|| <u>MAHAPRARTHANA</u> – <u>MAHASTUTI</u> - <u>MAHAPRATIDNYA</u> || (<u>DHRUDHA VACHAN</u>)

(The Great Prayers - Praise - Affirmations):

Prayer - A solemn request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God or deities. The act or ceremony of speaking to God. Act of devotion, invocation, worshipping. A Spiritual communion with God, as in Thanksgiving, adoration or confession. Prayer is an invocation or act that seeks to activate a rapport with an object of worship through deliberate communication. Prayer can be performed alone or with group collectively. In Sanskrit prayer means Prarthana, recitation of timeless verses. Prayers can be directed to fulfilling personal needs or deep spiritual enlightenment, and also for the benefit of others. Ritual invocation is part and parcel of the Vedas. Prayer is performed with the palms of hands and joined together in Pranam with head slightly bowed down.

<u> MahaPrarthana</u> - (<u>Prayers</u>)-

1. "Om Gam Ganapatayei Namaha"

"I bow to Lord Shri Ganesha who is remover of all obstacles. I pray for blessings and protection."

2. Vakra - Tunndda Maha – Kaaya, Suurya - Kotti Samaprabha | Nirvighnam Kuru Me Deva, Sarva - Kaaryeshu Sarvada ||

Salutations to Lord Shri Ganesha. Who has a curved Trunk, who has a large body and whose splendour is similar to million suns; O Deva, please ,make my undertakings free of obstacles, by extending your blessings in all my works, Always.

3. Om Bhuur-Bhuvah Svah, Tat-Savitur-Varennyam Bhargo Devasya Dhimahi, Dhiyo yo Nah Prachodayaat ||

Om, Pervading the Bhu Loka (Earth, consciousness of the physical plane), Bhuvar Loka (Antariksha, The Intermediate space, consciousness of Prana) and Swar Loka (Sky, Heaven, consciousness of the divine mind), that Savitur (Savitri, divine essence of the Sun) which is the most adorable, I meditate on that Divine Effulgence, May that awaken our intelligence (spiritual consciousness)

- 4. Karagre Vasate Lakshmi, Karamadhye Saraswati Karamoole Sthitha Gauri, Prabhate Kar Darshanam
- 5. Samudra Vasane Devi, Parvatha Sthana Mandithe, Vishnu Patni Namasthubhyam Pada Sparsham Kshamasva Maye
- 6. Brahma Muhurte Chotthaya Chitayedatmano Hitam Smaranam Vasudevasya Kuryat Kalimalapaharam
- 7. Santhkumara, Sanaka, Sananthana, Sangathane Apyasoori Pingalow Cha, Saptha Swara, Saptha Rasa Thaani, Kurvanthu Sarve Maam Suprabhatam
- 8. Satharnva Saptha Kulachalaschya, Saptharshayo Dweepa Pavanani Saptha, Bhooradhi Kruthwa, Bhuvanai Saptha, Kurvantu Maam Suprabhatam.



Prarthana (Prayer)