



**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 lakshmi 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.