

Gāyatrī Mantras

These mantras were compiled by Ekabhumi Ellik as a reference for sacred art studies. This document is provided free. Suggestions are welcome. If you find this document useful, please help Eka continue to provide resources and sacred art instruction by donating at:

www.oneearthssacredarts.com

Updated 24 February 2021

What Is A Gāyatrī Mantra: Originally used to invoke Surya (the Sun), the mantra itself became personified as a goddess of enlightenment and wife of the creator deity Brahma. Today, there are many mantras for different deities composed in the same poetical meter. Though they are for various divinities, all are infused with the enlightening power of the goddess from whom these mantras arose. These are generally considered to be “public” mantras appropriate for beginners and which do not require initiation from a guru.

It is helpful to chant a mantra of a deity while working on sacred art. This helps with focusing the mind and orienting to the deity. If the artist already knows the mantra of the deity being invoked, they can just go with what they know. But most tantrik deity mantras are secret or require initiation. And most artists don't actually want to be initiated into the mantra of every deity they portray. So, in light of these challenges, these Gāyatrī mantras are provided for working artists and students of sacred art.

The list begins with Gaṇeśa, then the original Gāyatrī mantra, and then the rest for other deities are arranged in alphabetical (English) order. Suggestions for improvement and additions are welcome.

NOTE: Only a few Devanagari versions are provided because these are what I could find and I lack the skill to type them out myself. If anyone reading this has or can write reliable versions in digital form to add to this compilation, such contributions would be gratefully accepted ☺

NOTE: The planets are listed by their Sanskrit names: Bṛihaspati (Jupiter), Buda (Mercury), Chandra (Moon), Maṅgala (Mars), Śani (Saturn), Śukra (Venus), Sūrya (Sun)

NOTE: Many of the deities have more than one valid Gāyatrī mantra. Several variations are included. Listed first is the version I am most familiar with.

NOTE: Sanskrit pronunciation is precise and the academic spellings here can be misleading for English speakers. For example, “ca” is pronounced “cha”. When in doubt, or if you are unfamiliar with Sanskrit pronunciation, or with diacritical spelling using English/Roman letters, please do a web-search for audio recordings.

Gaṇeśa Gāyatrī Mantras

1. **Om̐ Ekadantāya Vidmahe
Vakra-Tuṅḍāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Dantī Pracodayāt**

Om̐, may we know that single-tusked one,

May we meditate on the one with a curved trunk
May that tusked one inspire our insight.

**2. Om Lambodarāya Vidmahe
Mahodarāya Dhīmahī
Tanno Dantī Pracodayāt.**

Om, may we know that god with broad paunch
Oh, God with a big belly, give me higher intellect,
And let the elephant faced one inspire our insight.

**3. Om Tatpuruṣāya Vidmahe
Vakratuṅḍāya Dhīmahī
Tanno Dantī Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know that great male,
Oh, God with broken tusk, give me higher intellect,
And let the elephant faced one inspire our insight.

**4. Om Dakṣiṇāmūrtaye Vidmahe
Vakratuṅḍāya Dhīmahī
Tanno Dantī Pracodayāt**

**5. Om Ekadantāya Vidmahe
Vakratuṅḍāya Dhīmahī
Tanno Buddhiḥ Pracodayāt**

Gāyatrī (Original): Helpful for invoking brilliance, intelligence, vigor. Purifies by burning through ignorance and unresolved/undigested karmas. Helps to rectify Solar issues. Heating. It appears in Ṛg Veda 3.62.10

ॐ भूर्भुवः स्वः
तत्सवितुर्वरेण्यं
भर्गो देवस्य धीमहि
धियो यो नः प्रचोदयात् ॥

**Om Bhūr Bhuvaḥ Svah
Tat-Savitur Vareṇyam
Bhargo Devasya Dhīmahī
Dhiyo Yo Naḥ Pracodayāt**

Om, oh Earth, Sky, and Heaven!
We meditate on the divine effulgence,
May this light inspire our insight.

