

Sri Gayatri Homa

Regular Procedure (Laghu)



Items Required

Following are the items required to perform 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
- Flowers
- Dhooop stick / Loban
- Raisins / jaggery etc. for Naivedyam
- Black Til White Til (Sesame)
- Camphor Camphor stand for Aarti
- Dry coconut halves
- Wooden Sticks (Samidha)
- Dry Dates for Poornahuti
- Mat
- Kalasha (Copper / Brass/ any) with water
- Match Box

Homa Process

1. Initial Prayers - Permission (Anugna)

Think of the following and seek permission for performing the homa:

- Ganapati
- Guru
- Rishis
- Parents
- Ancestors
- Brahma, Vishnu, Maheswara
- Kula devata
- 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.

ōm kēsāvāya svāhā |
ōm nārāyaṇāya svāhā |
ōm mādhavāya svāhā |

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4. Prayer to Ganesha

Say the following shloka of Ganapati for removing obstacles:

śuklāmbāradharaṁ viṣṇuṁ śaśivarṇaṁ caturbhujāṁ |
prasannavadanaṁ dhyāyēt sarva vighnōpaśāntayē ||
agajānana padmārkaṁ gajānanamaharṇiśaṁ |
anēkadam taṁ bhaktānāṁ ēkadantaṁ upāsmahē ||
vakratuṇḍa mahākāya sūryakōṭisamaprabha |
nirvighnaṁ kuru mē dēva sarvakāryēṣu sarvadā ||

5. Pranayama

Place your thumb on the right nostril, inhale through the left nostril. Hold breathe for a while. Exhale from the right Nostril. Do these steps in reverse order again. While doing this, think of the following mantra: **ōṁ gaṁ**

6. Sankalpa

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

ōṁ mamōpātta samasta duritakṣayadvārā śrī paramēśvara prītyarthaṁ
śrī gāyatrī prasāda siddhyarthaṁ adya śubhadinē śubhamuhūrtē
śrī gāyatrī hōmakarma yathāśakti kariṣyē ||

7. Prokshana

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

Then invoke seven sacred rivers into Kalasa

gangē ca yamunē caiva gōdāvari sarasvati |
narmadē sindhu kāvēri jalē:'smin sannidhiṁ kuru ||

Take a little water from Kalasa and sprinkle it on **Self** and **all Pooja items** including homa kund for cleansing. While sprinkling say: **amṛtaṁ bhavatu ||**

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8. Purva Parishechana

Take some water from kalasa with the spoon or flower and sprinkle it outside the homa kund, on its four boundaries while reading the following 4 mantras.

aditē:'nūmanyasva | (southwest to southeast)
anumatē:'nūmanyasva | (southwest to northwest)
sarāsvatē:'nūmanyasva | (northwest to northeast)
dēva savitaḥ prasūva | (sprinkle water around homa kund in clockwise)

9. Agni Pratishtapana

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:

ōm bhūrbhuvassuvarōm ||

ōm raṁ vahnicaityāya namaḥ ||

ōm mukhaṁ yaḥ sarvadēvānām havyabhuk kavyabhuk tathā |

pitṛṇām ca namastasyai viṣṇavē pāvakātmanē ||

ōm agnē śāṅḍilyagōtra mēṣadhvaja prāṅmukhō mama sumukhō bhava ||

ōm pāvakāgnayē namaḥ || ōm pāvakāgnayē namaḥ || ōm pāvakāgnayē namaḥ ||

10. Offerings to Agni

Offer ghee into fire using Sruvam (wooden spoon) after svaha:

ōm agnayē pāvakātmanē svāhā ||

ōm agnayē jātavēdasē svāhā ||

ōm agnayē saptajihvāya svāhā ||

ōm agnayē havyavāhanāya svāhā ||

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ōm agnayē aśvōdarajāya svāhā ॥
ōm agnayē vaiśvānarāya svāhā ॥
ōm agnayē kaumārajātasē svāhā ॥
ōm agnayē viśvamukhāya svāhā ॥
ōm agnayē dēvamukhāya svāhā ॥
ōm svāhā dēvyai svāhā ॥
ōm svadhā dēvyai svāhā ॥
ōm agni parivāra dēvatābhyō namaḥ svāhā ॥
ōm pīṭa dēvatābhyō namaḥ svāhā ॥

