



The five *slokas* are introduced in this section. These are chanted along with other *slokas* while performing a sixteen-step *pūjā*

1. *Karpūra-nīrājanam* - Lighted Camphor

- a. Standing, show the camphor with circular clockwise motion three times; simultaneously ring the bell with the left hand and chant:

न तत्र सूर्यो भाति न चन्द्रतारकं
नेमा विद्युतो भान्ति कुतोऽयमग्निः।
तमेवभान्तमनुभाति सर्वं
तस्य भासा सर्वमिदं विभाति ॥

na tatra sūryo bhāti na candratāraṇam
nemā vidyuto bhānti kuto'yamagniḥ
tameva bhāntamanubhāti sarvaṇam
tasya bhāsā sarvamidaṇ vibhāti

There the sun does not shine, nor do the moon or stars. There this lightning does not shine; what to talk of this fire? That (awareness) shining, everything shines after it; by the light of that awareness, all this shines in various forms.

2. Turn around oneself three times clockwise while chanting the *mantras* given below:

यानि कानि च पापानि जन्मान्तरकृतानि च।
तानि तानि विनश्यन्ति प्रदक्षिण पदे पदे ॥

*yāni kāni ca pāpāni janmāntarakṛtāni ca
tāni tāni vinaśyanti pradakṣiṇa pade pade*

May those omissions and commissions done in this life and also in the previous births and the resulting afflictions perish with every *pradakṣiṇa*.

3. तव तत्त्वं न जानामि कीदृशोऽसि महेश्वर ।
यादृशोऽसि महादेव तादृशाय नमो नमः ॥

*tava tatvaṃ na jānāmi kīdr̥śo'si mahēśvara
yādr̥śo'si mahādeva tādr̥śāya namo namaḥ*

Lord! what is your nature? I do not know your nature. Whatever be your nature, I offer salutations to you who are of that nature.

4. To seek forgiveness, one may chant:

मन्त्रहीनं क्रियाहीनं भक्तिहीनं महेश्वर ।
यत्पूजितं मया देव परिपूर्णं तदस्तु ते ॥

*mantrahīnam kriyāhīnam bhaktihīnam mahēśvara
yatpūjitaṃ mayā deva paripūrṇaṃ tadastute*

O Lord! may the *pūjā* done by me, even though devoid of proper *mantras*, wanting in the steps and in devotion, be received by you as complete.

5. *Samarpaṇam* - Dedication to the Lord.

Take water in the right hand and pour the water in front of the deity while chanting:

कायेन वाचा मनसेन्द्रियैर्वा बुद्ध्यात्मना वा प्रकृतेस्वभावात् ।
करोमि यद्यत्सकलं परस्मै नारायणायेति समर्पयामि ॥

*kāyena vācā manasendriyairvā buddhyātmanā vā prakṛtessvabhāvāt
karomi yadyatsakalaṃ parasmai nārāyaṇāyeti samarpayāmi*

Unto Lord *Nārāyaṇa*, I dedicate all the acts that I perform with my body, speech, mind, senses and intellect which are born of deliberation or natural tendencies.