**Hindu Temple of Central Illinois**

**Isvara Group**

**Homework 002**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Note: Record your answers to the following questions. One to three lines should be sufficient. If you need more space, write on a ruled sheet of paper (or type it up) and attach it with this assignment.

1. Have you discussed the significance of Nava Graha Pratiṣṭhapana and Kumbhabhishekam with your family? What did you learn about these upcoming celebrations at our temple?
2. Why do we begin our studies by chanting “Om! saha na vavatu….”? What does it mean? Why do we say “Shanti” three times at the end of this invocation prayer?
3. How many values are listed in Chapter 13 of the Gītā? List the first three values and write one sentence describing them.
4. How will you apply the three values this week in your everyday life at school, at home, or when with friends?
5. What is the value of prayer? Why should we pray?
6. What are three things that are essential to success in any task we begin?
7. What are the *nava grahas*?
8. What is the mantra to invoke grace of the *nava grahas*?
9. How many consonants are there in the Sanskrit language?
10. How many vowels are there in the Sanskrit language?