Agni Gāyatrī Mantras (God of Fire)

**1. Om Mahā-Jvalāya Vidmahe
Agni-Devāya Dhīmahī
Tanno Agniḥ Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know the great flame,
We meditate on the God of fire,
May the Fire God inspire our insight.

**2. Om Vaiśvānarāya Vidmahe
Lālīlāya Dhīmahī
Tanno Agniḥ Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know the flame that digests,
We meditate on the merger of all,
May the Fire God inspire our insight.

Annapūrṇā Gāyatrī (Goddess of Nourishment)

**Bhagavatyai Vidmahe
Māheśvaryai Dhīmahī
Tanno'nnapūrṇe Pracodayāt**

Brahmā Gāyatrī Mantras (Creator God)

**1. Om Caturmukhāya Vidmahe
Haṃsārūḍhāya Dhīmahī
Tanno Brahmā Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know the God with four faces,
We meditate on the God who rides on the Swan
May Brahma inspire our insight.

**2. Om Vedātmane Vidmahe,
Hiraṇya-Garbhāya Dhīmahī,
Tanno Brahmā Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know the God who is the soul of Vedas,
We meditate on the one who holds the entire world within himself
May Brahma inspire our insight.

**3. Om Parameśvarāya Vidmahe,
Paratattvāya Dhīmahī,
Tanno Brahmā Pracodayāt**

Brihaspati Gāyatrī (AKA the planet Jupiter)

**Om̐ Vṛṣabha-Dhvajāya Vidmahe
Kruni-Hastāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Guruḥ Pracodayāt**

Om̐, may we know him who has bull in his flag,
We meditate on he who has power to get things done
May Guru inspire our insight.

Budha Gāyatrī (AKA the planet Mercury)

**Om̐ Gaja-Dhvajāya Vidmahe
Sukha-Hastāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Budhaḥ Pracodayāt**

Om̐, may we know him who has elephant in his flag,
We meditate on he who has power to grant pleasure,
May Budha inspire our insight.

Chandra (Amṛtatvāya) Gāyatrī Mantras (AKA the Moon)

**1. Om̐ Kṣīra-Putrāya Vidhmahe
Amṛtatvāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Chandraḥ Pracodayāt**

Om̐, may we know the son of milk,
We meditate on the essence of nectar
May the moon God inspire our insight.

**2. Om̐ Padma-Dvajāya Vidhmahe
Hema-Rūpāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Chandraḥ Pracodayāt**

Om̐, may we know God who has lotus in his flag,
We meditate on the God of golden color
May the moon God inspire our insight.

Dattatreya Gāyatrī Mantras (Primordial Form of Guru)

**1. Om̐ Dattātreya Vidmahe
Yogīśvarāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Dattaḥ Pracodayāt**

**2. Om̐ Digambarāya Vidmahe
Yogīśvarāya Dhīmahi**

Tanno Dattaḥ Pracodayāt

**3. Om Dattātreya Vidmahe
Digambarāya Dhīmahī
Tanno Dattaḥ Pracodayāt**

**4. Om Dattātreya Vidmahe
Avadhūtāya Dhīmahī
Tanno Dattaḥ Pracodayāt**

Durgā Gāyatrī Mantras (Demon-Killing Warrior Goddess)

**1. Om Kātyāyanāya Vidmahe
Kanyakumārī Ca Dhīmahī
Tanno Durgīḥ Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know the goddess who is daughter of Kātyāyāna,
We meditate on the maiden Goddess
May Durgā inspire our insight.

**2. Om Mahā-Devyai Vidmahe
Durgāyai Dhīmahī
Tanno Devī Pracodayāt**

**3. Om Kātyāyanāya Vidmahe
Kanyākumārī dhīmahī
tanno durgā pracodayāt**

**4. Om Girijāyai Vidmahe
Śivapriyāyai Dhīmahī
Tanno Durgā Pracodayāt**

Garuda Gāyatrī (Vehicle of Viṣṇu)

**Om Tatpuruṣāya Vidmahe
Suvarṇa-Pakṣāya Dhīmahī
Tanno Garudaḥ Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know that great living being,
We meditate on the bird with golden wings
May Garuda inspire our insight.

