

# Sri Venkateswara Homa

Basic Procedure (Laghu)



## Items Required

Following are the items required to perform Sri Venkateswara homa:

- Copper Homa/Havan Kund (8 Inches or more)
- Wooden spoon (Sruvam)
- Cow Ghee
- Ghee Container
- Copper glass, spoon & plate (Pancha patra set)
- Diya / Lamp
- Sandal wood Powder
- Blue colored Flowers
- Dhoop stick / Loban
- Raisins / jaggery etc. for Naivedyam
- Black Til (Sesame)
- Tulsi (Basil) Leaves
- Camphor & Camphor stand for Aarti
- Dry coconut halves
- Wooden Sticks (Samidha)
- Dates for Poornahuti
- Mat
- Kalasha (Copper / Brass/ any) with water
- Match Box

## Homa Process

### 1. Initial Prayers & Permission (Anugna)

Think of the following & Seek permission for performing the homa:

- Ganapati
- Guru
- Rishis
- Ancestors
- Parents
- Kula devata
- Shiva
- Bhudevi
- Gomatā
- Ishta devata, etc.

### 2. Light a lamp

Light a Diya / lamp and bow to it in reverence

### 3. Achamana

Take spoonful of water from the Pancha Patra into your right hand and sip it by chanting below mantras. After 3 sips, put little water on the hand and wash it.

- OM kEshavAya svAhA |
- OM nArAyaNAya svAhA |
- OM mAdhavAya svAhA

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## 4. Prayer to Ganesha

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Say the following shloka of Ganapati:

**shukIAMbaradharaM viShNuM shashivarNaM caturbhujam | prasannavadanaM dhyAyEt sarva  
vighnOpashAMtayE | |**

## 5. Pranayama

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Place your thumb on the right nostril, inhale through the left nostril. Hold breath for a while. Close the left nostril with ring finger. Exhale from the right Nostril. Do these steps in reverse order again. While doing this, think of the following mantra: **“OM gaM”**

## 6. Sankalpa

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Take a spoonful of water in right palm, pledge while saying the below and leave the water on ground.

**OM mamOpAtta samasta duritakShayadvArA shrI paramEshvara prItyarthaM shrI vEnkaTESa prasAda  
siddhyarthaM adya shubhadinE shubhamuhUrTE shrI vEnkaTESa hOmakarma yathAshakti kariShyE |**  
Or

*“I shall now perform a homa to the best of my ability, for the pleasure of Lord Venkateswara”*

## 7. Prokshana

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Take water in Kalasa and place near Havan kund. Put your right palm on top of Kalasa and say the following beeja for **11** times. **“vaM”**

Take a little water from Kalasa and sprinkle it on **Self** and **all Pooja items** including homa kund for cleansing.

## 8. Agni Pratishtapana

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Place few coconut pieces along with samidhas and camphor in the Homa kund. Take a camphor piece, light it from the Diya / lamp, and put it in the Homa kund while saying the following

**“OM bhUrbhuvassuvarOm”**

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## 9. Offerings to Agni

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Offer ghee into fire using Sruvam (wooden spoon) after svaha, for 8 times:

" OM bhUrbhuvassuvaH svAhA "

## 10. Preliminary Offerings

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Offer ghee for each of the below 5 mantras:

- OM prajApatayE svAhA |
- OM indrAya svAhA |
- OM agnayE svAhA |
- OM sOmAya svAhA |
- OM bhUrbhuvassuvaH svAhA |

## 11. Invoke Ganapati into fire

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Think of Ganapati and say the following while showing your hands towards fire:

- AvAhitO bhava
- sthApitO bhava

Or Say – *“O Ganesha, please come into this fire”*.

