

ॐ त्रियम्बकं यजामहे
सुगन्धिं पुष्टिव्रतम्
उर्वारुकमिव बन्धनात्
मुक्षीत मे मृतमोक्षदाय
त्रियम्बके नमः ॥

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Preface

The VEDAS are the fountain head of all ancient Indian philosophical thought, tradition and practices. The four Vedas contain all true knowledge in seed form. It is, therefore, desirable that all human beings should study them to take full advantage of this essential knowledge which can act as a light-source in this long voyage of the vast ocean of human life.

The four Vedas contain over 20,000 Mantras, Verses wrapped in the mystery of an ancient language, which though perfect, yet are beyond the grasp of the general public. The study of the Vedas is, therefore, difficult for an average Indian, even though, he may profess faith in them and hold them in high esteem. Some English and Hindi translations of the Vedas are available, but they are very voluminous and not many people have time and inclination to study them.

Keeping in view the above dilemma, the author has selected around 150 Vedic Mantras with a view to propagate some of the cardinal truths contained in these holy scriptures. These selected verses represent only a few drops from the ocean of Vedic knowledge and literature. However, they cover main, important and popular themes beneficial to human life.

It is hoped that with the publication of this handy volume, the overall meaning and the message contained in selected Vedic verses will spread among the general reader who might be ignorant of this divine knowledge.

Only 'a' has been taken from Scriptural Transliteration for longer 'ā' sound to write the mantras. The rest is as written in government papers, newspapers, magazines and general books.

– J.M. Mehta

Famous Vedic Prayers

(1) ओ३म् असतो मा सद्गमय!
तमसो मा ज्योतिर्गमय!
मृत्योर्मा॑मृतगमय!

*Om asato mā sad gamāya,
Tāmsō mā jyōtir gamāya,
Mṛityor mā, amṛitaṃ gamāy.*

हे परमात्मा! आप हमें असत्य से हटाकर सत्य मार्ग पर लाइए।
अंधकार से प्रकाश की ओर ले जाएँ, मृत्यु से अमृत की ओर ले चलें!

*O' Lord, Lead me from the unreal to the real
Lead me from darkners (ignorance) to light
Lead from death to immortality.*



(2) सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः सर्वे सन्तु निरामया।
सर्वे भद्राणिपश्यन्तु मा कश्चिद् दुःखभागभवेत्॥

*Sarve bhavāntu sukhinā, sarve Saṅtu nirāmyā;
Sarve bhādrni pāshyāntu mā kaśchid dukh
bhāgabhaveṭ.*

हे परमात्मा! इस संसार में सभी प्राणी सुखी रहें।
सब नीरोग रहें। सबका कल्याण हो।
इस संसार में कोई दुखी न हो॥

O' Lord, Let all Beings in this world be happy, be healthy,
be full of bliss and no one should be in pain.



(3) सहनाववतु सहनौ भुनक्तु, सहवीर्यं करवावहै।
तेजस्विनार्वधीतमस्तु मा विदूषा वहै॥

*Sahnāvāvṭu sahnāu bhunaktu sahaviryam
kārāvāvahai;
Tejasvinārvādadhītamastu mā vidoosha wahaī.*

हे परमात्मन! हम मिल कर अपनी रक्षा करें,
हम सब वस्तुओं का मिल कर उपभोग करें।
हम मिलकर पुरुषार्थ करें, हमारा अध्ययन तेजस्वी हो,
हम परस्पर द्वेष न करें।

O' God, Let us all unite and protect ourselves.

Let there be no hatred among us.



(4) त्वमेव माता च पिता त्वमेव
त्वमेव बन्धुश्च सखा त्वमेव
त्वमेव विद्या द्रविणं त्वमेव,
त्वमेव सर्वं मम देव देवम॥

*Tvameva mātā cha pitā tvameva,
Tvameva bāndhusha sakha tvameva,
Tvameva vidyā dravidam tvameva,
Tvameva sarvam mām deva devam.*

हे परमात्मन्, आप ही हमारे माता-पिता हैं,
आप ही हमारे भाई और मित्र हैं।
विद्या और धनवैभव भी आप ही हैं।
आप ही हमारे सर्वस्व और पूजनीय देव हैं।

*O' Lord, you are our mother and father.
You are our brother and friend.
You are knowledge and wealth,
You are everything to us, O' Supreme Lord.*

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Gayatri Mantra

ओ३म् भूर्भुवः स्वः। तत्सवितुर्वरुण्यं भर्गो देवस्य धीमहि।
धियो योनः प्रचोदयात्।

*Om bhur bhuvah svah, tat-savitur-varenyam
bhargo devasya dhimahi
Dhiyo yo nah prachodayat*

Poetical English Rendering of Gayatri Mantra

ओ३म् सर्वरक्षक, प्राणों के प्राण, दुख विनाशक, सुख-स्वरूप,
संसार के उत्पादक, सर्वप्रेरक, प्रकाश स्वरूप, वरण करने योग्य,
सर्वश्रेष्ठ, पापनाशक, शुद्ध ज्ञान को हम धारण करें, हे परमात्मा!
आप हमारी बुद्धि को शुभ कर्मों में प्रेरित करें।

