

MASS PRAYERS - Sri Yagam 2010

New Jersey, USA

Jai Srimannarayana!
A MASS PRAYER FOR THE UNIVERSAL PEACE – SRI YAGAM
JEEYAR ASRAMAM, CRANBURY, NEW JERSEY

Prayer #1 (Saturday, July 24th, 2010)

I prostrate before You, O Lord of this Universe! You are the greatest artist. The whole Universe is a colorful and lovely picture You have ever drawn. You need neither paraphernalia nor tools.

O Lord, You are not just the architect of this Universe, but also its protector, forever. You made this abode of Yours divine. You are spread out within every atom of this Universe and also take care of it always. This shows Your unparalleled compassion. All the great sages unanimously accepted Your empathy and adored You. O Lord, Let my grateful prayers be accepted just as a mother does her child's babbling.

O compassionate Lord! You have laid down the rules as to how to make the best use of this world, for the benefit of one and all. Arrogant children we are, misusing Your compassion and abusing the material You have provided. Gratifying and satisfying our selfish ends, we are over exploiting the Nature and thus causing imbalances in the Nature for all the 5 elements, namely, The Earth, The Water, The Fire, The Air and the Space. Thus, we are digging our own grave.

O all pervasive Lord Maha Vishnu! Dispel our inner darkness, curb our overconfidence. Fix our selfish motives and make them right. Pardon us for our stupidity. Bless us with wisdom and benevolence. O Lord, give us the opportunity to adore Your grace that You always shower on us.

O father of this creation! Bless us with the generosity to share our heart with our fellow beings. Let our words be good to interact with all humans. Let all our deeds promote harmony and coherence among all the living beings.

O Lord! We surrender to You, through our Beloved Mother & Your Divine Spouse Sri Maha Lakshmi, who is compassion personified, to stand guard for us. Let Her momentary look shower and bless us with immeasurable treasures.

We owe to You O Divine Parents!!!!

Nirupa:da:na sambha:ram abhittha:ve:va thanvathe:
Jagath chitram namas thasmai kala: sla:ghya:ya vishnave: ||

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Prayer #2 (Sunday, July 25th, 2010)

O Lord! You are the protector of this life. You are a skillfull farmer. You made this world a fertile garden for cultivating rich crops. You are the one who knows how to engender these crops.

Our bodies are the fruit farms. You have created them to bear worthy fruits. But, we are making them arid deserts, however, we are harvesting ego. We are filling these farms with weeds of lust and anger (kama and krodha). You know how to cultivate virtues in any land. You are also perfect in weeding out the unwanted stuff from us.

O Supreme personality! You are always helping us unconditionally . But, we are constantly shying away from You without realizing Your care or concern. We are going through several hardships. We think we are producing good crops, while in reality, we are suffering by growing weeds like jealousy, envy, ignorance, attachment, hypocrisy, and arrogance.

To uproot and eliminate these weeds, O Savior of all, we are told that you have two instruments – Sa:stras – The Scriptures and Sestras – The Weapons.

To eliminate evil forces you use Sesthras during your Avatharas. They are limited to that time only.

You take the Acharya Avathara to reveal the secrets of the Sa:sthra to us.

Hayagriva, Hamsa, Varaha are a few Avatharas of olden days. 'Our Acharya' is Your present Avathara through whom you remove ignorance, attachment, hypocricy in us and enlighten us with cosmic Truths. O beloved Lord, allow us to get enlightenment through this Acharya Avathara.

O Omnipotent Acharya ! Bless us so that we surrender whole heartedly to You. Direct our energies focused on you, so that we do not vacillate at the dictums given by You. Allow us to understand & remember Your divine messages. Give us ability to practice them on all occasions.

Domination over others, quarreling without cause, urge for power, are making the world restless. Your divine preachings, inspiring messages and step by step guidance, only, can help us overcome these hurdles. Let us realise the tone of your messages to the full extent so that we can righteously share our things with others.

O Lord in the form of Acharya ! Let our faith in you be unfathomable. Remove all faults in us that offend our faith in you. Let we adore the greatness of the Manthra that you have given to us. Let me preserve and chant the Manthra with all reverence. Let me spread your greatness all around the world. Let all abilities and riches blessed by You be shared and properly used, Let us cross all the limits in spreading Your greatness in all directions.

