



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

# MAHA SHIVARATRI MANTRA

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Traditional

THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

The root mantra, the two vow verses of the morning, the four arghya verses of the night watches, the three closing verses at dawn and the verse for breaking the fast.

MANTRA 1

ॐ नमः शिवाय ॥

Om, salutation to Shiva. The five syllables na-mah-shi-va-ya are the Panchakshari; with Om before them it is chanted through the night of Shivaratri as the root mantra of the worship.

SANKALPA 1

शिवरात्रिव्रतं ह्येतत्करिष्येऽहं महाफलम् ।  
निर्विघ्नमस्तु मे चात्र त्वत्प्रसादाज्जगत्पते ॥

I shall keep this Shivaratri vow, which bears great fruit. Lord of the world, by your grace may it go without obstacle for me.

SANKALPA 2

चतुर्दश्यां निराहारो भूत्वा शम्भो परेऽहनि ।  
भोक्ष्येऽहं भुक्तिमुक्त्यर्थं शरणं मे भवेश्वर ॥

O Shambhu, I will keep from food on the fourteenth day and eat on the day after, for the sake of worldly good and liberation. Lord Bhava, be my refuge.

PRAHARA 1

शिवरात्रिव्रतं देव पूजाजपपरायणः ।  
करोमि विधिवद्भक्तं गृहाणार्घ्यं महेश्वर ॥

O God, intent on worship and japa, I keep the Shivaratri vow. Great Lord, accept this arghya, offered according to the rule. (First watch of the night.)

PRAHARA 2

नमः शिवाय शान्ताय सर्वपापहराय च ।  
शिवरात्रौ ददाम्यर्घ्यं प्रसीद उमया सह ॥

Salutation to Shiva, the peaceful one, the remover of all sins. On Shivaratri I offer this arghya; be gracious to me, together with Uma. (Second watch.)

PRAHARA 3

दुःखदारिद्र्यशोकेन दग्धोऽहं पार्वतीश्वर ।  
शिवरात्रौ ददाम्यर्घ्यमुमाकान्त गृहाण मे ॥

Lord of Parvati, I am scorched by sorrow, want and grief. On Shivaratri I offer this arghya; beloved of Uma, accept it from me.  
(Third watch.)

PRAHARA 4

मया कृतान्यनेकानि पापानि हर शङ्कर ।  
शिवरात्रौ ददाम्यर्घ्यमुमाकान्त गृहाण मे ॥

Shankara, take away the many sins I have committed. On Shivaratri I offer this arghya; beloved of Uma, accept it from me.  
(Fourth watch.)

SAMAPANA 1

अविघ्नेन व्रतं देव त्वत्प्रसादात्समर्पितम् ।  
क्षमस्व जगतां नाथ त्रैलोक्याधिपते हर ॥

O God, by your grace the vow has been brought to its end and offered without hindrance. Forgive me, Lord of the worlds, Hara, ruler of the three realms.

SAMAPANA 2

यन्मयाद्य कृतं पुण्यं तद्गुद्रस्य निवेदितम् ।  
त्वत्प्रसादान्मया देव व्रतमद्य समर्पितम् ॥

Whatever merit I have made today is offered to Rudra. By your grace, O God, I have today offered up this vow.

SAMAPANA 3

प्रसन्नो भव मे श्रीमन् मद्भूतिं प्रतिपद्यताम् ।  
त्वदालोकनमात्रेण पवित्रोऽस्मि न संशयः ॥

Glorious Lord, be pleased with me, and let my welfare be granted. By the mere sight of you I am made pure; of this there is no doubt.

PARANA 1

संसारक्लेशदग्धस्य व्रतेनानेन शङ्कर ।  
प्रसीद सुमुखो नाथ ज्ञानदृष्टिप्रदो भव ॥

Shankara, through this vow be gracious to me, who am burned by the troubles of worldly life. Lord, turn a kind face to me and grant me the sight of knowledge. (Said when breaking the fast the next day.)

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