

Āratī

Lights are waved while mantras are chanted. This denotes that the Lord is Jyoti Swarupa (whose real form is light). The devotee says: "O Lord! Thou art the Light in the sun, moon and fire. Remove the darkness in me by bestowing your Divine Light. May my intellect be illumined".

Lighting of camphor denotes that the individual ego should melt like the camphor, and the Jivātman (individual soul) should become one with the Supreme Light of Lights.

Prasad is the sacred offering of the Lord. The devotee offers sweet, rice, fruits, milk and other such articles. After offering them to the Lord they are shared among the devotees. The mental Bhava (attitude) is very important.

Don't neglect outward symbols. They are very beneficial. When viewed from the right angle of vision you will find that they play an important part in your material as well as spiritual life.

Jaya Jaya Āratī Vighnavināyaka Vighnavināyaka Sri Gaṇeśa

We wave the light for victory to Vighnavināyaka (Gaṇeśa) who is the remover of calamities and who is all-auspiciousness.

Jaya Jaya Āratī Subrahmaṇya Subrahmaṇya Kārtikeya

We wave the light of victory to Subrahmaṇya, whose other name is Kārtikeya.

Jaya Jaya Āratī Veṅugopāla Veṅugopāla Veṅulola Pāpavidūra Navanīta Chora

We wave the light of victory to Veṅugopāla, (Gopālā, a form of Kṛṣṇa, the player of the flute), who longs for his flute. He is the remover of sins and was a thief of butter (when he was a child).

Jaya Jaya Āratī Venkaṭaramaṇa Venkaṭaramaṇa Saṅkaṭaharaṇa Sītā Rāma Rādheśyāma

We wave the light of victory to Venkaṭaramaṇa the remover of calamity (a form of Viṣṇu, whose temple is on the Venkaṭa mountain), and to Sītārāma and Rādheśyāma (different incarnations of Viṣṇu with their consorts – Sītā and Rāma, Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa (Śyāma)).

Jaya Jaya Āratī Gaurī Manohara Gaurī Manohara Bhavānīśaṅkara Sāmba Sadāśiva Umā Maheśvara

We wave the light of victory to Gaurī manohara (Śaṅkara) and various other forms of Lord Śiva.

Jaya Jaya Āratī Rāja Rājeśvarī Rāja Rājeśvarī Tripura Sundarī Mahā Lakṣmī Mahā Sarasvatī Mahā Kālī Mahā Śakti

We wave the light of victory to Rāja Rājeśvarī... these are all different names of the Divine Mother.

**Jaya Jaya Āratī Āñjaneya
Āñjaneya Hanūmānta**

We wave the light of victory to Āñjaneya (son of Añjanā), Hanūmān.

**Jaya Jaya Āratī Dattātreyā
Dattātreyā Trimūrti Avatāra**

We wave the light of victory to Dattātreyā, Trimūrti avatāra – a sage who is an incarnation of the trinity, Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Śiva.

**Jaya Jaya Āratī Adityaya
Adityaya Bhāskarāya**

We wave the light of victory to Āditya (the Sun) and Bhāskara (the Sun).

**Jaya Jaya Āratī Śanaīscarāya
Śanaīscarāya Bhāskarāya**

We wave the light of victory to Śanaīscarāya (the planet Saturn).

**Jaya Jaya Āratī Śaṅkarācārya
Śaṅkarācārya Advaita Gurave**

We wave the light of victory to Sri Śaṅkarācārya, the celebrated guru of Non-duality

**Jaya Jaya Āratī Sadguru Nātha
Sadguru Nātha Sivananda**

We wave the light of victory to Swāmī Sivananda.

**Jaya Jaya Āratī Vishnudevananda
Vishnudevananda Vishnudevananda**

We wave the light of victory to Swāmī Vishnudevananda.

**Jaya Jaya Āratī Agastya Munaye
Agastya Munaye Śrīrāmapriyāya**

We wave the light of victory to the sage Agastya, who was very dear to Lord Rāma.

**Jaya Jaya Āratī Ayyapā Śwāmine
Ayyapā Śwāmine Dharma Shāstavē**

We wave the light of victory to Ayyapā Swāmī, who was the son of Viṣṇu and Śiva, and ruled the religions.

**Jaya Jaya Āratī Jesus Gurave
Moses Gurave Buddha Gurave**

**Jaya Jaya Āratī Muḥammad Gurave
Guru Nānak Gurave**

Samasta Gurubhyo Namaha

We wave the light of victory to Jesus, Moses, Buddha, Mohamed, Guru Nanak (the Guru of the Sikh religion) and to all Gurus and prophets.

Jaya Jaya Āratī Veṅugopāla

Om Na Tatra Sūryo Bhāti

Na Candratāarakam

Nemā Vidyuto Bhānti Kuto'yamagniḥ

Tameva Bhāntam Anubhāti Sarvam

Tasya Bhāsā Sarvamidam Vibhāti

Om Gaṅge Ca Yanume Caiva

Godāvari Sarasvatī

Narmade Sindhu Kāveri

Namastubhyaṃ Namō Namaha

“Neither the sun shines there, nor the moon, stars, and lightning. So from where does its light come? When That shines everything shines after That. By its light everything else is lit.” Seven holy rivers are invoked (to sprinkle their waters): Gaṅgā, Yamunā, Godāvarī, Sarasvatī, Narmadā, Sindhu, Kāverī.