



**Vakratunda Mahakaaya, Suryakoti Samaprabha.
Nirvighnam Kuru Me Deva, Sarva Karyeshu Sarvada.**

O Lord Ganesha! You, of the large body and curved trunk, with the luster of a million suns, please remove all obstacles from my path

**Saraswati Namastubhyam Vaarade Kaamarupini.
Vidyaarambham Karishyaami Siddhir Bhavatu Me Sada.**

O Saraswati! Salutations to you, grantor of blessings and embodiment of all wishes, I am getting inducted to studies, may there be fulfillment for me forever.

**karaagre vasate lakshmih karamadhye saraswati
karamuule tu govindah prabhaate karadarshanam**

When we wake up: The front parts of the hands (the finger tips) are ascribed to Goddess Lakshmi, the Goddess of wealth. The middle part (the palm) is ascribed to Goddess Saraswati - the Goddess of learning. The root (the part of hand near the wrist) is ascribed to Govinda

**Gurur Brahmaa, Gurur Vishnu, Guru Devo Maheshvaraha.
Gurur Sakshaat Parabrahma, Tasmai Shree Gurave Namaha.**

The Guru, the teacher, is like Lord Brahma, Vishnu and Maheshvara. Guru is the visible incarnation of supreme divinity; therefore I bow to that Guru.

**Om! Asato ma Sad gamaya
Tamaso ma jyothir gamaya
Mrytyorma amrutham gamaya**

Oh Lord, from the unreal, lead me to the Real; from darkness lead me to Light; from death, lead me to immortality

**Twameva Mata Cha Pita Twameva
Twameva Bandhuscha Sakha Twameva.
Twameva Vidya Dravinam Twameva
Twameva Sarvam Mama Deva Deva.**

Oh God! You are my mother, You are my father, You are my relative, You are my friend, You are my knowledge, You are my wealth, You are everything to me.

**Om sahanaa vavatu sahanau bhunaktu sahaveeryam karavaavahai
tejaswinaa vadheetamastu maa vid vishaa vahai
om shaanthih, shaanthih, shaanthihi**

May he protect all, may he nurture all, may we all perform together the most heroic and divine actions; may our learning be prosperous to all; may we never quarrel on the different beliefs we may have; may we illuminate together, may we live in harmony. May there be peace for all and forever.