Guru Gāyatrī Mantras (The Teacher)

1. Guru (Haṃsa) Gāyatrī this mantra is also used for Surya and Sarasvati

ॐ हंसहंसाय विद्महे
परमहंसाय धीमहि
तन्नो हंसः प्रचोदयात् ॥

**Om Haṃsa-Haṃsāya Vidmahe
Paramahaṃsāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Haṃsaḥ Pracodayāt.**

Om, may we know the swan of swans
We meditate on the supreme swan
May (this) swan (truth) inspire our insight.

**2. Gurudevāya Vidmahe
Parabrahmāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Guruḥ Pracodayāt**

Hanumān Gāyatrī (Hero Monkey God)

**1. Om Āñjaneyāya Vidmahe
Mahā-Balāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Hanumān Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know the son of Anjana,
We meditate on very strong one
May Hanuman inspire our insight.

**2. Rāmadūtāya Vidmahe
Vāyuputrāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Hanumat Pracodayāt**

Hayagrīva (Viṣṇu) Gāyatrī (Form of Viṣṇu with horse head)

**Om Vāñisvarāya Vidmahe
Haya-Grīvāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Hayagrīvaḥ Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know the god of learning,
We meditate on God who has a horse face
May Hayagrīva inspire our insight.

Indra (Devendra) Gāyatrī (King of the Gods)

**Om Sahasra-Netrāya Vidmahe
Vajra-Hastāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Indraḥ Pracodayāt**

Oṃ, may we know the thousand-eyed one,
We meditate on the one who holds the Vajra
May Indra inspire our insight.

Kāma (Manmatha) Gāyatrī (God of Desire-Love, similar to Cupid)

**Oṃ Kāma-Devāya Vidmahe
Puṣpa-Vāṇāya Dhīmahe
Tanno Kāmaḥ Pracodayāt**

Oṃ, may we know the God of love,
We meditate on the one with flower-arrows
May the God of love inspire our insight.

Kālī Gāyatrī Mantras

1. **Ādyāyai Vidmahe
Parameśvāyāi Dhīmahe
Tannaḥ Kālī Pracodayāt**
2. **Kālikāyai Vidmahe
Śmaśāna-Vāsinyāi Dhīmahe
Tanno Devī Pracodayāt**

Ketu Gāyatrī

**Oṃ Aśva-Dhvajāya Vidmahe
Śūla-Hastāya Dhīmahe
Tanno Ketuḥ Pracodayāt**

Oṃ, may we know him who has horse in his flag,
We meditate on the one who has a trident in his hand
May Kethu inspire our insight.

Kṛṣṇa Gāyatrī Mantras

1. **Oṃ Damodarāya Vidmahe
Rukmiṇi-Vallabhāya Dhīmahe
Tanno Kṛṣṇaḥ Pracodayāt**

Oṃ, may we know the god whose belly was tied by a rope,
We meditate on the consort of Rukhmiṇi
May Kṛṣṇa inspire our insight.

2. **Oṃ Govindāya Vidmahe
Gopī-Vallabhāya Dhīmahe
Tanno Kṛṣṇaḥ Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know the god who takes care of all beings,
We meditate on darling of all gopis
May Kṛṣṇa inspire our insight.

1. **Om Devkīnandanāya Vidmahe
Vāsudevāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Kṛṣṇaḥ Pracodayāt**

Lakṣmī Gāyatrī Mantras

1. **Om Mahādevyai Ca Vidmahe
Viṣṇu-Patnyai Ca Dhīmahi
Tanno Lakṣmī Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know the greatest goddess,
We meditate on the wife of Lord Viṣṇu
May Goddess Lakṣmī inspire our insight.