*Creator of the world of existence art thou.
Lord of inhabitants of plains and hills art thou.
Crown of all light furnishing objects art thou.
Almighty! Grant us the light of discernment.
To the intellectual eye with thy shining enlightenment.*



ओ३म् विश्वानि देव सवितुर्दुरितानी परासुवा।
यद् भद्रं तन्न आसुवा।।

*Aum vishwāni deva saviturduritāni pārāsuva;
Yad bhādrām tanna ā suva.*

हे सकल जगत् के उत्पत्तिकर्ता, समस्त ऐश्वर्य युक्त
शुद्ध स्वरूप, सब सुखों के दाता परमेश्वर!
आप कृपा करके हमारे सम्पूर्ण दुर्गुण, दुर्व्यसन और दुःखों को दूर
कीजिए। जो कल्याणकारक गुण, कर्म, स्वभाव और पदार्थ हैं,
वह हमें प्रदान कीजिए।

O' Creator of the universe, all powerful and pure,
Giver of all happiness, please keep us free from all evil tendencies
and practices and cast away all miseries from our life.
Bless us with benevolent qualities, actions and nature!



ओ३म् समानी व आकूतिः समाना हृदयानि वः।
समानमस्तु वो मनो यथावः सु सुसहासति॥

Om samāāni va ākūti, samāna hridayāni, va.

Samānamastu vo mano yathā va susahasati

हम सब लोगों का संकल्प एक हो। सबके हृदय के भाव एक
समान हो। सब के मन एक प्रकार के विचार करने वालें हो। सब
लोग संगठित होकर उत्तम कार्य पूर्ण करें।

*Let our aim be common and our hearts of one accord. And all of us
be of one mind so that we may live well together!*



ओ३म् शन्नो देवीरभिष्टय्य आपो भवन्तु पीतये।
शयारभि स्रवन्तु नः।

Aum shanno devirabhishtāya āpobhavantu peetāye;

Shanyārbhi srāvantu nah.

सर्व प्रकाशक और सर्व व्यापक ईश्वर इच्छित फल और आनन्द
प्राप्ति के लिए कल्याणकारी हो और हम पर सुख की वृष्टि करें।

*May the all pervading, God, source of all light be merciful in
granting our desired boons, bliss and bestow happiness upon us.*



The First Mantra

ओ३म् अग्निमीळे पुरोहितं यज्ञस्य देवमृत्विजम्
होतारं रत्नधातमम्॥

*Om agnimeede purohitam yagyasya devamritvijam;
hotarām ratnadhātamam.*

'I glorify God, the Self-effulgent, who is upholder of the universe from eternity, the illuminator of all activity and the Only Object of adoration in all seasons, the Most Bounteous and the Greatest Giver of splendid wealth.'

Rig Veda 1:1:1

with the name of God and describes his attributes. Agni is one of the names of One Adorable God, who has numerous names, based upon his various attributes. He is Brahma (The Supreme Being), he is Agni—the all knowing, He is Indra—the Omnipotent, He is Diva—the shining one, and so on. Though He is One Unitary Being, they speak of Him in various ways:

He is the Controller and the Creator of the universe from eternity. We should all worship One Adorable God.

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Invocation God

ओ३म् विश्वानि देव सवितर्दुरितानि परासुव।
यद् भद्रं तन्न आसुव।

*Aum vishwani deva savitaraduritanī parā suva,
yad bhadram tanna ā suva.*

'O Lord the Creator of the universe (and source of all great powers), be gracious, we beseech Disperser of true happiness, be gracious, we beseech Thee to dispel all our miseries (views and evil propensities) and to bestow upon us what is good (such as virtuous tendencies, inclinations to do benevolent deeds, and a righteous disposition.)'

Yajur Veda 30:3

This is one of the most famous Vedic verses which contains universal prayer. We pray to God to remove all our vices, dispel all our miseries and grant us all that is good and righteous. This is a prayer which is suitable for all mankind without any distinction of caste, creed, race or country. What a wonderful heaven of peace and prosperity this world would be if all human beings are blessed with good habits, perform good deeds and are free from vices, evil deeds and miseries of all kinds. May we attain all that is



God of All Things

*'The One has encompassed all.
From Heaven to Earth
Which possesses all things
To Him, I offer my worship.'*

Atharva Veda- 1:32



Homage to God

*Homage to Him, who presides over all things,
That which was and that which shall be;
To whom alone belongs the heaven,
To that all powerful Brahman, our homage!*

Atharva Veda- X:8

We should offer worship to the Only One God, who pervades all: here, there and everywhere. What is visible is all his manifestation, and what is not is all his hidden mystery.

God is the Controller of all things, moving and not moving, animate and inanimate. He knows everything of the past, the present and the future. From Heaven to Earth, He is the LORD of all things. We should pay our homage to God of the Universe.