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Prayer #3 (Monday, July 26th, 2010)

O' Lord of this Universe ! Vedas declare that You are omnipresent and omnipotent. We are so tiny and insignificant to understand You, Your wealth and Your magnificence. You have been personified by Vedas so that we can understand Your form and Your attributes at least to a little extent.

Your concern and compassion towards us is immeasurable. To create confidence in us, You limit Yourself to a form. The holy Vedas revealed the secrecy of your form.

Your glittering eyes are wondrously pink and wide. No part of this Universe can ever hide from Your sight. Those lovely, glowing, bewitching eyes are calling us with a captivating smile to join You for unending divine services. We submit ourselves to those enchanting eyes.

Allow me to always float in the ocean of Your compassion driven by the breeze of your vision. I am drowned in the beauty of Your charming eyes that I cannot come out of it. Then, how can I enjoy the beauty of other parts?

You appear with 4 hands with all your subjects. You are beyond my comprehension even in your limited form, you are showing for us. Added to the beauty you have unmatched all powerful weapons. You hold them, only to build up confidence in us. I completely trust , even without them you are protecting me by all means, driving away all evil forces from me.

Your beautiful form is decorated with countless jewelry. They don't add any beauty to You. They only help to hide Your divine beauty from the eyes of cunning people like us. Let your dazzling jewelry absorb the negative impact of our evil eye and protect you. O my beloved master ! Allow me to visualize your divine form You are showing to us.

Your right hand is decorated with super powerful blazing, effulgent discus 'Sudarsana'. I realize that the rotating time is under your control, like the Sudarsana. My mind revolves round the world. Let the impact of your divine discus slay and burn all my independent & uncontrollable movements of my mind and inner samskaras. Let your discus permit me to spend all the time in Your divine service. I surrender to Sudarsana.

The milky conch in your left hand, blowing melodious cosmic tunes, pierces the hearts of enemies. But for devotees like me, it is an enjoyable sound. Let me realize O'Lord this Conch is the origin of this Universe called 'Ahamthathva' and hence the Universe is filled up with cosmic sounds. Let my Ahankara be driven with the power of the divine Conch Sri Panchajanya. Let all my activities be your services.

O' Lord, you have provided us intelligence, which we use to conveniently skip out from you. You hold the divine mace Kowmodaki to control the intelligence

of all the souls. Let your mighty mace pound upon my intelligence such that it be dedicated to you only.

Our organs of sense are the result of a form of Nature called Ahankara. They run after temporary pleasures, yielding to many desires, even at the cost of highly sensitive righteous values. Your powerful divine Bow – Sa:rnga in your hand, has taught great lessons many a time to those who do wicked acts of hurting your devotees. Bless us with the power of the Sa:rnga to eliminate all sorts of filth of selfishness in us thus, sanctifying our organs of senses. Let them become bright and active in serving You.

O ' Omni Controller Lord ! We always seek to satisfy our needs and also greed through the wonderful organs of our body provided by You. The deeds ie., Karmas we do, mostly to appease the desires of our senses. The sharp arrows in the quiver have the ability to swiftly shoot at the target. Let our powerful senses, sharp enough to perceive even the minute points, be quick enough to respond in making us adore to your ordinances.

Our recklessness, ignorance and negligence added with excessive, unwanted desires has densely grown into dark and deep forests, filling our minds with much confusion, arrogance and also doubts. Your acutely sharp, intelligent, and brilliant sword of wisdom, called Nandakam, has the ability to chop off any strong intricately interwoven bushes of ignorance, by allowing clear and clean bright light to enter and glow forever. We bow to Nandakam surrendering all our activities to You ! Bless us with great wisdom to serve you physically and mentally forever.

Your wide and bright chest is decorated with a beautiful mole call Srivathsa. The bewitching attraction of the mole is like the black hole, the nature we live in. Forgetting you, we are caught up with the beauty of the nature. Lord ! Let your 'Srivathsa' remove our lingering attachment to mundane attractions and turn us towards You. O' Lord ! You always glow in my buddhi.

Ever-free souls Nithyas and liberated souls mukthas, having known your greatness, unable to leave you, are serving you with all humbleness and reverence. Let us feel Your greatness in everything. O'Supreme Lord ! Bless us to realize your brilliant form in all things – moving and non-moving. Let me respect everything in the universe as your form and thus, not abuse anything. Let your wonderful divine form shine in my inner heart always. Bless us to serve You together with every one using all our thoughts and energies.