11. Agni Panchopachara Pooja:

5 offerings to Agni:

Offer Sandal powder	ōm lam̐ pāvakāgnayē namaḥ gandham̐ samarpayāmi
Offer flowers	ōm ham̐ pāvakāgnayē namaḥ puṣpam̐ samarpayāmi
Light incense stick and show	ōm ram̐ pāvakāgnayē namaḥ dhūpam̐ āghrāpayāmi
Show Diya / Light	ōm yam̐ pāvakāgnayē namaḥ dīpam̐ darśayāmi
Offer Raisins, Jaggery, etc.	ōm vam̐ pāvakāgnayē namaḥ naivēdyam̐ samarpayāmi

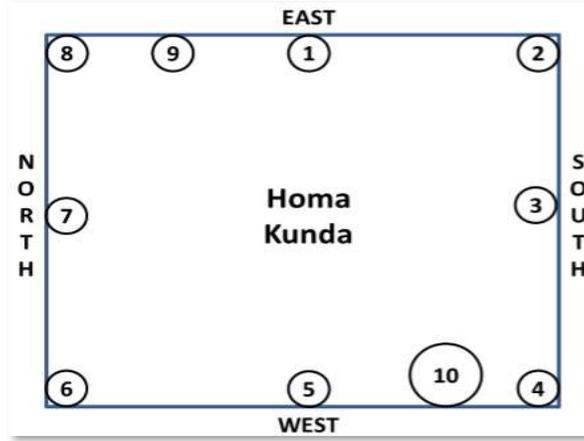
12. Dikpalaka offerings

First show the ghee spoon to the respective corners as numbered in the picture, then offer the ghee into fire:

1. om indrāya svāhā |
2. om agnaye svāhā |
3. om yamāya svāhā |
4. om nirrutaye svāhā |
5. om varunāya svāhā |
6. om vāyave svāhā |
7. om kubErAya svāhā |
8. om éshānāya svāhā |
9. om bhramhane svāhā |
10. om anatha seshāya svāhā |

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13. Preliminary offerings

Offer ghee for each of the below mantras:

ōm prajāpatayē svāhā̎ | prajāpataya idaṁ na mama ||

ōm indrāya svāhā̎ | indrāya idaṁ na mama ||

ōm agnayē svāhā̎ | agnaya idaṁ na mama ||

ōm sōmāya svāhā̎ | sōmāya idaṁ na mama ||

Offer ghee for each of the below mantras, (you may add/remove/ignore these as required / guided):