2. **Mahā-Lakṣmyai Vidmahe
Mahā-śriyai Dhīmahi
Tannaḥ Śrīḥ Pracodayāt**

Mangala (Angāraka) Gāyatrī (AKA the planet Mars)

**Om Vīra-Dhvajāya Vidmahe
Vighna-Hastāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Bhaumaḥ Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know him who has hero in his flag,
We meditate on he who has power to solve problems
May the son of earth God inspire our insight.

Nandi Gāyatrī (Vehicle of Siva)

**Om Tatpuruṣāya Vidmahe
Cakratuṇḍāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Nandiḥ Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know that great living being,
We meditate on lord of devas
May Nandi inspire our insight.

Narasimha (Avatar of Viṣṇu) Gāyatrī

1. **Om Narasiṃhāya Vidmahe**

**Vajra-Nakhāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Narasiṃhaḥ Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know the god who is the lion man,
We meditate on he who has diamond claws
May Narasimha inspire our insight.

**2. Vajra-Nakhāya Vidmahe
Mahadevāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Narasiṃhaḥ Pracodayāt**

Pṛthvi (Bhudevi) Gāyatrī (AKA the planet Earth)

**Om Pṛthvī-Devyai Vidmahe
Sahasra-Mūrtyai Dhīmahi
Tanno Pṛthvī Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know the goddess of earth,
We meditate on the Goddess who has thousand forms
May Goddess earth inspire our insight.

Rādhā Gāyatrī (Consort of Kṛṣṇa)

**Om Vṛṣabhānujāyai Vidmahe
Kṛṣṇa-Priyāyai Dhīmahi
Tanno Rādhā Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know the daughter of Vrishabhanu,
We meditate on darling of Krishna
May Radha inspire our insight.

Rāhu Gāyatrī

**Om Nāka-Dhvajāya Vidmahe
Padma-Hastāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Rāhuḥ Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know him who has snake in his flag,
We meditate on he who has a lotus in his hand
May Rahu inspire our insight.

Rāma Gāyatrī

**Om Dāśarathaye Vidmahe
Sītā-Vallabhāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Rāmāḥ Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know the son of Daṣaratha,
We meditate on consort of Sita,
May Rāma inspire our insight.

Śaniśvara Gāyatrī (AKA the planet Saturn)

**Om Kāka-Dhvajāya Vidmahe
Khaḍga-Hastāya Dhīmahī
Tanno Mandah Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know him who has crow in his flag,
We meditate on he who has a sword in his hand,
May lord Śani inspire our insight.

Sarasvatī Gāyatrī Mantras

- 1. Om Sarasvatyai Ca Vidmahe
Brahma-Putryai Ca Dhīmahī
Tanno Devī Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know the goddess of speech,
may we meditate on daughter of Lord Brahma
May goddess Vani inspire our insight.

- 2. Om Vāgdevyai Ca Vidmahe
Viriñci-Patnyai Ca Dhīmahī
Tanno Vāṇī Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know the goddess of speech,
May we meditate on the wife of Lord Brahma
May Goddess Vani inspire our insight.

- 3. Om Sarasvatyai Vidmahe
Brahma-Putryai Dhīmahī
Tanno Sarasvati Pracodayāt**

- 4. Vāgdevyai Vidmahe
Kāma-Rājāya Dhīmahī
Tanno Devī Pracodayāt**

Sitā Gāyatrī (Wife of Rāma)

**Om Janaka-Nandinye Vidmahe
Bhūmijāyai Dhīmahī
Tanno Sītā Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know the daughter of Janaka
may we meditate on the daughter of Earth
may Sita inspire our insight.

Śiva (and Rudra) Gāyatrī Mantras

1. Śiva (found in many Tantrik sources), medieval period

ॐ तन्महेशाय विद्महे
वाग्विशुद्धाय धीमहि
तन्नः शिवः प्रचोदयात् ।

**Om Tan-Maheśāya Vidmahe
Vāg-Viśuddhāya Dhīmahi
Tannaḥ Śivaḥ Pracodayāt**

OM, may we know that Great Divinity
may we meditate on the One who makes our speech pure
may that Shiva inspire our insight.

