



# GANEŠĀNJALI



Šri Ganeša Chaturthi  
Nava-Dina Mahotsavam

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## OM ŠRI GANEŠĀYA NAMA:

ॐ नमो व्रातपतये, नमो गणपतये, नमः प्रमथपतये, नमस्ते अस्तु लम्बोदराय,  
एकदन्ताय, विघ्नविनाशिने, शिवसुताय, श्री वरदमूर्तये नमो नमः।

*om namo vrātapatayé, namo ganapatayé, nama:  
pramathapatayé, namasté astu lambodarāya,  
ékadantāya, vighna-vināśiné, śiva-sutāya, śree  
varada-moortayé namo nama:|*

### MEANING:

Salutations to the lord of all deities, "ganas" and "pramathas", salutations to the pot-bellied and one-tusked Lord, the destroyer of all obstacles, the son of Lord Śiva, the granter of boons. We bow to you.

## ŠRI GANEŠA CHATURTHI NAVA DINA MAHOTSAVAM

It is believed that on *Ganeša Chaturthi* day, considered to be the most auspicious day for Lord *Ganeša*, if one were to pray to HIM sincerely, He would remove all our obstacles.

One of the main purposes of the *Chaturthi* nine day celebrations is to give an extra boost of divine energy/*śakti* to *Śri Mahā Vallabha Ganapati*. Activities like performance of rituals, chanting of *mantras* etc. infuse the Deity with divine *śakti*; and the more these are done, the more the Deity is charged with divine energy, which can be tapped by devotees as needed. Each *mantra* invokes the *śakti* of its related form, along with its related personalities and capacities. The vibrations created from the chanting of *mantras* bring about positive changes to both the chanter and the listener.

Keeping in mind the diverse ways in which people worship HIM, our wise sages have built in different rituals into our religion, thereby providing something of interest for everyone to participate in and connect with divine powers, which is the ultimate aim of all rituals. Whether one participates in the repetitive chanting of the *mantras* (*jāpa*), feasts his/her eyes on the holy bath (*abhishekam*) being offered or on the special decoration (*alankāram*) of the day, dances along with the *prākāra utsavam* or the chariot (*ratha yātra*), sings devotional songs (*bhajans*), serves fellow-devotees in numerous ways as opportunities present themselves in our Temple or just enjoys the melodious music of the *nāgaswaram*, all these different avenues lead us to the same goal - arresting the agitations of our mind and deriving serenity while focusing on Lord *Ganeša*.

Please come in large numbers and participate in any activity that interests you and enjoy your connection with Lord *Ganeša*.

May Lord *Ganeša* shower His choicest blessings on you,  
and your family and friends.





















