

## Opening Mantras

The Splendid Path: Discovering Your Own Enlightened Consciousness through the Shivas Sutras

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### 1. Ganesha Mantras

**Om gam ganapataye namah**

**Vakra tunda mahaakaaya**

**Koti Soorya sama-prahbhaa**

**Nirvighnam kuru me deva**

**Sarvakaaryeshu sarvadaa**

*Om! Lord Ganesha of huge body and crooked trunk. You shine like billions of suns, O god, bestower of All! May it please you to remove all obstacles from our practice.*

### 2. Shiva Mantras

**Mahamrtunjaya Mantra**

*(Invocation to the Great Conqueror of Death)*

**Om tryambhakam yajaamahe**

**Sugandhim pushtivardhanam**

**Urvaarukam-iva bandhanaan**

**Mrtyor muksheeya maamrtaat**

*We worship the three eyed Lord through fragrant offerings into the fire that increases prosperity. Free us from the grip of death just as the cucumber is severed from the creeper. Do not keep us away from the nectar of immortality.*

**Dakshinamurti Shloka**

*(Invocation to Shiva as the Guru)*

**Gurave sarvalokaanaam**

**Bhisaje bhavaroginaam**

**Nidhaye sarvavidyaanaam**

**Dakshinaamoortaye namah**

*I bow to the Guru of all worlds  
To the physician who cures all worldly ills  
To the ocean of all wisdom  
To Dakshinaamoorti Shiva, the lord who initiates us into the highest wisdom.*

### 3. Invocation to the Primordial Goddess

**Sarva mangala mangalye**

**Shive sarvatra sadhike**

**Sharanye tryambhike gauree**

**Narayanee namo stute**

*I take refuge in She who is the auspiciousness of all that is auspicious,  
Who is always united with Shiva  
To Gauri, the three-eyed shining one, to Narayanee, I bow.*