ōm siddhi buddhi samēta śrī manmahāgaṇādhipatayē namaḥ svāhā̎ | idaṁ na mama ||

ōm śrī gurubhyō namaḥ svāhā̎ | idaṁ na mama ||

ōm siddāśrama ṛṣibhyō namaḥ svāhā̎ | idaṁ na mama ||

ōm piṭṛdēvatābhyō namaḥ svāhā̎ | idaṁ na mama ||

ōm lakṣmīnārāyaṇābhyāṁ namaḥ svāhā̎ | idaṁ na mama ||

ōm umāmahēśvarābhyāṁ namaḥ svāhā̎ | idaṁ na mama ||

ōm vāṇīhiraṇyagarbābhyāṁ namaḥ svāhā̎ | idaṁ na mama ||

ōm śacīpurandharābhyāṁ namaḥ svāhā̎ | idaṁ na mama |

ōm arundhatī vaśiṣṭhābhyāṁ namaḥ svāhā̎ | idaṁ na mama ||

ōm sītārāmābhyāṁ namaḥ svāhā̎ | idaṁ na mama ||

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ōm̐ vallīdēvasēna samēta subramaṇyāya namaḥ svāhā̐ | idaṁ na mama ||
ōm̐ aruṇācala śivaśivānībhyām̐ namaḥ svāhā̐ | idaṁ na mama ||
ōm̐ mātāpitṛbhyām̐ namaḥ svāhā̐ | idaṁ na mama ||
ōm̐ kuladēvatābhyō namaḥ svāhā̐ | idaṁ na mama ||
ōm̐ grāmadēvatābhyō namaḥ svāhā̐ | idaṁ na mama ||
ōm̐ sthānadēvatābhyō namaḥ svāhā̐ | idaṁ na mama ||
ōm̐ kṣētradēvatābhyō namaḥ svāhā̐ | idaṁ na mama ||
ōm̐ upāsanādēvatābhyō namaḥ svāhā̐ | idaṁ na mama ||
ōm̐ ādhāraśaktyai namaḥ svāhā̐ | idaṁ na mama ||
ōm̐ gōmātrē namaḥ svāhā̐ | idaṁ na mama ||
ōm̐ jihvādi dēvatābhyō namaḥ svāhā̐ | idaṁ na mama ||
ōm̐ jayādi dēvatābhyō namaḥ svāhā̐ | idaṁ na mama ||
ōm̐ aṣṭa mātṛkābhyo namaḥ svāhā̐ | idaṁ na mama ||
ōm̐ navagraha dēvatābhyō namaḥ svāhā̐ | idaṁ na mama ||
ōm̐ vāstu dēvatābhyō namaḥ svāhā̐ | idaṁ na mama ||
ōm̐ dhanvantarayē namaḥ svāhā̐ | idaṁ na mama ||

āraṁbhaprabhṛti madhyē saṁbhāvita samasta dōṣha prāyaścittārthaṁ sarva
prāyaścittaṁ hōṣyāmi ||

ōm̐ bhūrbhuvassuḥ svāhā̐ | prajāpataya idaṁ na mama ||

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14. Invoke Maha Ganapati into fire

Think of Maha Ganapati and say the following while folding the hands:

ōm ām hrīm krōm yaṁ raṁ laṁ vaṁ śeṁ ṣhaṁ suṁ haṁ ḷaṁ kṣaṁ |
ōm haṁsaḥ sō:'haṁ sō:'haṁ haṁsaḥ ||

asūnī tē punārasmāsu cakṣuḥ punaḥ prāṇamiha nō dēhi bhōgaṁ |
jyōkpaśyēma sūryāmuccarāntamanumatē mṛḍayā naḥ svasti ||

ām hrīm krōm krōm hrīm ām |
ām hrīm krōm krōm hrīm ām |
ām hrīm krōm krōm hrīm ām |

Show the hands to fire (or avahana mudras as guided) and say the following:

ōm śrī mahāgaṇapati prāṇaśaktyai namaḥ ||

āvāhitō bhava | sthāpitō bhava | sannihitō bhava | sanniruddhō bhava | avakunṭhitō
bhava |
tāvattvaṁ prītibhāvēna agnau sannidhiṁ kuru ||

15. Ganapati Panchopachara

Offer the following 5 upacharas to Ganapati:

Offer Sandal powder	ōm laṁ gaṇapatayē namaḥ gandhaṁ samarpayāmi
Offer flowers	ōm haṁ gaṇapatayē namaḥ puṣpaṁ samarpayāmi
Light incense stick and show	ōm yaṁ gaṇapatayē namaḥ dhūpaṁ āghrāpayāmi
Show Diya / Light	ōm raṁ gaṇapatayē namaḥ dīpaṁ darśayāmi
Offer Raisins, Jaggery, etc.	ōm vaṁ gaṇapatayē namaḥ naivēdyaṁ samarpayāmi

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16. Ganapati Mantras

Offer Ghee/black/white Sesame/Til seeds to Ganapati by saying any /all of the following mantras:

