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## Simple Ganapathi Homa

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### Introduction

Lord Ganapathi enables us to overcome obstacles in our material and spiritual lives. His homa can be done every day or every weekend or on every Chaturthi day.

### Preparation

Find a standard homa kunda or simply a small vessel/utensil made of copper/silver/bronze/steel, in square/circular/rectangular shape. Even if it was used for cooking earlier, it's ok. Clean it thoroughly, dry it and use it. We'll simply call it "homa kunda" in this writeup.

Find some ghee (clarified butter). If not available, use sesame oil or some other oil. Find a copper/silver/steel cup/tumbler/vessel to keep melted ghee. Find a copper/silver/steel spoon for offering ghee.

Find another tumbler and spoon for water. Keep a matchbox and camphor (if available) ready.

If possible, get some dry coconut (copra) halves at a nearby store and make small pieces (roughly 1 inch x 1 inch). If not, collect some fallen dry twigs from nearby trees (or other firewood). If you have dried cowdung pieces, you can use those too.

If you have black/brown/white sesame seeds and any unsalted plain nuts (e.g. cashews, almonds etc), you can use them too.

### Some Precautions

Do NOT consume meat or alcohol or drugs on the previous day. Sleep well and get up early on the day of homa. Take bath and wear clean clothes that you feel comfortable in (no need for traditional clothes if they make you uncomfortable, as being in a calm state of mind is more important than externalities).

If possible, it is ideal to do homa in an open space outdoors. When doing in a closed room, one should have enough ventilation to avoid accumulation of smoke in the room, resulting in smoke inhalation. One should also take precautions and avoid fire hazards like inflammable substances near the homa.

### Procedure: Pre-Fire Stage

Sit down facing east and place the homa kunda in front of you. Think of Mother Earth with gratitude for bearing your weight. Clean your palm, pour some water in your palm 3 times and drink it after saying the following:

- (1) ఓం కేశవాయ స్వాహా
- (2) ఓం నారాయణాయ స్వాహా
- (3) ఓం మాధవాయ స్వాహా

Light a lamp and think of fire in it with gratitude. While saying any mantra you like (or just ॐ), breath in and out calmly while focusing the mind on your breath. You can either fo alternate nostril breathing or normal breathing. Stop when your mind is calm.

Place some water in your right palm. If you are *not* comfortable with Sanskrit, say this:

For the establishment of Dharma on earth and for the well-being and peace of all people, I shall do a Ganapathi Homa within my abilities.

If you are comfortable with Sanskrit, say this:

భూలోకే ధర్మ స్థాపనార్థం సర్వేషాం జనానాం సుఖ శాంతి సిద్ధ్యర్థం గణపతి హోమకర్మ యథాశక్తి కరిష్యే

After saying it, drop the water in front of you, over the tips of fingers.

Place a couple of copra pieces (or twigs) in homa kunda and light them with a matchstick (use a camphor for ease if you have), while saying the following and imagining that Holy Fire will cooperate in this ritual:

ఓం భూర్భువస్సువరోమ్

Offer drops of ghee in fire 8 times while saying this and imagining that fire is becoming holy and stronger:

ఓం భూర్భువస్సువః స్వాహా

## Procedure: Initial Offerings in Fire

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your consciousness to Prajapati, via Holy Fire:

ఓం ప్రజాపతయే స్వాహా

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your faculty of inspired perception to Indra, via Holy Fire:

ఓం ఇంద్రాయ స్వాహా

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your faculty of logical and structured thinking to Agni, via Holy Fire:

ఓం అగ్నయే స్వాహా

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your faculty of feeling and intuition to Soma, via Holy Fire:

ఓం సోమాయ స్వాహా

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your awareness of physical, mental and spiritual realms to Prajapati, via Holy Fire:

ఓం భూర్భువస్సువః స్వాహా

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire 8 times while imagining that you are surrendering your ability to plan and avoid obstacles to Ganesha, via Holy Fire:

ఓం గం గణపతయే నమః స్వాహా

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your ability to persist and overcome problems to Varuna, via Holy Fire:

ఓం వం వరుణాయ నమః స్వాహా

## Procedure: Services to Main Deity

Saying this, imagine that lord Ganapathi has entered Holy Fire and accepting your offerings.

