



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

DURGA SUKTAM

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Vedic, Taittiriya Aranyaka

The seven verses of the Taittiriya Aranyaka as chanted in South India, followed by the Durga Gayatri that closes the recitation.

VERSE 1

जातवेदसे सुनवाम सोममरातीयतो निदहाति वेदः ।
स नः पर्षदति दुर्गाणि विश्वा नावेव सिन्धुं दुरितात्यग्निः ॥

Let us press out the Soma for Jataveda, the all-knowing Fire. May he burn away the wealth of those who are hostile to us. May that Fire carry us across all difficulties and wrongs, as a boat carries people across a river.

VERSE 2

तामग्निवर्णां तपसा ज्वलन्तीं वैरोचनीं कर्मफलेषु जुष्टाम् ।
दुर्गां देवीं शरणमहं प्रपद्ये सुतरसि तरसे नमः ॥

I take refuge in the goddess Durga, who has the colour of fire, who blazes with the heat of austerity, who shines with her own light and is sought for the fruits of action. O goddess who carries us across so well, salutation to you who brings us through.

VERSE 3

अग्ने त्वं पारया नव्यो अस्मान् स्वस्तिभिरति दुर्गाणि विश्वा ।
पूश्च पृथ्वी बहुला न उर्वी भवा तोकाय तनयाय शंयोः ॥

O Agni, worthy of new praise, take us safely across all difficulties. Be for us a wide and broad stronghold and land, and be the source of welfare and blessing for our children and their children.

VERSE 4

विश्वानि नो दुर्गहा जातवेदः सिन्धुं न नावा दुरितातिपर्षि ।
अग्ने अत्रिवन्मनसा गृणानोऽस्माकं बोध्यविता तनूनाम् ॥

O Jataveda, destroyer of hardships, you carry us past all troubles and wrongs as a boat crosses a river. O Agni, praised with devotion as the sage Atri praised you, be mindful of us as the protector of our bodies.

VERSE 5

पृतनाजितं सहमानमुग्रमग्निं हुवेम परमात्सधस्थात् ।
स नः पर्षदति दुर्गाणि विश्वा क्षामदेवो अति दुरितात्यग्निः ॥

We invoke from the highest abode the fierce Agni, conqueror of armies, who overpowers all foes. May that god carry us across all difficulties, forgive our faults, and take us beyond all wrongs.

VERSE 6

प्रत्नोषि कमीड्यो अध्वरेषु सनाच्च होता नव्यश्च सत्सि ।
स्वां चाग्ने तनुवं पिप्रयस्वास्मभ्यं च सौभगमायजस्व ॥

O Agni, you are praised in the sacrifices as the ancient one and ever new, and you take your seat as the priest who invokes the gods. Gladden your own form, O Agni, and bring good fortune to us through sacrifice.

VERSE 7

गोभिर्जुष्टमयुजो निषिक्तं तवेन्द्र विष्णोरनुसञ्चरेम ।
नाकस्य पृष्ठमभि संवसानो वैष्णवीं लोक इह मादयन्ताम् ॥

O Indra, may we follow you, who are joined with plenty and unmatched, and follow along the way of Vishnu. Dwelling on the summit of heaven, may the gods make us, devoted to Vishnu, rejoice here in this world.

DURGA GAYATRI

कात्यायनाय विद्महे कन्याकुमारि धीमहि ।
तन्नो दुर्गिः प्रचोदयात् ॥

We come to know Katyayani; we meditate on the maiden goddess Kanyakumari. May Durga inspire and guide us.

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