Invocation

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Three Hindu Mantras

We will say the English together, and then Dr. Zirath will chant the Sanskrit.

1) We meditate on the glory of the Creator;
   Who has created the Universe;
   Who is worthy of Worship;
   Who is the embodiment of Knowledge and Light;
   Who is the remover of all Sin and Ignorance;
   May He enlighten our Intellect.

Sanskrit: Om Bhur Bhuvaḥ Swaḥ
          Tat-savitur Vareṇyāṃ
          Bhargo Devasya Dhīmahi
          Dhiyo Yonaḥ Prachodayāt

2) Oh god whose aura is like light of millions of sun,
   Please make my entire work obstacle free, forever.

Sanskrit: Vakratunda Maha-Kaaya Surya-Kotti Samaprabha
          Nirvighnam Kuru Me Deva Sarva-Kaaryeshu Sarvadaa

Chanting of this mantra invokes Lord (Ganesha) to remove every obstacle between one and one’s well-being and helps to achieve wealth, wisdom, good luck, prosperity and success in all the endeavors.

3) Guru leads to a path of light,
   We bow to that Guru - the supreme God - Almighty.

Sanskrit:  Guru Brahma, Guru Vishnu, Guru devo Maheshwara,
          Guru sakshat, param Brahma, tasmai shri guravay namah.

Spiritual guide Guru is the remover of darkness and ignorance: Gu means darkness, and Ru means remover. Guru is a trinity: Force of creation (Brahma), Force of preservation (Vishnu), and Force of transformation (devo Maheshwara).
Four Benedictions

We will say the English together, and then Dr. Zarith will chant the Sanskrit

1) We sing the glories of Gods Almighty and seek their blessings through auspicious speech and the purity of intention.

Sanskrit: Om Gananam Tva Ganapati Havamahe Priyanam Tva
Priyapati Havamahe
Nidhinam Tva Nidhi-Pati Havamahe Vaso Mam
Ahamajani Garbhadhama Tvmajasi Garbhadham
Om Swasti Na Indro Vriddhashravah Swasti Nah Pusha
Vishva-Vedah
Swasti Nastarkshyoarishta-Nemih Swasti No
Brihaspatirdadhatu

2) Om, May All become Happy,
May All be Free from Illness.
May All See what is Auspicious,
May no one Suffer.
Om Peace, Peace, Peace, Peace.

Sanskrit: Om Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah
Sarve Santu Nir-Aamayaah |
Sarve Bhadraanni Pashyantu
Maa Kashcid-Duhkha-Bhaag-Bhavet |
Om Shaantih Shaantih Shaantih ||
3) Om, O Lord Keep me not in the phenomenal world of unreality, but make me go towards the reality of eternal Self, Keep me not in the ignorant state of darkness, but make me go towards the light of spiritual knowledge, Keep me not in the World of mortality, but make me go towards the world of immortality and of self-realization. Om, Peace, Peace, Peace.

Sanskrit:   Om Asato Maa Sad-Gamaya |
Tamaso Maa Jyotir-Gamaya |
Mrtryor-Maa Amrtam Gamaya |
Om Shaantih Shaantih Shaantih ||

4) May peace radiate there in the whole sky as well as in the vast ethereal space everywhere. May peace reign all over this earth, in water and in all herbs, trees and creepers. May peace flow over the whole universe.

Sanskrit:

Om Dyau Shanti Aantariksha Shanti Prithvi Shanti Rapah Shanti Roshadhayah Shanti Vanas Patayah Shanti Vishwe Devah Shanti Brahma Shanti Sarvagam Shanti Shanti Reva Shanti Sama Shanti Redhi Om Shanti Shanti Shanti