OUR MISSION

- Providing financial help through scholarships to brilliant but needy students in India pursuing higher education.
- Promote Indian History & Heritage by organizing Contests based on Indian History for Children in USA.
- Translation of Vedic Havan mantras for children in USA.

THE SDEF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The SDEF Scholarship program is designed to encourage excellence among the poor children who excel academically but need help to complete their higher education. The Foundation provides scholarship up to Rs.50,000 per annum to students. SDEF has awarded over 380 scholarships in the last three years to Engineering & Medical Students.

SDEF SCHOLARS
Swami Dayanand Education Foundation (SDEF) has translated the Vaidik Havan mantras so that everyone understands it and can do it by themselves. God understands all languages. You can do the havan in any language and reap the benefit. You will have the additional benefit of understanding each and every mantra. In doing so, we hope to inspire our younger generation to maintain their Vaidik culture, beliefs, practices and family values. We should feel happy by teaching our children the Vaidik mantras that they must continue with pride what we have started.
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INVOCATION

O God. With all humility and devotion. We have assembled here to offer our prayers to you. With you placed in our hearts, we desire to purify our mind and soul. In your care and protection, we wish to wash off our sins. O friend of the poor and ocean of mercy! With faith and trust in you, may we be able to lead our lives journey happily.

O source of all intelligence and bliss, we sit at your feet with a clear conscience. Grant us wisdom, show us the path of righteousness and enable us to perform true and noble deeds.
O God. You are the Giver of life, the Dispeller of miseries and the Bestower of happiness. We should meditate upon that Creator, the most acceptable and the most knowledgeable God. May that God inspire and lead our intellects.

2. VAIÐIKA SANDHYA

- May the Radiant and Omnipresent God shower blessings upon us. May God lead us to our desired goal of attaining perfect peace.

- O God. We pray that our sense organs such as tongue, respiratory system, eyes, ears, navel, heart, throat, head, arms, and palms may become very strong. May these help us in achieving distinction, progress, and prosperity.

- The Creator of the universe, please bless us with clarity of thought in our minds. O the Blissful, bless us with good vision in our eyes and sweetness in our speech. O the Greatest of all, grant us tenderness in our hearts and strength in our feet. You are the Embodiment of Truth. You are Omnipresent and the Supreme Being. We pray to you for physical strength and purification of all parts of our body. All our deeds should be beneficial to others and to ourselves.

- O God. You are the Giver of life, the Dispeller of miseries, the Source of happiness and prosperity. You are the Greatest of all and the Creator of all. You are the Embodiment of Justice and Truth.

3. ESHWAR STUTI PRARTHANO-PASANA

- O God. The Creator of the universe and the Giver of all happiness! Keep us away from bad habits, bad deeds, and calamities. May we attain everything that is auspicious.

- Om is the all pervading God: the Creator of the Sun, the Moon, and other things in the world: the only Ruler of the world: and the Controller of the Earth and the Sky. We should meditate with faith and devotion upon that God - the personification of happiness.

- Om is the Giver of spiritual knowledge and physical strength. The whole world worships Om. Happiness and immortality are achieved under God's protection and blessings. Without God's protection there is death and ignorance. We should meditate with faith and devotion upon that God - the personification of happiness.
Om is the Creator of everyone and everything. Om is pervading the whole universe and is the sole Ruler of the universe. Om is the Lord of all living beings. We should meditate with faith and devotion upon that God - the personification of happiness.

Om has created the Sky and the Earth. Om is the personification of happiness and Moksha. Om pervades the Sky and Space. We should meditate with faith and devotion upon that God - the personification of happiness.

O Eeshwar, the Creator of the universe. You are the Supreme. No one has ever been your equal, no one is and no one will be. May you grant us whatever we wish so that we may become masters of riches.

Om is our real friend. Om is the Creator of the universe and is the Bestower of riches. O God, you know all the known and unknown worlds. You pervade all three worlds. All learned people, having given up their worldly desires, meditate upon Om for the attainment of knowledge and liberation. May we all call upon that God!

O God. You are the self-illuminating; and you are the personification of knowledge. Show us the right path which leads to true Knowledge and Dharma. We may attain riches and knowledge in our lives through righteous deeds. Cast away all our ill-feelings and sins. May we be ever engrossed in singing your name and in meditating upon you.

4. SWASTIVACHAN

I call upon God, the Self-effulgent, the Leader of yagya, the Lord of all things in this world, the worshipful, the Giver of all happiness, and the Source of wealth and prosperity.

O God. May we be as close to you as a child to their parents. We ask you for prosperity and happiness.

O God. We pray that water and air be auspicious for us. We pray that the Earth be auspicious for us. We pray that rain be auspicious for us. We pray that the Earth and Space be auspicious for scientific explorations.

May we pray to Vayu for knowledge. May we pray to Soma for peace. The Moon protects the whole world with its peaceful rays. O the Creator of the universe, we come to your abode for protection. We pray that many of us may become learned and well versed in the Vedas.

May the learned people be favorable to us. May God give us prosperity. May the learned people protect us from bad habits and bad deeds. May God, the personification of justice, keep us away from sins.
5. SHANTI-PRAKARAN

- O God. Just as the mind wanders far and wide while we are awake, it wanders while we are asleep. The mind is the leader of all sense organs. May my mind be filled with good thoughts.

- O God. Seers, having controlled their minds, engage themselves in yagyas and good deeds. The mind is inside every human being. May my mind be filled with good thought.