ōm gaṁ sarvasiddhi pradāyai gaṇapatayē namaḥ | svāhā ||

ōm gaṁ gaṇapatayē namaḥ | svāhā ||

ōm śrīm hrīm klīm glauṁ gaṁ gaṇapatayē varavarada sarvajanaṁ mē vaśamānaya
svāhā ||

Do Japa of 21,000 for this moola mantra before offering it in Homa:

17. Offering to Ganapati Parivara devatas

Offer Ghee/ black / white Sesame seeds to Parivara devatas (associates) by saying the following mantra:

śrī mahāgaṇapati parivāra dēvatābhyōnamaḥ svāhā ||

18. Punah Pooja & Poornahuti to Ganapati

Offer Raisins/Jaggery etc.	ōm gaṁ gaṇapatayē namaḥ naivēdyaṁ samarpayāmi
Offer Aarati (light camphor)	ōm gaṁ gaṇapatayē namaḥ nīrājanaṁ samarpayāmi
Offer a full fruit (Dates, Raisins, etc.)	ōm gaṁ gaṇapatayē namaḥ svāhā pūrṇāhutiṁ samarpayāmi

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19. Invoke Gayatri devi into fire

Think of Gayatri devi and say the following while folding the hands:

ōm ām hrīm krōm yaṁ raṁ laṁ vaṁ śeṁ ṣhaṁ suṁ haṁ ḷaṁ kṣaṁ |
ōm haṁsaḥ sō:'haṁ sō:'haṁ haṁsaḥ ||

asunī tē punārasmāsu cakṣuḥ punaḥ prāṇamiha nō dēhi bhōgaṁ |
jyōkpaśyēma sūryāmuccarāntamanumatē mṛḍayā naḥ svasti ||

ām hrīm krōm krōm hrīm ām |
ām hrīm krōm krōm hrīm ām |
ām hrīm krōm krōm hrīm ām |

Show the hands to fire (or avahana mudras as guided) and say the following:

ōm śrī gāyatrī prāṇasākyai namaḥ ||

āvāhitā bhava | sthāpitā bhava | sannihitā bhava | sanniruddhā bhava | avakunṭhitā
bhava | tāvattvaṁ prītibhāvēna agnau sannidhiṁ kuru ||

Gayatri Dhyana:

muktā vidruma hēma nīla davalac:hāyai, mukhai strī kṣaṇaiḥ,
yuktām indu kalā nibaddha makuṭām, tatvārtha varṇātmikām,
gāyatri varadābhayānkuśa kasās, śubraṁ kapālaṁ ,gadām,
śankham cakram athāravinda yugaḷam, hastair vahantīm bhaje

Meaning :

I sing in praise of Gayatri who has five faces of the colours of pearl, sapphire, gold, blue and white, who has three eyes, who has the crescent moon in Her crown, who is of the form of the (twenty four) letters describing the tattva, who shows Varada and Abhaya mudra in two hands, and holds the Ankush, Whip, the white Skull, the Gada, the conch, the chakra and the Lotus (in the other eight hands).

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20. Panchopachara to Gayatri

Offer the following 5 upacharas to Gayatri devi:

Offer Sandal powder	ōm gāyatrī dēvyai namaḥ gandhaṁ samarpayāmi
Offer flowers	ōm gāyatrī dēvyai namaḥ puṣpaṁ samarpayāmi
Light incense stick and show	ōm gāyatrī dēvyai namaḥ dhūpaṁ āghrāpayāmi
Show Diya / Light	ōm gāyatrī dēvyai namaḥ dīpaṁ darśayāmi
Offer Raisins, Jaggery, etc.	ōm gāyatrī dēvyai namaḥ naivēdyaṁ samarpayāmi

21. Main Homa – Gayatri Devi

Offer Ghee/black Sesame/Til seeds /Tulsi (Basil), Bilva, leaves to Gayatri devi for atleast **108 times** by saying the following mantra:

ōm bhūrbhuvahḥ ssuvahḥ . tatsaviturvarēṇyaṁ bhargō dēvasya dhīmahi . dhīyo yo
naḥ pracōdayāt | svāhā᳚ ||

