

Sri Gurubhyo Namaha

Dear all:

On behalf of Sanatana Dharma Yajna Mandali and student families of Guru Dharmatma Dr. Yegnasubramanian (Mani mama to most of us), we wish you all a very happy, prosperous and peaceful new year.

As most of you may know, the year 2015 marks the 25th anniversary of Mani mama's teaching to his students, especially in the Veda classes. What started as a single Veda class taught by Sri Mani mama in one location in NJ to a handful of students in 1990, has now blossomed into a multitude of live and online classes, webinars, lectures, articles, interactive forums, seminars and other forms of teaching and education of our scriptures by Sri Mani mama. His teachings currently reach hundreds of students and their families in many countries around the world, actively transforming their lives and leading them in a path of dharma and shreyas.

With the grace of Sri Sharadamba, blessings of the Acharyas and our Guru Sri Mani mama, to mark this significant milestone, we are initiating a samarpanam (offering) of chanting (Japam / Parayanam) of various scriptural elements to our Guru. **All the student families are encouraged to participate in the offering as a mark of our respect and gratitude to our Guru.** The goal of the offering is for all participants of Sri Mani mama's various classes to show their appreciation and gratitude towards his teaching by chanting the scriptures the prescribed number of times to the best of one's ability.

Needless to say, our practice and pursuit of what we have learnt is more near and dear to our Guru's heart than any material offering we may be able to submit and we hope that this samarpanam initiative will help us move one step closer in that direction.

Categories of offerings:

Between January 14, 2015 (Pongal/Sankranti) and September 16, 2015 (Ganesh Chaturthi)

- Performance of Gayatri Japam (all those initiated into brahmopadesa) - 25,000 times
- Recitation of Sri Rudram (all those who have learnt Rudram from a guru) - 25 times or multiples thereof
- Recitation/Reading of Sampurna Gita (or whatever chapters you know) - 25 times or multiples thereof
- Recitation/Reading of Lalitha Sahasranama - 25 times or multiples thereof
- Recitation/Reading of Vishnu Sahasranama - 25 times or multiples thereof
- Recitation/Reading of Soundaryalahari - 25 times or multiples thereof

Instructions for participating in the samarpanam are given below:

- Go to this [link](#) and add your name , email and select the categories you would like to participate in. Once you update the file in the link, the details will stay and you do not need to email or send a copy of the file otherwise.
- Perform the above recitations following the same rules of anushthana you normally follow (after taking a bath, wearing washed clothes etc.).
- You can do the recitation individually or in a group per mutual convenience.
- At the end of every recitation, repeat the following and mentally offer the phalam at the feet of the guru.
 - **sadguru charaNAravindaArpaNamastu**
- There is no restriction on how you distribute your recitations between January and September. Do them as per your convenience.
- If, due to unavoidable circumstances, you cannot finish the required number of recitations, do not be concerned. Please complete as much as you can to the best of your ability.
- You do not need to confirm when your recitations are complete. We will send further directions on next steps as we come closer to September.
- In addition to the chanting offering, other activities and events are being planned, leading to the annual Guru Vandanam event. Details will be communicated as we get closer.
- If you have questions / comments / suggestions, please email sdymstudents@gmail.com