

Japa Lyrics

Ganapati Om

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Tatvamasi Tatvamasi

Om namaste Ganapataye
Tvameva pratyaksham tattvamasi
Tvameva kevalam kartaasi
Tvameva kevalam dhartaasi
Tvameva kevalam hartaasi
Tvameva sarvam khalvidam brahmaasi
Tvam saakshad aatmaasi nityam.

A prayer to Ganapati, another name for the elephant-headed god Ganesha. Ganapati means Lord of the multitudes- the multitudes of experiences, perspectives and paths that emanate from and lead back to the one source of all being.

Jay Ambe

Jay Ambe Jagadambe Mata Bhavani Jay Ambe
Jaya Jagad Janani Jagadambe Mata Bhavani Jay Ambe

Jagadambe means mother of the world. Bhavani means the one who gives all things existence, and Janani means she who gives birth. What is essential about the womb is the space that lies within it. No matter how beautiful the pottery, it is the empty space in the cup that makes it useful. In music, the spaces that are left give grace to the notes that are played.

Hey Shiva Shankara

Hey Shiva Shankara Hey Maheshwara
Sukha Kara Dukha Hara Hara Hara Shankara
Om Namah Shivaya
Hey Shiva Shankara Hey Maheshwara Hara Shambho Hara Shambho

Shiva is the destroyer of the ego, and the witness of all that passes, the eternal cycle of forms arising and dissolving. In yoga, all sorrow is seen as arising from identification with transient things, and all happiness from identification with the eternal. Om Namah Shivaya means salutations to Shiva, or I am at one with the power of the infinite.

Devakinandana Gopala

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Gopala Govinda Govinda Gopala

Deva means shining god, Nandana means joy. It can also be expressed as one who comes from what is bright and shining (Devaki is also the name of Krishna's mother). Govinda and Gopala are names of Krishna meaning the knower of speech and the master of the senses and mind. The mantra expresses the radiance of love, imminent and present in all beings.

Shri Ram Jay Ram

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Ram is an image of the divine in human form, and a parable of the soul and the ego on the spiritual path. He incarnated as a king who lost his kingdom and his love to demons. He underwent a great journey and many trials, finding in service the means to ultimately reclaim what he had lost.

Shanti Om

Om Shanti Om

Om. Peace. Om.