Or

ōm tatsaviturvarēṇyaṁ bhargō dēvasya dhīmahi . dhīyo yo naḥ pracōdayāt | svāhā᳚
||

22. Offering to Gayatri Parivara devatas (Associates)

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

ōm śri gāyatrī parivāra dēvatābhyōnamaḥ svāhā᳚

23. Punah Pooja to Gayatri devi

Offer Raisins/Jaggery etc.	ōm gāyatrī dēvyai namaḥ naivēdyaṁ samarpayāmi
Offer Aarati (light camphor)	ōm gāyatrī dēvyai namaḥ nīrājanaṁ samarpayāmi

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24. Uttarangam

Final offering of ghee with each of the below mantras:

yadā¹syā¹ kar¹ma¹ṇō¹:¹tya¹rī¹ca¹m̐ yad¹vā¹nyū¹na¹mi¹hā¹kā¹ra¹m̐ | ag¹ni¹ṣ¹ṭa¹t¹ svi¹ṣ¹ṭa¹kṛ¹d¹vid¹vā¹n̐
sar¹va¹m̐ svi¹ṣ¹ṭa¹m̐ su¹hū¹ta¹m̐ ka¹rō¹tu¹ svā¹hā¹ | ag¹na¹yē¹ svi¹ṣ¹ṭa¹kṛ¹ta¹ ida¹m̐ na¹ ma¹ma¹ ||

ōm̐ bhū¹r¹bhu¹vā¹ssu¹va¹ḥ¹ svā¹hā¹ | pra¹jā¹pa¹ta¹ya¹ ida¹m̐ na¹ ma¹ma¹ ||

anā¹jñā¹ta¹m̐ ya¹dājñā¹ta¹m̐ ya¹jñā¹syā¹ kri¹ya¹tē¹ mi¹thu¹ | ag¹nē¹ ta¹dā¹syā¹ ka¹lpā¹ya¹ tvā¹gr̐m̐ hi¹
vē¹ṭṭhā¹ ya¹ṭhā¹tā¹ṭha¹m̐ | svā¹hā¹ | ag¹na¹ya¹ ida¹m̐ na¹ ma¹ma¹ ||

ōm̐ bhū¹ḥ¹ ag¹na¹yē¹ca¹ pṛ¹ṭhi¹vya¹i ca¹ ma¹ha¹tē¹ ca¹ svā¹hā¹ ||

ōm̐ bhū¹va¹ḥ¹ vā¹yā¹vē¹ ca¹ an¹ta¹ri¹kṣā¹ya¹ ca¹ ma¹ha¹tē¹ ca¹ svā¹hā¹ ||

ōm̐ su¹va¹ḥ¹ ā¹di¹tyā¹ya¹ ca¹ di¹vē¹ ca¹ ma¹ha¹tē¹ ca¹ svā¹hā¹ ||

ōm̐ bhū¹r¹bhu¹vā¹ssu¹va¹ḥ¹ ca¹ndra¹ma¹sē¹ ca¹ na¹kṣā¹trē¹bhya¹śca¹ di¹g¹bhya¹śca¹ svā¹hā¹ ||

as¹mi¹n̐ hō¹ma¹ka¹rma¹ṇi¹ ma¹dhyē¹ sa¹m̐bhā¹vita¹ sa¹ma¹sta¹ ma¹ntra¹lō¹pa¹ ta¹ntra¹lō¹pa¹ kri¹ya¹lō¹pa¹
bhak¹ti¹lō¹pa¹ śra¹ddhā¹lō¹pa¹ ni¹ya¹ma¹lō¹pa¹ ni¹ṣ¹ṭhā¹lō¹pa¹ dra¹vya¹lō¹pā¹di¹ sa¹ma¹sta¹ dō¹ṣa¹
prā¹ya¹ści¹ttār¹ṭha¹m̐ sar¹va¹ prā¹ya¹ści¹ttā¹huti¹m̐ hō¹ṣyā¹mi¹ ||

