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Guru Mantra

गुरुब्रह्मा गुरुविष्णुः गुरुदेवो महेश्वरः ।
गुरुः साक्षात्परब्रह्म तस्मै श्री गुरवे नमः ॥

Gurur Brahma Gurur Vishnu

Guru Devo Maheswaraha

Guru Saakshaat Parabrahma

Tasmai Sri Gurave Namaha

The Guru is none other than the creator, Lord Brahma (who creates the qualities of a good student and seeker in me), he verily is Lord Vishnu, the preserver (who guides me as father and mother, holding my hand life after life), and he is truly Maheshwara, the destroyer (who destroys my ego, my rajasic and tamasic attributes). He is the supreme Brahman himself. To such a Guru I offer my salutations.

Bhojan Mantra

In our Hindu way of life, food (bhojan) is not only used for nourishment of physical body but is believed to influence our mental and spiritual development. The purpose of food is not only to provide calories and carbohydrates. Our sages and rishis have explained in our scriptures the importance of food. The body needs nourishing food and the mind needs noble thoughts – that is why a mantra is recited before taking our meals.

Anna grahaNa karnese pafele

Vichaara man me karanaa hai

Kis hetu se isa shareera kaa

RakshaNa poshhaNa karanaa hai

He parameshwar ek praarthanaa

Nitya tumhaare charaNo me

Lag jaaye tan man dhan meraa

Vishva dharma ki sevaa me

Aum sahanaa vavatu

Sahanau bhunaktu

Sahaveeryam karavaavahai

tejas-vinaa-vadhee-tamastu

Maa-vidvishhaavahai

Aum shantih shantih shantihee

Before we take our food,

We pause to think,

For what purpose should we nurture
and protect our body.

O God, grant us this prayer, for which I
bow with respect at your feet, that my
body, mind and wealth be put to use
in the service of Universal Dharma.

Let us protect each other.

Let us eat together.

Let us work together.

Let us study together to be bright and
successful.

Let us not hate each other.

Let there be peace, peace and peace!

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Prarthana

**Sarva Mangala Maangalyaam
Deveem Sarvaartha
Saadhikaam
Sharanyaam Sarva Bhootanaam
Namaamo Bhoomi Mataram**

The most sacred of all that is auspicious,
The means to achieve all that one aspires
The safe refuge of all living beings O
Goodness Mother Earth,
We salute thee.

**Sachchidaanada Roopaaya
Vishwa Mangala Hetave
Vishwa Dharmaika Moolaaya
Namostu Paramaatmane**

You are the cause for the Universal good,
The embodiment of the Truth, Wisdom
and Bliss, The Unique origin of Universal
Righteousness, Our Salutations to You,
O God, Supreme.

**Vishwa Dharma Vikaasartham
Prabho Sanghatitaa Vayam
Shubhaam Aashisham
Asmabhayam
Dehi Tat Paripoortaye**

Together we have come organized, O
Lord, The purpose being flourishing of
Universal Dharma, We seek Your
blessings, the divine grace, Bestow on us
to accomplish the aim.

**Ajayyam Aatma Saamarthyam
Susheelam Loka Poojitam
Gyanam Cha Dehi Vishwesh
Dhyeya Maarga Prakaashakam**

Possession of valour, unconquerable
ever conduct, character renowned world
over, Bestow the wisdom that brightens,
O God paving the way to realize the goal.

**SamutKarshostuno Nityam
Nishreyasa Samanvitah
Tatsaadhakam Sphuratwantah
Suveera Vratamujwalam**

Endowed with prosperity, exaltation,
perpetual, May there be affluence
bestowed on us; inspired are we to
practice, the radiant, worthy, valiant, vow.

**Vishwa Dharma Prakaashena
Vishwa Shaanti Pravartake
Hindu Sanghatanaa Kaarye
Dhyeya Nishthaa Sthiraastunah**

With enlightenment from the Universal
Dharma, in propagating peace through
out the world in the task of achieving
Hindu unity worldwide, May our aim and
deep faith remain resolute.

**Sangha Shaktir Vijetreeyam
Krutvaasmad Dharma
Rakshanam
Paramam Vaibhavam Praaptum
Samarthaastu Tavaashisha**

With the triumphant power of the
organization, by safeguarding our own
Dharma, the righteousness, May we be
blessed to be competent to attain the
glory supreme, sublime.