- Offer Raisins to Ganapati by saying  
“OM gaM gaNapatayE namaH | Naivedyam Samarpayami”
- Offer ghee after svaha and say the following mantra for at least 11 times:  
“OM gaM gaNapatayE namaH | svAhA |” / OM gaM sarvasiddi pradAYai gaNapataYE namaH
- Offer a full fruit (Dates, Raisins, etc.) to Ganapati by saying “OM gaM gaNapatayE namaH”  
pUrNAhutiM samarpayAmi |

## 12. Invoke Sri Venkateswara deva into fire

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Think of Sri Venkateswara deva and say the following while showing your hands towards fire:

- AvAhitO bhava
- sthApitO bhava

Or Say – *“O Sri Venkateswara deva, please come into this fire”*.

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## 13. Panchopachara (5 offerings) to Sri Venkateswara

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Offer the following 5 upacharas to Sri Venkateswara deva:

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| Offer Sandal powder          | OM namO vEnkatESaya gandhaM samarpayAmi   |
| Offer flowers                | OM namO vEnkatESaya puShpaM samarpayAmi   |
| Light incense stick and show | OM namO vEnkatESaya dhUpaM AghrApayAmi    |
| Show Diya / Light            | OM namO vEnkatESaya dIpaM darshayAmi      |
| Offer Raisins, Jaggery, etc. | OM namO vEnkatESaya naivEdyaM samarpayAmi |

## 14. Main Homa – Sri Venkateswara Deva

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Offer Ghee/black Sesame/Til seeds /Tulsi (Basil) leaves to Sri Venkateswara deva for atleast **108 times** by saying the following mantra:

“OM namO vEnkatESaya svAhA” |

Or

“OM namO bhagavatE vEnkatESaya svAhA |”

## 15. Offering to Sri Venkateswara Parivara devatas (Associates)

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Offer Ghee/ black Sesame seeds to Parivara devatas by saying the following mantra:

OM Sri vEnkatESvara parivAra dEvatAbhyOnamaH svAhA

## 16. Punah Pooja to Sri Venkateswara deva

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| Offer Raisins/Jaggery etc.   | OM namO vEnkatESaya   Naivedyam samarpayami  |
| Offer Aarati (light camphor) | OM namO vEnkatESaya   Neerajanam samarpayami |

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## 17. Final Offerings

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Offer ghee for each of the below 6 mantras:

- **OM bhUH svAhA**
- **OM bhuvaH svAhA**
- **OM suvaH svAhA**
- **OM bhUrbhuvassuvaH svAhA**
- **OM shrI viShNavE svAhA svAhA**
- **OM rudrAya svAhA**

## 18. Poornahuti

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Offer a full fruit (Dates, Raisins, etc.) after saying the following mantra:

**OM pUrNamadaH pUrNamidaM pUrNAtpUrNamudacyatE | pUrNasya pUrNamAdAya  
pUrNamEvAvaSiShyatE | |**

**OM namO vEnkatESaYa svAhA pUrNAhutiM samarpayAmi |**

## 19. Homage to Agni

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Put 7 offerings of ghee after this mantra:

**OM agnayE saptavatE svAhA |**

## 20. Pranayama & Meditation

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First do Pranayama and then meditate (mentally chant **OM namO vEnkatESaYa** or any other mantra as guided; or of your choice / just sit with no thoughts / observe your breath etc.). Do this for at least 5 minutes closing your eyes.

## 21. Udvasana

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Show both hands to the fire and imagine Maha Ganapati & Sri Venkateswara to come back to your heart while pointing hands to your heart.

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## 22. Thanks giving & Udvasana to Agni

Express thanks to Agni for the whole ritual. Show both hands to the fire and imagine Lord Agni to come back to your heart while pointing hands to your heart.

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## 23. Kshama Prarthana

Ask for forgiveness of any mistakes / shortcomings and say  
**shrI kRShNa kRShNa kRShNa** (Think of Lord Krishna).

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## 24. Samarpana

Say the following mantra to surrender the doer-ship to lord Sri krishna:  
**sarvaM shrI kRuShNArpaNamastu** |

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## 25. Shanti Mantra

**OM shAntiH shAntiH shAntiH** |

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