

Chinmaya Bala Vihar Opening Prayers

A prayer of learning from the Kātha Upaniṣad pg.8

ॐ सह नाववतु । सह नौ भुनक्तु । सह वीर्यं करवावहै । तेजसि नावधीतमस्तु मा विद्विषावहै ।
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

om saha nāvavatu । saha nau bhunaktu । saha vīryaṃ karavāvahai ।

tejasvi nāvadhītamastu mā vidviṣāvahai । om śāntiḥ śāntiḥ śāntiḥ ॥

*Om! May the Lord protect us both - teacher and student. May we enjoy learning and the fruit of it.
May we both put forth effort. May that knowledge become available when we need it.
Let there be no misunderstanding between us. Om! Peace! Peace! Peace!*

An instruction to all students from the Taittirīya Upaniṣad

सत्यं वद धर्मं चर मातृ देवो भव पितृ देवो भव आचार्य देवो भव अतिथि देवो भव ।

satyaṃ vada dharmaṃ cara । mātṛ devo bhava pitṛ devo bhava

ācārya devo bhava atithi devo bhava

*Speak the truth; Perform your duties. May the mother be to thee, a God; May the father be to thee, a God.
May the teacher be to thee, a God; May the guest be to thee, a God.*

A prayer to Lord Gaṇeśha, the controller of obstacles pg. 27

वक्रतुण्ड महाकाय सूर्यकोटि समप्रभ । निर्विघ्नं कुरु मे देव सर्वकार्येषु सर्वदा ॥

vakratuṇḍa mahākāya sūryakoṭi samaprabha ।

nirvighnaṃ kuru me deva sarva kāryeṣu sarvadā ॥

*Oh Lord with the curved trunk and a mighty body, who has the luster of a million suns, I pray unto you to
remove the obstacles from all actions I intend to perform.*

A prayer to Mother Sarasvatī, the Goddess of Learning pg. 12

सरस्वति नमस्तुभ्यं वरदे कामरूपिणि । विद्यारम्भं करिष्यामि सिद्धिर्भवतु मे सदा ॥

sarasvati namastubhyaṃ varade kāmarūpiṇi ।

vidyārambhaṃ kariṣyāmi siddhir bhavatu me sadā ॥

*Oh Goddess Saraswati, my humble prostrations to unto you, who is the fulfiller of all wishes. I start my studies
by worshipping You and praying for success.*

A prayer to Guru Chinmaya, the one who removes ignorance pg. 9

समस्तजनकल्याणे निरतं करुणामयम् । नमामि चिन्मयं देवं सद्गुरुं ब्रह्मविद्गुरुम् ॥

samasta-janakalyāṇe nirataṃ karuṇāmayam ।

namāmi cinmayaṃ devaṃ sadguruṃ brahmavidvaram ॥

*Salutations to Sadguru Chinmaya, the best among knowers of Brahman, who is all compassion and remains
ever engaged in the welfare of the people.*