**Tvadiye Punya Kaaryesmin
Vishwa Kalyaana Saadhake
Tyaaga Seva Vratasyaayam
Kaayome Patatu Prabho**

In pursuit of the welfare of the mankind,
which indeed is thy holy cause and
inspired by the noble virtues of service
and sacrifice, let my being, O Bhagawan!,
be offered at your feet.

|| Vishwa Dharma Ki Jay ||

|| Victory to Universal Dharma ||

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Geet

Ish hame deta hai Sabkuch

**Ish hame detaa hai sab kuch,
ham bhee to kuch denaa seekhe**

The divine gives us everything that we need, Should we learn to be generous too?

**Sooraj hame roshanee detaa,
hawaa nayaa jeevan detee hai
bhookh miTaane ko ham sab
kee,
dharatee par hotee khetee hai
auro kaa bhee hit ho jis me,
ham aisaa kuch karanaa seekhe**

The sun illuminates our world; the wind provides us with a new life force. Our earth provides us with abundant food to appease our hunger ; should we also learn to support our fellow brethren?

Ish hame...

**Garamee kee tapatee dupahar
me,
peD sadaa dete hai Chaayaa
suman sugandh sadaa dete hai,
ham sab ko phoolo kee maalaa
tyaagee taruo ke jeevan se,
ham parahit kuch karanaa
seekhe**

In the scorching heat of the day, trees provide us with cooling shade their flowers provide us with a wonderful fragrance and beautiful garlands ; should we be like the trees and learn to selflessly serve our society

Ish hame...

**Jo anapaDh hai unhe paDhaaye,
jo chup hai unako waaNee de
piChaDh gaye jo unhe baDhaaye,
samarasataa ka bhaav jagaa de
ham mehanat ke deep jalaa kar,
nayaa ujaalaa karanaa seekhe**

Let us spread knowledge to those who are ignorant, and give a voice to those who have been silenced let us uplift those who were left behind, and awaken a feeling of harmony in them let us light the lamp of perseverance and enlighten everyone

Ish hame...

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Arjuna shooting at the fish



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Word search:

Can you identify the Balgokulam themes in last one year?

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Answer key on the last page

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Devanagri Script -9

1. Read aloud and understand the pattern

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2. Fill the letters

3. Fill up the remaining patter to form the above letters

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4. Write the letters in your hand writing

Concentration and ability of Arjuna

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Arjuna was an ambidextrous master archer and the third Pandava brother. The son of Indra, Arjuna is said to have been well-built and extremely handsome. Out of all Pandavas and Kauravas, Arjuna had immense liking for the sport of bow and arrow. He practiced this art with great concentration and perseverance.

Once Guru Dronacharya decided to test all his students in their skill of archery. He hung a wooden bird from the branch of a tree and then summoned his students. He asked them to aim for the bird's eye and then asked them what they could see. Student after student replied that they could see the garden, the tree, flowers, etc. Drona asked them to step aside and not shoot. When it was Arjuna's turn, he told his Guru that the only thing he could see was the bird's eye. This satisfied the Guru into allowing Arjuna to shoot the bird unflinchingly.

This skill in archery went on to play an unusual role in his life. Drupada, the king of Panchala arranged a swayamvara for his daughter Draupadi's marriage in the Panchala court. At the centre of the court a pole was erected over which there was a revolving wheel. On the wheel was a wooden fish. At the bottom of the pole there was a pan of water. The one, who could shoot an arrow at the eye of revolving fish while looking at its reflection in the water below, would marry Draupadi. This was the condition for the swayamvara. Princes from all over assembled for the swayamvara. The Pandavas who were at that time living as Brahmins were also present. Duryodhana, Karna, and Shri Krishna were also present. As the Swayamvara began, many brave princes tried to win the hand of Draupadi, but failed to perform the difficult task of shooting the fish's eye.

When all the princes were unsuccessful in performing the feat, Drupada became worried about the marriage of his daughter. Suddenly, Arjuna dressed as a Brahmin rose to try the feat. Nobody was able to recognise him. All the princes objected to the participation of a Brahmin in a competition that was meant for them. But looking

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at the build and confidence of the Brahmin, no one dared to say anything. Arjuna easily shot the fish's eye. Draupadi was very happy and she put the wedding garland around Arjuna's neck.

Drupada was delighted to know that the brave Brahmin who married Draupadi was none other than the great Arjuna. Satisfied Drupada arranged for a reception at the palace. The Pandavas were invited and the wedding between the Pandavas and Draupadi was performed with great splendour.

Perseverance and concentration help us not just with archery, as in the case of Arjuna, but in all the tasks we perform everyday. Whether it is a project or just homework, working diligently and with concentration, we can complete our work faster, and in a much better way!

Answer key for the word search

1. Strength and Courage
2. Truthfulness and Honesty
3. Sewa
4. Leadership
5. Motherhood
6. Unity
7. Guru and Respect
8. Devotion
9. Perseverance
10. Rashtra Bhakti