

दुर्गासूक्तम् [Durga Suktam]

Introduction:

It is said that the obstacles in life may be overcome by chanting this suktam. In many places in the Rig Veda we come across verses, in praise of the God of fire. In Taitreya Upanishad, these verses are combined into a prayer called the Durga Suktam.

जा॒तवे॑द॒से सु॒नवाम॑ सोम॒-मरा॑ती यतो निद॒हाति॑ वेदः ।

jā॒tavēdase॑ sunavāma॑ somā-marā॑tī yato nida॒hāti॑ vedah॑ ।

Oh Lord of fire we offer to thee the oblations of Soma. May He, the God of fire burn the impediments that arise in our lives.

स नः॑ प॒र्षद॑ति दु॒र्गाणि॑ वि॒श्वा॑ नावेव॒ सिन्धुं॑ दु॒रिता॑ऽत्यग्निः ॥

sa naḥ॑ pa॒rṣada॑ti du॒rgāṇi॑ vi॒śvā॑ nāveva॒ sindhuṃ॑ du॒ritā॑'tyagniḥ ॥

Just as a Boatman ferries others across the sea on a boat, may the God of Fire protect us from all the perils and mistakes.

तामग्नि॑वर्णा॒ तप॑सा ज्वल॒न्तीं वै॑रोचनीं॒ कर्म॑फलेषु जुष्टाम् ॥

tā-magni॑varṇā॒ tapā॑sā jvalan॒tīm॑ vai॒roca॑nīm॒ karmā॑phaleṣu juṣṭām ॥

To the one with the effulgence of the flame, who shines by the power of penance, the one who is the consort of the Lord, to whom all actions and the fruits of all actions belong to, to thee I surrender

दुर्गा॑ दे॒वीग्ं॑ शरण॑-महं॑ प्रपद्ये॑ सु॒तर॑सि॒तरसे॑ नमः॑ ॥

durgāṁ devīgṁ śaraṇa-mahaṁ prapadye sutarasitarase namaḥ ॥

Oh mother Durga, who saves us from the ocean of misery, may You protect us. We bow to Thee.

अग्ने॑ त्वं॑ पा॒रया॑ न॒व्यो॑ अ॒स्मान्स्व॒स्तिभि॑रति॑ दु॒र्गाणि॑ वि॒श्वा ॥

agne tvam pārayā navyo asmānsvastibhirati durgāṇi viśvā ॥

Oh Lord of fire! You are worthy of all praise. Lead us, through pleasant means, beyond all difficulties

पू॒श्च॑ पृ॒थ्वी॑ ब॒हुला॑ न॒ उर्वी॑ भ॒वा॑ तो॒काय॑ त॒नयाय॑ शं॒योः ॥

pūśca pṛthvī bahulā nā urvī bhavā tokāya tanāyāya śanyoḥ ॥

May our home, land and world be prosperous. And may thou bless our children and their children with joy and happiness

वि॒श्वानि॑ नो॒ दुर्गा॑हा॒ जा॒तवे॑द-स्सि॒न्धुं॑ न॒ ना॒वा॑ दु॒रिता॑ऽति॒पर्षि॑ ।

viśvāni no durgahā jātaveda-ssindhum na nāvā duritā'tiparṣi ॥

Oh Jaatavedas! Destroyer of all sins, rescue us from difficulties, just as a drowning man is rescued by means of a boat.

अग्ने॑ अ॒त्रि॒वन्॑ म॒नसा॑ गृ॒णानो॑-ऽस्माकं॑ बो॒ध्यवि॒ता॑ त॒नूनाम् ॥

agne atrivan manasā grṇāno-'smākaṁ bodhyavitā tanūnām ॥

Oh! God of Fire who is praised the great sage Atri, we mentally pray for the welfare of all.

पृ॒त॒ना॒ जि॒त॒ग्ं॒ स॒ह॒मा॒न॒मु॒ग्र॒मा॒ग्नि॒ग्ं॒ हु॒वे॒म॒ प॒र॒मा॒थ्स॒ध॒स्थात्॑ ॥

pṛtanā jitaḡm sahamānamuḡramagnigḡm hūvema paramā tsadhasthāt
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Oh the one who charges and vanquishes the host of enemies, the fierce one, we invoke thee, from the highest place of assembly, the leader of all to reign here.

स॒ नः॑ प॒र्ष॒दति॑ दु॒र्गा॒णि॒ वि॒श्वा॒ क्षा॒म॒द्दे॒वो॑ अ॒ति॑ दु॒रि॒ताऽत्य॒ग्निः॑ ॥

sa naḥ parṣadati durgāṇi viśvā kṣāmaddevo ati duritā'tyagniḥ ॥

May He (God of Fire) take us beyond all the difficulties, all that is impermanent and all sins, and safeguard us.

प्र॒त॒नो॒षि॒क॒ मी॒ड्यो॑ अ॒ध्व॒रेषु॑ स॒ना॒च्च॒ हो॒ता॒ न॒व्य॒श्च॒ स॒त्सि॑ ।

pratnoṣika mīdyo adhvaṛeṣu sanācca hotā navyaśca satsi

You, who are adored in sacrifices, multiply our joy. You are present among the officiates of sacrifices as the young and the old.

स्वा॒ञ्चाऽग्ने॑ त॒नु॒वं॑ पि॒प्रय॑स्वा॒स्मभ्यं॑ च॒ सौ॒भ॒ग॒मा॒य॒ज॒स्व ॥

svāñcā'gne tanuvaḡm piprayāsvāsmabhyaḡm ca saubhāgamāyajasva ॥

Oh! God of Fire grant us happiness. Bring us good fortune from all corners.

गोभिर्जुष्ट-मयुजो निषिक्तं तवेन्द्र विष्णोरनुसंचरेम ।

gobhirjuṣṭa-mayujō niṣiktaṁ tavendra viṣṇoranuśaṅcārema ।

We worship thee (in the form of Sacrifices) who is unsullied and all pervading.

नाकस्य पृष्ठमभि संवसानो वैष्णवीं लोक इह मादयन्ताम् ॥

nākasya pṛṣṭhamabhi saṁvasāno vaiṣṇavīm loka iha mādayantām ॥

May the goddess who is all pervasive and who dwells in the highest region of heaven, bless me with happiness in this world.

कात्यायनाय विद्महे कन्यकुमारि धीमहि । तन्नो दुर्गिः प्रचोदयात् ॥

kātyāyanāya vidmahe kanyakumārī dhīmahī । tanno durgīḥ
pracodayāt ॥

May we realize Katyayani, the Sakthi (Primordial power). Let us meditate on Kanyakumari (the virgin goddess). May that Durga illumine us.

ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

om śāntiḥ śāntiḥ śāntiḥ ॥