ōm̐ bhū¹r¹bhu¹vā¹ssu¹va¹ḥ¹ svā¹hā¹ | pra¹jā¹pa¹ta¹ya¹ ida¹m̐ na¹ ma¹ma¹ ||

ōm̐ śrī¹ vi¹ṣ¹ṇā¹vē¹ svā¹hā¹ | vi¹ṣ¹ṇā¹vē¹ ida¹m̐ na¹ ma¹ma¹ ||

ōm̐ ru¹drā¹ya¹ svā¹hā¹ | ru¹drā¹ya¹ ida¹m̐ na¹ ma¹ma¹ ||

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25. Poornahuti

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

ōm pūrṇāhutimuttamām juhōti | sarvaṁ vai pūrṇāhutiḥ | sarvāmēvāpnōti | athō
iyam vai pūrṇāhutiḥ | asyāmēva pratitiṣṭhati ||

ōm pūrṇamadaḥ pūrṇamidaṁ pūrṇātpūrṇamudacyatē |
pūrṇasya pūrṇamādāya pūrṇamēvāvaśiṣyatē ||

ōm bhūrbhuvahḥ ssvuhḥ . tatsaviturvarēṇyam bhargō dēvasya dhīmahi . dhīyo yo
nahḥ pracōdayāt svāhā pūrṇāhutiṁ samarpayāmi ||

26. Vasordhara

Pour ghee continuously into homa as a stream chanting the following mantra:

sapta tē agnē samidhaḥ saptajihvāḥ sapta ṛṣāyassaptaḥ dhāmā priyāṇi | sapta
hōtrā sapta dhātvā yajantisaptayōnīrāpṛṇasvā ghṛtēna svāhā | agnayē saptavata
idaṁ na mama ||

27. Pranayama and Meditation

First do Pranayama and then meditate (mentally chant *ōm bhūrbhuvahḥ ssvuhḥ .*

tatsaviturvarēṇyam bhargō dēvasya dhīmahi . dhīyo yo nahḥ pracōdayāt |

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.

28. Uttara Parishechana

Take some water from kalasa with the spoon or flower and sprinkle it outside the homa kund, on its boundaries while reading the following 4 mantras.

aditē:'nvāmaṅg-sthāḥ	(southwest to southeast)
anumatē:'nvāmaṅg-sthāḥ	(southwest to northwest)
sarāsvatē:'nvāmaṅg-sthāḥ	(northwest to northeast)
dēva savitaḥ prāsāvīḥ	(sprinkle around homa kund in clockwise)

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29. Devata Udvasana

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

asmātagne śrī mahāgaṇapatiṃ yathāsthānaṃ pratiṣṭhāpayāmi ||

asmātagne śrī gāyatrīṃ yathāsthānaṃ pratiṣṭhāpayāmi ||

30. Homage 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.

agnē naya¹ supathā¹ rāyē¹ asmān¹ viśvāni¹ dēva¹ vayunāni¹ vidvān |
yuyōdhyāsmajjuhūrāṇamēnō bhūyīṣṭhām¹ tē¹ namā¹ uktim¹ vidhēma | agnayē namaḥ ||
agnim¹ ātmān¹ udvāsāyāmi ||

31. Kshama Prarthana

Ask for forgiveness of any mistakes / shortcomings and say

mantrahīnaṃ kriyāhīnaṃ bhaktihīnaṃ hutāśana | yaddhutanu mayā dēva
paripūrṇaṃ tadastutē ||
śrī kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa || (Think of Lord Krishna).

32. Samarpana

Say the following mantra to surrender the doer-ship to lord Sri Krishna:

anēna divya mangaḷa hōmēna bhagavati sarvātmikaḥ śrī gāyatrī prīyatām |

ōm tatsat | sarvaṃ śrī kṛṣṇārpaṇamastu ||

33. Shanti Mantra

ōm śāntiḥ śāntiḥ śāntiḥ ||