

## Vedic Chants

वक्रतुण्ड महाकाय सूर्यकोटि समप्रभ ।  
निर्विघ्नं कुरु मे देव सर्वकार्येषु सर्वदा ॥

Vakratunda Mahaakaaya, Suryakotisamaprabha  
Nirvighnam Kuru Me Deva Sarvakaaryeshu Sarvadaa.

*O, Lord Ganesha of the curved trunk and massive body, the one whose splendor is equal to millions of Suns, please bless me so that I do not face any obstacles in my endeavors.*

या कुन्देन्दुतुषारहारधवला  
या शुभ्रवस्त्रावृता  
या वीणावरदण्डमण्डितकरा  
या श्वेतपद्मासना ।  
या ब्रम्हाच्युतशंकरप्रभृतिभिर्  
देवैस्सदा वंदिता  
सा मां पातु सरस्वती भगवती  
निश्शेषजाड्यापहा ॥

Yaa Kundendutushaarahaaradhavalaa  
Yaa Shubhravastraavrtaa  
Yaa Veenaavaradandamanditakaraa  
Yaa Shvetapadmaasanaa.  
Yaa Brahmaachyutashankaraprabhrtibhir  
Devaissadaa Vanditaa  
Saa Maam Paatu Sarasvatee Bhagavatee  
Nishsheshajaadyaapahaa.

*May that Goddess – Bhagavati – the blessed Saraswati presiding deity of learning and remover of our lethargy, laziness and ignorance, kindly protect us. She is pure and white like the Jasmine, the full moon and the garland-like formation of dewdrops. She is dressed in a spotless robe. She has in her hand the auspicious instrument Vina. She is seated on a white lotus. She is the one who is always respected by Brahma the creator, Vishnu the preserver, Shankara the annihilator and other Gods.*

गुरुब्रह्मा गुरुर्विष्णुः  
गुरुर्देवो महेश्वरः ।  
गुरुस्साक्षात् परं ब्रह्म  
तस्मै श्री गुरवे नमः ॥

Gururbrahmaa Gururvishnuh  
Gururdevo Mahesvarah.  
Gurussaakshaat Param Brahma  
Tasmai Shri Gurave Namah.

*The Guru is none other than the creator, Lord Brahma; he verily is Lord Vishnu, the preserver, and he truly is Mahesvara, the destroyer. He is the supreme Brahman himself. To such a Guru I offer my salutations.*

ॐकारं बिन्दुसंयुक्तं  
नित्यं ध्यायन्ति योगिनः ।  
कामदं मोक्षदं चैव  
ॐकाराय नमो नमः ॥

Omkaaram Bindusamyuktam  
Nityam Dhyaayanti Yoginah.  
Kaamadam Mokshadam Chaiva  
Omkaaraaya Namo Namah.

*The sacred letter 'Om' is associated with the sacred dot – the Bindu. This 'Om' is the bestower of all wishes and is indeed capable of leading one to freedom from worldly bondage and is meditated upon by yogis. To this letter 'Om' we offer our salutations.*

असतो मा सद्गमय  
तमसो मा ज्योतिर्गमया  
मृत्योर्मा अमृतं गमय ॥  
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

Om Asato Maa Sadgamaya  
Tamaso Maa Jyotir Gamaya  
Mrityor Maa Amrtam Gamaya.  
Om Shaantih Shaantih Shaantih.

*O Lord please lead me from the unreal to the real. Lead me from darkness to light (i.e. from ignorance to knowledge). Lead me from death to immortality. May there be peace, peace and perfect peace.*

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