" sa sankha chakram sa gada:si sa:rangam pi:tha:mbaram kausthubha vathsa chihnam |

sriya: same:tho:jjvala so:bhitha:ngam vishnum sada:ham saranam prapadye: | |
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O the controller of this Universe, Sarve:swara! The Holy Veda revealed that You are the divine form of Yajna; Allow all my activities as offerings into that Yajna. O' Pu:tha:thma ! You have 2 forms, Visible & Invisible. This Universe is your visible body. All energies of this Universe are forming your Invisible body. Let me realize that without your consent nothing can move on its own. Yet, You are devoid of any deficiencies of either the Nature or the inner energies called souls. Allow us, the souls, who have great energies, but, under your control, not to ignore Your Supremacy on us. Control us, to be with You as a part, inseparable from You. We quarrel with each other, we try to dominate everybody including You, our Master, thus falling into this vicious cycle of Samsa:ra. As, a part works for the whole, not claiming its individuality or independence, never tries to dominate other parts, we should also, all together, serve You, O Viswa Sari:ra!. You expect that we should dedicate all our thoughts to You, thus, transform them as Yajnas. Unfortunately, we are not caring Your instructions, and our own actions are binding us seriously with Ego. Allow us and accept our Yajnas to please you.

Let everything I do, with the sensory organs become Yajna. My organ is an altar, the ability to perceive is the fire, the objects are the ghee and ultimately the recipient is You O Yajna Purusha!.

O Pundari:ka:ksha ! One with Lotus like eyes !

Let my eye be the instrument to offer oblations. Let the universe become the altar. Let all the forms of life with colors, become the fire. Let me realize that You are the recipient, the enjoyer of the vision.

O the Indweller of Senses! O Lord Of The Primordial Sound O:mka:ra! Let me realize that, the sound that comes from all directions is the ghee offering. My ear is the altar. My ability of 'listening' is the fire; the 'meaning' is You, the omnipotent Lord.

O Lord of divine fragrances, Let me realize that experiencing fragrance through my nose is a Yajna; that my nose is the altar; that each smell and the object that possesses it, is the ghee. The ability to smell is fire. It is You, from within, receive it. Let my nose become an instrument to perform the Yajna always and Let it please You.

Let my mind be the offerer; every thought be the altar; the object that comes into the thought is the fire; my knowledge is the ghee; the act of thinking is the offering ; and the recipient is again You, O Lord ! The Controller of Everything! O' Omnipresent Lord ! Let me realize that everything is a part of You; that every activity is therefore a Yajna. O Lord, the architect of the Universe! Let me realize that even the one that is performing the Yajna, from within me, is also You.

With your kindness, O Lord ! Let me understand that, any activity that is not done as a Yajnam, binds me to 'ahanka:ra' and to 'samsa:ra'. O' Lord ! Please accept all my activities as Ya:ga and through this Yajnam, you help me to get released from the past karmas. Let me do all my activities as Ya:ga in the sacred way, as favoured by You and let me not choose other paths that are thorny, bushy and binding us here.

O Lord ! Give us the ability to choose, only the path recommended by You, and make our life journey be in your service. Let me enjoy Your immense grace. Lord, give us the wisdom to perform all our activities as Yajna.

*" yajna:rttha:th karmano:nyathra lo:ko:yam karma bandhanaha |
thadarttham karma kounthe:ya ! muktha sangas sama:chara! || " – B.G. 3.9*
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O Merciful God! Daya:nidhe: ! Your compassion has no bounds. You, are the All Pervasive one. You choose to appear in a form to save these souls. Poor souls we are, craving always for mundane things, neglecting the eternal riches. As a result of our own arrogance, we are sinking deep into this temporal world.

Though undeserved we are, You come down all the way to save us. You take several forms to fulfil our needs. We go through millions of births as driven by the force of our Karmic waves. You have no Karmic bondages. You have only mercy, on us. She forces You to save us from our Karmas. As a result of that force, You accept countless births. Our birth cycle may be cut down by Your mercy. But, Your births are never ending, for, Your births absolutely come out of Your mercy. There will be no end to your births, as your mercy never ends. In spite of the worst sins we commit, we expect decency in our births! You observe no limit in taking birth through different bodies. We call them Avatha:ra:s. Ours' are births but, Yours are Avatha:ras. We are born, but, You Appear. We go through the cycle of births helpless. Whereas, You descend at Your Will to give a lift to us.

O' Personified Mercy ! What a kind of Avatharas You have chosen, to help us! A fish, a turtle, a boar, a Lion, a Swan, a plant, a stone... what Not ! You observe No limits at all... in taking any form to save us.

