salutations to the lord of demigods. This oblation belongs to Indra, not me.

3.Om Agneya swaha / Idam Agneya na mama.

Salutations to the lord of fire. This oblation belongs to fire god, not me.

4.Om Somaaya swaha / Idam somaya na mama ||

Salutations to the lord of nourishment. This oblation belongs to soma, not me.

5.Om bhuh swahah / Idam agneya na mama II

Salutations to the lord of internal fire. This oblation belongs to agni, not me.

6.Om Bhuvah swaha.Idam vaayave na mama II

Salutations to the lord of internal wind. This oblation belongs to bhuvah, not me.

7.Om Suvah swaha /Idam suryaaya na mama. //

Salutations to the Sun god. This oblation belongs to surya, not me.

Invocation of all Ganesha, Guru,Bhairava , and Ten mahavidyas:

Meditate, visualize and invite these deities to preside over the homam and receive your oblations. Mentally offer them Flowers, rice, vermillion, incense, lamp and your heartfelt prayers. Then offer the oblations with the following mantras.

Om Gam Ganapataye namah, Swaha II

Salutations to Ganapati the with the root syllable Gam.We offer oblations to you.

Om parama tattvaaya naaraayanaaya gurobhyo namah, swaha II

Salutations to Supreme reality Naaraayana,in the form of the Guru.We offer oblations to you.

Om Treem Treem Trijataaya namah, swaha II

Salutations to Guru Trijata ,with the root syllable treem.We offer oblations to you.

Om Kreem kreem Bhootha naathaya namah, swaha II

Salutations to Guru Bhootnaath with the root syllable kreem..We offer oblations to you.

Om Hleem divya chetanandaya hleem om namah, swaha

Salutations to Guru Divya Chetanananda ,with the root syllable Gam.We offer oblations to you.

After the above offerings, continue further with following oblations.

1.Om parama tattvaaya naaraayanaaya gurobhyo namah, swaha / Idam Guruve na mama II

Salutations to Supreme reality Naaraayana,in the form of the Guru.This oblation is for the Guru, not me.

2 .Om Vishnave swaha / Idam vishnave na mama II

Salutations to Lord of Preservation, Vishnu.This oblation is for Vishnu, not me.

3. Om Shambhave swaha / Idam Shambhave na mama II

Salutations to the Lord of Annihilation,Sambhu.This oblation is for Shambhu, not me.

4. Om Lakshmaye swaha / Idam Lakshmaye na mama II

Salutations to the Goddess of Prosperity,Lakshmi.This oblation is for Lakshmi, not me.

5. Om Saraswatye swaha / Idam saraswataye na mama II

Salutations to the Goddess of Knowledge,Saraswati.This oblation is for Saraswati, not me.

6. Om Bhoomaye swaha / Idam bhoomaye na mama II

Salutations to the Goddess of Earth, Bhoomi. This oblation is for bhoomi, not me.

7. Om Sooryaaye swaha /Idam sooryaaye na mama II

Salutations to the Sun-God,Soorya. This oblation is for soorya, not me.

8. Om Chandramasey swaha / Idam chandramasey na mama II

Salutations to the Moon diety,Chandra. This oblation is for Chandra, not me.

9. Om Bhaumaaya swaha / Idam bhaumaaya na mama II

Salutations to the diety of Planet Mars,,Bhauma. This oblation is for Bhauma, not me.

10.Om Budhaaya swaha / Idam budhaaya na mama II

Salutations to the diety of planet Mercury,buddha. This oblation is for buddha, not me.

11.Om Brihaspataye swaha / Idam Brihaspataye na mama II

Salutations to the diety of planet Jupiter,Brihaspati. This oblation is for Brihaspati, not me.

12.Om Shukraaya swaha / Idam Shukraaya na mama II

Salutations to the diety of planet Venus, Shukra. This oblation is for Shukra, not me.

13.Om Shanai-sh-charaaya swaha /Idam shanai-sh-charaaya na mama II

Salutations to the diety of planet Saturn , Shani. This oblation is for Shani, not me.

14. Om Bhairavaaya swaha / Idam Bhairavaaya na mama II

Salutations to the Lord of Punishment , Bhairava. This oblation is for Bhairava, not me.

15. Om Raahave swaha / Idam Raahave na mama II

Salutations to the diety of planet Rahu. This oblation is for Rahu, not me.

16. Om Ketave swaha / Idam ketave na mama II

Salutations to the diety of planet Ketu. This oblation is for ketu, not me.

17. Om Vyushtaye swaha / Idam vyushtaye na mama II

Salutations to the Lord of Dawn, Vyushti. This oblation is for Vyushti, not me.

18. Om Ugraaya swaha I Idam Ugraaya na mama II

Salutations to the Aggressive Energy of God,Ugra. This oblation is for Ugra,not me.

19. Om Shatha- krata-way swaha / Idam shatha-krat-way na mama II

Salutations to the pervading energy all good deeds,shatkrata. This oblation is for Shatkrata, not me.

20. Om Varunaaya swaha / Idam Varunaaya na mama II

Salutations to the diety of water, varuna. This oblation is for varuna, not me.

21. Om Sthaana devataa-bhyo namah swaha II

Salutations to the diety of this place, Sthaan devata. We offer oblations to you.

22. Om kula devataa-bhyo namah swaha II

Salutations to the ancestral diety,kula- devata. We offer oblations to you.