2. Rudra (Yajur Veda and Pāśupata Sūtra), c. 200 BCE

ॐ तत्पुरुषाय विद्महे
महादेवाय धीमहि
तन्नो रुद्रः प्रचोदयात् ।

**Om Tat-Puruṣāya Vidmahe
Mahā-Devāya Dhīmahi,
Tanno Rudraḥ Pracodayāt**

OM, may we know that Consciousness-Being
May our minds be focused on the great Divinity
May Rudra inspire our insight.

3. Om Pañca-Vaktrāya Vidmahe
Mahā-Devāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Rudraḥ Pracodayāt

Subrahmanya (AKA Kartikeya/Skanda) Gāyatrī

**Om Tat-Puruṣāya Vidmahe
Mahā-Senāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Ṣaṇmukhaḥ Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know that Consciousness-Being
May we meditate on the commander in chief
May the six faced one inspire our insight.

Sudarśana Gāyatrī

**Om Sudarśanāya Vidmahe
Mahā-Jvālāya Dhīmahī
Tannaś-Cakra Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know the holy wheel of Sudharshana,
We meditate on the wheel which has great brilliance
May the wheel inspire our insight.

Śukra Gāyatrī (AKA the planet Venus)

**Om Aśvadhvajāya Vidmahe
Dhanur-Hastāya Dhīmahī
Tanno Śukraḥ Pracodayāt**

Om, May we know him who has horse in his flag,
We meditate on he who has a bow in his hand
May Shukra inspire our insight.

Surya (Bhaskarāya) Gāyatrī Mantras (AKA the Sun)

- 1. Om Bhāskarāya Vidmahe
Diva-Karāya Dhīmahī
Tanno Sūryaḥ Pracodayāt**

Om, May we know the Sun God,
We meditate on the maker of the day
May Sun God inspire our insight.

- 2. Om Aśva-Dhvajāya Vidmahe
Pāśa-Hastāya Dhīmahī
Tannaḥ Sūryaḥ Pracodayāt**

Om, may we know the god who has a horse flag,
We meditate on the god who holds the noose
May Sun God inspire our insight.

- 3. Ādityāya Vidmahe
Mārtaṇḍāya Dhīmahī
Tannaḥ Sūryaḥ Pracodayāt**

Tulsi Gāyatrī (Healing Plant Goddess “Holy Basil”)

**Om̐ Tulasī-Devyai Ca Vidmahe
Viṣṇu-Priyāyai Ca Dhīmahi
Tanno Vṛndā Pracodayāt**

Om̐, May we know the Goddess of Ocimum,
We meditate on the goddess who is dear to Viṣṇu
May Brindha inspire our insight.

Varuṇa Gāyatrī (God of the Waters)

**Om̐ Jala-Bimbāya Vidmahe
Nīla-Puruṣāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Varuṇaḥ Pracodayāt**

Om̐, May we know the reflection of water,
May we meditate on the person of ocean blue
May the God of water inspire our insight.

Viṣṇu Gāyatrī Mantras (All-Pervasive Sustainer)

**1. Om̐ Nārāyaṇāya Vidmahe
Vāsudevāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Viṣṇuḥ Pracodayāt**

Om̐, may we know Lord Narayana,
May we meditate on Lord Vasudeva
May Lord Viṣṇu inspire our insight.

**2. Om̐ Nirañjanāya Vidmahe
Nirapāśāya Dhīmahi
Tannaḥ Srinivāsaḥ Pracodayāt**

Om̐, may we know the god who is eternal truth,
May we meditate on the one who is boundless
May God Srinivasa inspire our insight.

**3. Trailokya-Mohanāya Vidmahe
Kāma-Devāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Viṣṇuḥ Pracodayāt**

Yama Gāyatrī (God of Death)

**Om̐ Sūrya-Putrāya Vidmahe
Mahā-Kālāya Dhīmahi
Tanno Yamaḥ Pracodayāt**

Om, May we know the son of Sun God,
We meditate on the great Lord of time
May God of death inspire our insight.