Your Fish form, 'Matsya Avathara' came to rescue all the souls from a great Tsunami.

You became a turtle 'Ku:rma:vatha:ra', to protect the life from demons and bless us with nectar.

As Divine Boar, You revealed the process of transforming our activities as Yajna, and became the supporter of knowledge.

You never hesitate even to beg things from us, though everything was given by You only. You are happy even with a little positive attitude in us. Your Vamana avathara is a standing example for that.

Though you are able to crush us down to the dust, You allow us to learn by ourselves, by seeing Your practice. You have proved it through Your Rama Avathara and Parasurama Avatara.

Is it necessary for You to play for a bowl of butter? Do You need to steal anything when, everything is given by You only? You do all these things, only to attract our attention and make us think of You always, so that we would be saved.

That's why; we adore your boundless compassion. To save us, You ignore your own greatness, Your own Powers, Your own wealth and appear as if, You are depending on us ! You allow us to feel as if; we are doing great favor to You. How can we count all Your qualities and activities exhibited for us to emancipate us from this egotistic life?

We simply bow before you O Ocean of compassion, Karuna Sindho:! Allow us to realize your grace on us. Bless us with the wisdom to lead a humble and simple life!

" Sve:ccha: gruhi:tha:bhimatho:ru de:haha

Swa sakthi le:so:dhrutha bhu:tha vargaha..." – Vishnu Puran

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Prayer #6 (Friday, July 30th, 2010)

O Our Beloved Mother of this Cosmos, Maha Lakshmi ! You are the embodiment of our Lord Narayana's compassion. For You, Lord had created this entire Universe! Every beauty in this creation is nothing but your grace.

You prompt God to lead the world for its well-being. Only to please You, Lord Narayana is forgiving our grave mistakes. I realize that You are the compassion manifest.

The wealth of this world or net her worlds, beauty – seen or unseen, softness, tenderness, riches that we enjoy, all good qualities one can imagine, are nothing but an iota of your divine grace.

O Mother of all mothers! Allow us to realize Your compassion in providing us a world full of your Divine Beauty.

When a peacock is spreading his beautiful turquoise feather I found your grace in that. Lord Krishna decorated a peacock feather on His cap, only to please you. It's only Your beauty seen in the colorful crown of a rooster.

The Majestic prowess of a Lion is the result of your grace only.
The dark clouds spread across the sky captivate our hearts because of Your momentary look.
The vivid vibrant colors and their bewitching combinations, of the Nature, reflect just a part of Your beauty only.
The beautiful currents of flowing water, jumping grace of the waves, the loveliness of the atmosphere around, are a form of Your beauty.
The graceful waterfalls rushing down the mountains and valleys are showing nothing but a spark of Your astounding beauty.
Like the reflections of the shining gems studded on the crown, the twinkling droplets on the fresh blooming leaves, sparkled by early rays of Sun, are permitting us to experience your prettiness.
The dazzling shine of the Snow peaks, amidst the lush green valleys of the mountain ranges like Himalayas, is just a bit of Your immense splendor.
The greenery in trees and plants, delicious taste in fruits, the orderly array of the petals in multicolored flowers is nothing but the beauty of your grace showered on us.
The quietness in the colorful lawns, stony Mountains, graceful Valleys is all just Your expression of beauty.
The enchanting melody of the music, the sweetness in the sounds made by the birds, the royal rhythm of the winds off the ocean, are just a few examples of Your unstinted beauty. How many can I say?
The radiance of the Sun, pleasantness of the Moonlight, the blaze of the Fire, glittering shine of the Gold, the fragrance of the blossoming flowers, the purity & wisdom of a pious thought and word....are all your Divine Abodes.
The twinkling stars, miraculous movements of the planets in the space, the reverberating divine sounds of the cosmos, the effects of the perceivable and unperceivable forces of the Nature, also are all just because of Your unparalleled grace on us.
You are thus, the supporter of the very existence of the Universal Body of our Lord Narayana. Bless us to realize your greatness.
O Mother Divine, Maha Lakshmi, without You nothing is there in this Universe or elsewhere.

*“thwam ma:tha: sarva bhu:tha:na:m de:va de:vo: Harih pitha: |
thwayaithath vishnuna:cha:mba! Jagad vya:ptham chara:charam | | “ – Vishnu
Pura:nam 1.9*

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