

Tarpana for Devas, Rishis and Pitris

Simplest Procedure

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Introduction

Tarpana is a simple water based ritual in which oblations are made to satiate the desires of deities, sages, divine beings and ancestors and, as a result, freeing one from the resonating effect of those desires (due to kaarmik debt). It is good for removing various obstructions in one's material and spiritual lives and giving peace, stability, balance and focus to the mind.

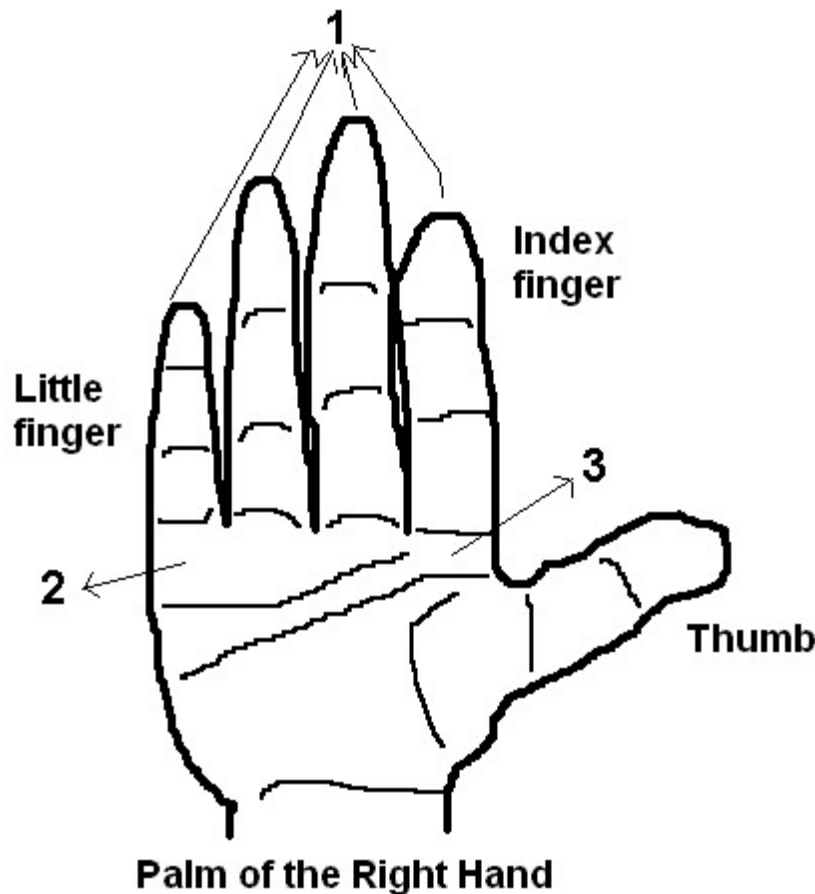
Please make sure to visit <https://EasyHoma.org/tarpana> and read a brief write-up explaining the importance of Tarpana ritual. It also contains an FAQ (frequently asked questions).

Materials Needed

For the simplest procedure, one just needs (1) a small water pot/tumbler/container, (2) water and (3) a spoon.

Sankalpam (vow)

While sitting cross-legged (if one is capable – otherwise sit in a chair), imagine that you are going to try to please deities, sages, divine beings and ancestors. Pour a little water with the spoon in your palm and wash the palm clean.



Procedure

Hold your right palm facing up. Pour water with a spoon into the palm. Imagining that you are pleasing various deities, say the following and angle the palm to let water drop via the tips of 4 fingers (region shown as “1” in the figure above):

ॐ देवाः तृप्यन्ताम्

Pour more water with a spoon into the palm. Imagining that you are pleasing the seven sages (Saptarshis) who hold the universe together, say the following and angle the palm to let water drop via the tips of 4 fingers (same as above):

ॐ सप्तर्षयः तृप्यन्ताम्

Pour water with a spoon into the palm. Imagining that you are pleasing various other sages and divine beings, say the following and angle the palm to let water drop via the region below little finger (region shown as “2” in the figure above). Do it 2 times by repeating the mantra as shown below (*i.e.* drop water 2 times).

ॐ ऋषयो दिव्य मनुष्याः तृप्यन्ताम् ॥१॥ ॐ ऋषयो दिव्य मनुष्याः तृप्यन्ताम् ॥२॥

Pour water with a spoon into the palm. Imagining that you are pleasing various ancestors and deceased people (to whom you have a karmik debt), say the following and angle the palm to let water drop via the region below index finger and above thumb (region shown as “3” in the figure above). Do it 3 times by repeating a part of the mantra as shown below (*i.e.* drop water 3 times).

ॐ पितरः तृप्यन्ताम् तेभ्यः स्वधा नमः ॥१॥ तेभ्यः स्वधा नमः ॥२॥ तेभ्यः स्वधा नमः ॥३॥

Conclusion

Pour a little water with the spoon in your palm and wash the palm again.

Remain calm for a moment in gratitude for what you received from deities, sages, divine beings and ancestors.

Imagine that you have pleased deities, sages, divine beings and ancestors.