



Ashtanga Yoga Workshop

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Invocation to Ganesha

ॐ गणानां॑ त्वा॒ गणपतिगं॑ हवामहे॒

om gaṇānāṁ tvā gaṇapatigam havāmahe

कविं॑ कवीनामुपमश्रवस्तमम्॒ ।

kavim kavīnāmupamaśravastamam ।

ज्येष्ठराजं॑ ब्रह्मणां॒ ब्रह्मणस्पत आ॑ नः॒

jyeṣṭharajam brahmaṇām brahmaṇaspata ā nah

शृण्वन्नूतिभिस्सीद॒ सादनम्॒ ॥

śṛṇvannūtibhissida sādanam ॥

*We invoke thee, Oh leader and
friend of all the hosts, the
intelligence of the intelligent, the
poet of poets, the pinnacle of
listening. Oh, primordial king of brilliance,
lead chanter of prayers, come with your blessings.*

*Listen to our prayers.
Have a seat in our sacred space,
the interwoven seat of the intelligence.*

Invocation

वन्दे गुरूणां चरणारविन्दे

vande gurūṇāṁ caraṇāravinde

सन्दर्शित स्वात्म सुखाव बोधे ।

sandarśita svātma sukhāva bodhe

निःश्रेयसे जाङ्गलिकायमाने

nīḥśreyase jāṅgalikāyamāne

संसार हालाहल मोह शान्त्यै ॥

samsāra hālāhala moha śāntyai

I bow to the two lotus feet of the (plurality of) Gurus, which awaken insight into the happiness of pure Being, which are the complete absorption into joy,

the jungle physician, eliminating the delusion

caused by the poison of Samsāra (conditioned existence).

आबाहु पुरुषाकारं

ābāhu puruṣākāram

शन्ख चक्रासि धारिणम् ।

śankha cakrāsi dhāriṇam

सहस्र शिरसं श्वेतं

sahasra śirasam śvetam

प्रणमामि पतञ्जलिम् ॥

praṇamāmi patañjalim

ॐ

I prostrate before the sage Patañjali who has thousands of radiant, white heads (as the divine serpent, Ananta) and who has, as far as his arms, assumed a human form, holding a conch shell (divine sound), a wheel (a discus of light or time) and a sword (discrimination).

Om

Śanti path of the Yajur Veda

सह नाववतु ।
सह नौ भुनक्तु ।
सह वीर्यं करवावहै ।
तेजस्वि नावधीतमस्तु
मा विद्विषावहै ॥
ओं शान्तिः शान्तिः सान्तिः

saha nāvavatu
saha nau bhunaktu
saha vīryam karavāvahai
tejasvi nāvadhītamastu
mā vidviṣāvahai
om śāntih śāntih sāntih

May both of us together be protected.
May both of us together be nourished.
May we work together with great energy.
May our study together be brilliant and effective.
May we not hate or dispute with each other.
Om, Peace, Peace, Peace.

प्राणग्निहोत्र *prāṇagnihotra*

श्रद्धायां प्राणे निविष्टोऽमृतं जुहोमि ।
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 श्रद्धायामपाने निविष्टोऽमृतं जुहोमि ।
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 श्रद्धायां व्याने निविष्टोऽमृतं जुहोमि ।
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 श्रद्धायामुदाने निविष्टोऽमृतं जुहोमि ।
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 श्रद्धायां समाने निविष्टोऽमृतं जुहोमि ।
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 ब्रह्मणि म आत्मामृतत्वाय ॥

śraddhāyāṁ prāne niviṣṭo'mṛtam juhomi
 śraddhāyāmapāne niviṣṭo'mṛtam juhomi
 śraddhāyāṁ vyāne niviṣṭo'mṛtam juhomi
 śraddhāyāmudāne niviṣṭo'mṛtam juhomi
 śraddhāyāṁ samāne niviṣṭo'mṛtam juhomi
 brahmaṇi ma ātmāmṛtatvāya ॥

With deep faith, I pour this ambrosial spread of nectar into Prāṇa.
With deep faith, I pour this ambrosial spread of nectar into Apāna.
With deep faith, I pour this ambrosial spread of nectar into Vyāna.
With deep faith, I pour this ambrosial spread of nectar into Udāna.
With deep faith, I pour this ambrosial spread of nectar into Samāna.
For thee, the brahman, I pour the immortal nectar of the true ātma.

Closing Chant

स्वस्ति प्रजाभ्यः परिपालयतां

svasti prajābhyaḥ paripālayantāṁ

न्यायेन मार्गेण महीं महीशाः ।

nyāyena mārgeṇa mahīṁ mahīśāḥ

गोब्राह्मणेभ्यः शुभमस्तु नित्यं

gobrāhmanebhyah śubhamastu nityam

लोकासमस्ता सुखिनो भवंतु ॥

lokāsamastā sukhino bhavantu

काले वर्षतु पर्जन्यः पृथिवी सस्यशालिनी ।

kāle varṣatu parjanyaḥ pṛthivī sasyaśālinī

देशोयं क्षोभरहितो ब्राह्मणा संतु निर्भयाः ॥

deśoyam kṣobharahito brāhmaṇā santu nirbhayāḥ

May all of humankind be happy and well.

May the great noble lords protect the earth in every way by the path of just virtue.

May there be perpetual joy for those who know the real nature of things.

May all the worlds be happy.

May the rains fall on time, and may the earth yield its produce in abundance.

*May this country be free from disturbances, and may the knowers of the truth be free
from fear.*

नमः शिवाय च ।

namah̄ śivāyā ca ।

नमः । शिवाय । च

namah̄ । śivāyā । ca

नमः शिवाय । शिवाय च

namah̄ śivāyā । śivāyā ca

नमः शिवाय शिवाय नमो नमः शिवाय ।

शिवाय च च शिवाय शिवाय च ।

namah̄ śivāyā śivāyā namō namah̄ śivāyā ।

śivāyā ca ca śivāyā śivāyā ca ।

नमः शिवाय शिवाय नमो नमः शिवाय च च शिवाय नमो नमः

शिवाय च । शिवाय च च शिवाय शिवाय च ।

namah̄ śivāyā śivāyā namō namah̄ śivāyā ca ca śivāyā namō namah̄

śivāyā ca । śivāyā ca ca śivāyā śivāyā ca ।