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Say this and offer sandalwood powder in fire (or a drop of ghee in its absence):

ఓం లం పృథివ్యాత్మనే నమః

Say this and offer a flower or dried flower powder (or a drop of ghee in its absence):

ఓం హం ఆకాశాత్మనే నమః

Say this, light an incense stick and place it near the homa kunda (or offer a drop of ghee in its absence):

ఓం యం వాయ్వాత్మనే నమః

Say this and show the lamp to the homa kunda (or offer a drop of ghee in its absence):

ఓం రం అగ్న్యాత్మనే నమః

Say this and offer a raisin or piece of a fruit or some unused cooked food in fire (or a drop of ghee in its absence):

ఓం వం జలాత్మనే నమః

## Procedure: Offerings to Main Deity

Say one of the following 3 mantras and offer a drop of ghee (or sesame seeds or nuts) in fire while imagining that Lord Ganapathi is accepting it:

ఓం గం గణపతయే నమః స్వాహా

ఓం శ్రీం హ్రీం క్లీం గ్లోం గం గణపతయే వరవరద సర్వజనం మే వశమానయ స్వాహా

*Warning:* Ignore the mantra below if you are uncomfortable with Vedic intonation (swara). You can chant flat also.

ఓం గ\_ణానాం" త్వా\_గ\_ణప\_తిం హ\_వామ\_హే క\_విం క\_వీ\_నాము\_ప\_మ\_శ్ర\_వ\_స్త\_మం. జ్యే\_ష్ఠ\_రాజం\_ బ్ర\_హ్మ\_ణాం బ్ర\_హ్మ\_ణ\_స్ప\_త\_ ఆ\_ నః' శ్ర\_ణ\_వ\_స్మా\_త్తి\_భి\_స్సే\_ద\_ సా\_ద\_నం. స్వాహా"

You can do this as many times as you can. You can do one mantra for sometime and the other for some more time. You can also use any other mantras you are attached to.

Don't rush. Imagine that lord is in fire, accepting your offerings and mantra. Imagine that his blessings are coming to you. Try to develop that feeling and enjoy it.

## Procedure: Final Offerings in Fire

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your physical experiences to Agni, *via* Holy Fire:

ఓం భూః అగ్నయే స్వాహా

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your mental experiences to Vayu, *via* Holy Fire:

ఓం భువః వాయవే స్వాహా

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your spiritual experiences to Surya, *via* Holy Fire:

ఓం సువః సూర్యాయ స్వాహా

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering everything physical, mental and spiritual that is being created inside you, to Prajapati, *via* Holy Fire:

ఓం భూర్భువస్సువః స్వాహా

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering everything physical, mental and spiritual that is being sustained inside you, to Vishnu, *via* Holy Fire:

ఓం విష్ణవే స్వాహా

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering everything physical, mental and spiritual that is being destroyed inside you, to Rudra, *via* Holy Fire:

ఓం రుద్రాయ స్వాహా

Take 6 raisins or 6 pieces of a fruit (no more fruit should be left outside of those pieces) or 6 fruits. Offer them to those ethereal associates of the deity, who cannot accept via Holy Fire and who like to consume food via sense of smell. You

can throw away that food later in woods or trash or feed it to animals or birds.

ఓం పార్వదేభ్యో నమః

### **Procedure: Poornahuti (Complete Offering)**

Say this and offer a big copra piece or a nut or a twig or a big drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your sense of being to Lord Ganapathi:

ఓం గం గణపతయే నమః స్వాహా

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that Holy Fire with seven tongues is pleased:

ఓం అగ్నయే సప్తవతే స్వాహా

### **Meditation**

Now, meditate as long as you can, with the following mantra (or any other mantra you like).

ఓం గం గణపతయే నమః

At the end, say this while imagining that peace descends on you and others:

ఓం శాన్తిః శాన్తిః శాన్తిః