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Simplest Vardayini Homa

Introduction

Vardayini means giver of boons , She gently fulfills all dharmik desires of a devotee. Her homa can be done every day or every Navami tithi.

Preparation

Find a standard homa kunda or simply a small vessel/utensil made of copper/silver/bronze/steel, in square/circular/rectangular shape. Even if it was used for cooking earlier, it's ok. Clean it thoroughly, dry it and use it. We'll simply call it "homa kunda" in this writeup. Find some ghee (clarified butter). If not available, use sesame oil or some other oil. Find a copper/silver/steel cup/tumbler/vessel to keep melted ghee. Find a copper/silver/steel spoon for offering ghee. Find another tumbler and spoon for water. Keep a matchbox and camphor (if available) ready. If possible, get some dry coconut (copra) halves at a nearby store and make small pieces (roughly 1 inch x 1 inch). If not, collect some fallen dry twigs from nearby trees (or other firewood). If you have dried cowdung pieces, you can use those too. If you have black/brown/white sesame seeds and any unsalted plain nuts (e.g. cashews, almonds etc), you can use them too

Some Precautions

Do NOT consume meat or alcohol or drugs on the previous day. Sleep well and get up early on the day of homa. Take bath and wear clean clothes that you feel comfortable in (no need for traditional clothes if they make you uncomfortable, as being in a calm state of mind is more important than externalities). If possible, it is ideal to do homa in an open space outdoors. When doing in a closed room, one should have enough ventilation to avoid accumulation of smoke in the room, resulting in smoke inhalation. One should also take precautions and avoid fire hazards like inflammable substances near the homa

Procedure: Pre-Fire Stage

Sit down facing east and place the homa kunda in front of you. Place some water in your right palm. If you are not comfortable with Sanskrit, say this: For the establishment of Dharma on earth and for the well-being and peace of all people, I shall do a vardayini Homa within my abilities. If you are comfortable with Sanskrit, say this

भूलोके धर्म स्थापनार्थ सर्वेषां जनानां सुख शान्ति सिद्धयर्थं वरदायिनि होमकर्म यथाशक्ति करिष्ये

After saying it, drop the water in front of you, over the tips of fingers.

Place a couple of copra pieces (or twigs) in homa kunda and light them with a matchstick (use a camphor for ease if you have), while saying the following and imagining that Holy Fire will cooperate in this ritual:

ॐ भूर्भुवस्सुवरोम्

Procedure: Initial Offerings in Fire

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your consciousness to Prajapati, via Holy Fire:

ॐ प्रजापतये स्वाहा

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your faculty of inspired perception to Indra, via Holy Fire:

ॐ इंद्राय स्वाहा

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your faculty of logical and structured thinking to Agni, via Holy Fire:

ॐ अग्नये स्वाहा

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your faculty of feeling and intuition to Soma, via Holy Fire:

ॐ सोमाय स्वाहा

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your awareness of physical, mental and spiritual realms to Prajapati, via Holy Fire: `

ॐ भुर्भुवस्वसुवः स्वाहा

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your ability to plan and avoid obstacles to Ganesha, via Holy Fire:

ॐ गं गणपतये नमः स्वाहा

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your ability to persist and overcome problems to Varuna, via Holy Fire:

ॐ वं वरुणाय नमः स्वाहा

Procedure: Offerings to Main Deity

Say one of the following mantras and offer a drop of ghee (or sesame seeds or nuts) in fire while imagining that Mother Vardayini is accepting it:

ॐ वरदायी नमः स्वाहा ॐ श्रीं कलीं हीं वरदायी नमः स्वाहा

You can do this 4/8/12/21/28/108 times . Don't rush. Imagine that lord is in fire, accepting your offerings and mantra. Imagine that his blessings are coming to you. Try to develop that feeling and enjoy it

Procedure: Final Offerings in Fire

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your physical experiences to Agni, via Holy Fire:

ॐ भुः अग्रये स्वाहा

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your mental experiences to Vayu, via Holy Fire:

ॐ भुवः वायवे स्वाहा

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your mental experiences to Surya, via Holy Fire:

ॐ सुवः सुर्याय स्वाहा

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your mental experiences to Prajapati, via Holy Fire:

ॐ भुर्भुवसुवः स्वाहा

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your mental experiences to Vishnu, via Holy Fire:

ॐ विष्णवे स्वाहा

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your mental experiences to Rudra, via Holy Fire:

ॐ रुद्राय स्वाहा

Procedure: Poornahuti (Complete Offering)

Say this and offer a big copra piece or a nut or a twig or a big drop of ghee in fire while imagining that you are surrendering your sense of being to mother vardayini:

ॐ वरदायी नमः स्वाहा

Say this and offer a drop of ghee in fire while imagining that Holy Fire with seven tongues is pleased:

`ॐ अग्रये सप्त्वते स्वाहा

Meditation

Now, meditate as long as you can, with the following mantra

ॐ वरदायी नमः

At the end, say this while imagining that peace descends on you and others:

ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः

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