23 . Om Graama devataa-bhyo namah swaha II

Salutations to the diety of this town, graama devata. We offer oblations to you.

24. Om dush Dik-paaley-bhyo namah swaha II

Salutations to the dieties of the ten directions, Sthaan devata. We offer oblations to you.

Oblations to the Ten Mahavidyas:

Oblations can be offered to all the mahavidyas by chanting the mantra 11times or 21 or 51 or 108 times for each Devi.If the *sadhaka* is doing a particular Mahavidya Sadhana then he needs to do the fire offerings of 1/10th of the the total no.of mantra chanted. For e.g If the sadhaka has chanted 125,000 times the mantra as part of his Sadhana then he should offer 12500 times the fire oblations (1/10th x 125,000).This can be performed for a prolonged no. of days. A fixed no of offering should be given everyday or the no. of offerings can be gradually increased everyday till all the offerings for that particular Sadhana has been made. It should end by doing Tarpanam and Marjanam.Tarpanam is done by offering water to the Devis for a total no of 1/10th time of the fire offerings (example : 1/10th x12500 fire offerings =1250 tarpanam).Maarjana is sprinkling water over one's own head on the crown .The total count for Marjana is 1/10th of tarpanam.(example: 1/10th x 1250 tarpanam = 125 Maarjanam).After the fire offering is done, one should take blessings from the guru and offer fruits,flowers, and gifts to him .One should also give charity to temples,priest and needy people.

1.Kali Mantra :

1. *krim krim krim hrim hrim hum hum dakshine kaalike krim krim krim hrim hrim hum hum swaha.*

Or alternatively,

2. *Krim krim kaalye krim krim swaha .*

2.Tara Mantra :

Aing Om Hring String hum Phat

3.Shodhashi Tripura Sundari Mantra:

- 1.*Hring ka ay ei la hring ha sa ka ha la hring sa ka la hring*

Or alternatively,

- 2.*Aing Kling Sauh.*

4. Bhuvaneshwari Mantra :

Hreem.

5. Chinnamasta mantra:

Shreem hreem kleem aing vajra vairochaniye hum hum phat swaha.

6.Tripura bhairavi Mantra:

Ha saing ha sa karing ha saing

7. Dhoomavati Mantra:

Dhoom dhoom dhoomavati thah thah

8. Baglamukhi Mantra:

1. *Om hleem baglamukhi sarva dushtaanam vaacham mukham padam stambhaya jivhaam kilaya buddhim vinaashaya hleem om swaaha.*

Or Alternatively,

2. *Om hleem bagale parameshwari hleem om swaha.*

9.Matangi Mantra :

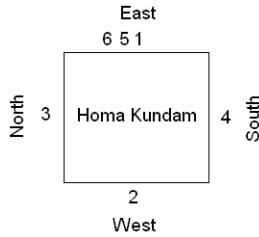
Om hreem kleem maatangaye phat swaha.

10.Kamala mantra:

Om aing hring shring kling ha-saun-ha jagat prasutaye namah.

Balidaan:Suddhaanna Bali (sacrifice of pure rice)

Now, we have to offer bali (sacrifice to other associated beings). Get cooked white rice (or banana slices or some other fruit slices or raisins). Just place a small token amount as bali. You need to place bali in six different places outside the homa kundam.



First, place it on the east of the homa kunda. Then on the west, then on the north, then on the south and finally two more on the east (a little north to the previous bali(s) placed in the east). The order and positions can be found in Figure below. While offering balis in six places, the following mantra can be said:

Om Parshadebhyo namah. Balim samarpayaami.

The rice remaining after offering balis should be thrown away and not consumed.

Poornaahuti : Completion of the Homam

For the final oblations take a whole round shaped fruit (preferably coconut) symbolizing our ego. Smear it with clarified butter completely. From your heart, make your wish, offer your prayers and completely surrender yourself mentally to all the Gurus & deities present in the form of the Holy Fire.

Chant the following:

***Om poornam adah poornam idam poornaat poornam udacyate
Poornasya poornam aadaaya poornam eva va shisyate.***

Brahman is limitless, infinite number of universes come out and go into the infinite Brahman, Brahman remains unchanged.

Offer the fruit to the holy fire.

Winding Up & meditation:

Sprinkle water around the homa kunda to cool down the place. Sit and meditate on the flames. You can visualize any deity or your guru in the flames and meditate, feel their presence & vibrations. This is the best time to meditate and make yourself one with the deities from the holy fire. You can get all their blessings and powers at this stage. Focus and meditate at least for 5-10 minutes. The longer the better.

Now circumambulate around the homa kunda 3 times and smear the ash from the homakunda on your forehead.

Allow the fire to extinguish by itself. In case of hurry, you can also extinguish the fire by sprinkling milk on it. Do not sprinkle water as it will make the fire explode. (water and fire are natural enemies!)

Ending the homam

Offer your obeisance to the fire god. Imagine that the deities leave the fire form and are situated on your heart now. Ask for forgiveness for all the mistakes done by you while performing the fire sacrifice. Surrender all the fruits of your actions to Narayana.

***Kayena vaacha manas endri yerva, Buddhi aatmana va prakriti swabhaavaat
Karomi yadyat sakalam parasmai naaraayanaa eti samarpayami.***

***Mantra hinam kriya hinam bhakti hinam sureshwari
Yad poojitam maya devi pari purnam tadastu me.***

OM SHANTI SHANTI SHANTIHI ||