- O God. The mind is the cause of intelligence. The mind is the source of memory and knowledge in every human being. Nothing can be accomplished without the mind. May my mind be filled with good thoughts.

- O God. The powerful mind holds to the past, present, and future. The mind controls the seven functions - seeing, hearing, breathing, speaking, tasting, touching, and walking - of the body. May my mind be filled with good thoughts.

- O God. May my mind, in which the Rig Ved, the SamaVed, and the YajurVed are fixed like spokes on a wheel, and in which knowledge of worldly affairs is arranged like pearls on a thread, be filled with good thoughts.

- O God. May I control my restless mind with knowledge as a capable charioteer controls his restless horses with reins. The mind possesses a great speed. May my undecaying mind, which has control over my heart, be filled with good thoughts.

- O Omnipresent God, may our wealth bring us peace. May food and herbs bring us happiness and peace.

- O God. May the middle regions of Space make us fearless. May the Sky and the Earth make us fearless. May we have no fear of any place or anything in the past, present, and future. We should not be afraid of old and the young, and the rich and the poor.

- O God. We should not be afraid of our friend or enemy. We should not be afraid of the known or the unknown. We want to be fearless during the nights and the days. Please protect us from all directions, and may peace come to us from everywhere.
6. AGNI-HOTRA

ACHAMAN (Sipping Water)
Achaman is performed by all the participants sitting together around the Havana-Kunda.

- Pour half a teaspoon of water in your right palm each time before reciting the following three Mantras.
- Sip it at the end of the each Mantra.

- O Immortal God! You are my Sustainer.
- O Immortal God! You are my Protector.
- O God. I call upon you for knowledge, prosperity, and distinction so that I can help others. I pray that all my wishes will be fulfilled.

Rinse your right hand with little water.

ANGASPARSHA (Touching Parts of Body with Water)
AngaSparsha is performed by all the participants sitting together around the Havana-Kunda.

- Pour a teaspoon of water in your left hand palm.
- Wet middle and ring fingers of your right hand and at the end of each of the following Mantras touch the parts of the body as indicated below (right side first).

- O God. Bless me with good speech.
- O God. Bless me with good breathing.
- O God. Bless me with good eyesight.
- O God. Bless me with good hearing.
- O God. Bless me with strength in my arms.
- O God. Bless me with strength in my legs.

Sprinkle remaining water all over your body while reciting the following Mantra.

- O God. May all parts of my body be free of sickness. Grant me perfect health.
AGNYA-DHAN (Kindling fire)

➤ Place camphor in a teaspoon.
➤ Light camphor with a lighter or a match stick while reciting the following Mantra. If camphor is not available then a small cotton ball dipped in ghee may be substituted.

• God is the Giver of life, the Dispeller of miseries, and the Bestower of happiness.

While reciting the following Mantra:
➤ Arrange about four to six small pieces of samidhas in the middle of the Havana-Kunda.
➤ Place the lit camphor in the center of the samidhas.

• O God. I am lighting fire on this land created by you where learned people perform yagyas. Please bless me with food and prosperity so that I can help all people of my society. Please make my heart as big as the Sky and my mind's patience as big as this Earth. Swaha.

Now build the fire while reciting the following Mantra.

• O Agni, please kindle. May the host, be able to perform yagyas and serve humanity. O host and this gathering of learned people, be seated together on the same ground, disregarding your social status, and be ready to pray to God. You are all equal in the eyes of God, and you have been created by the same God.

➤ Prepare three samidhas about 6 inches long and dip them in ghee.
➤ Place FIRST SAMIDHA in Agni at the end of the following Mantra with the word "Swaha".

• O God, this Atma is your fuel. Just as samidha, fuel for fire, burns radiating light and warmth, similarly I may live promoting true knowledge and friendship in the world. O Agni, you are the knower of everything. Grow brighter and brighter with this samidha and ghee. Bless us with food, riches, happiness, children, and grandchildren. Help us in our physical and spiritual growth. This oblation is for Agni, the knower of everything. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.

• O God. Yajamana, just as you welcome guests with food and hospitality, similarly you welcome Agni with samidha and ghee. O yajamana, pour oblation of best objects in Havana-Kunda. This oblation is for Agni. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.
Add SECOND SAMIDHA as before at the end of the following Mantra with the word Swaha.

- O God. When Agni is fully lit, pour oblations of melted ghee in Havana-Kunda. This oblation is for Agni, the personification of knowledge. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.

Add THIRD SAMIDHA as before at the end of the following Mantra with the word Swaha.

- O Agni. You are the giver of life to everyone in the universe. We offer you oblations of samidha and ghee. May you grow brighter and brighter. This oblation is for Agni. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.

Recite the following Mantra five times. Offer an oblation of ghee to Agni at the end of the following Mantra each time, with the word Swaha.

- O God, this Atma is your fuel. Just as samidha, fuel for fire, burns radiating light and warmth, similarly I may live promoting true knowledge and friendship in the world. O Agni, you are the knower of everything. Grow brighter and brighter with this samidha and ghee. Bless us with food, riches, happiness, children, and grandchildren. Help us in our physical and spiritual growth. This oblation is for Agni, the knower of everything. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.

Pour about a teaspoon of water along the sides of the Havana-Kunda as indicated below at the end of each Mantra.

- O Aditi, listen to our prayers.
- O Indra, listen to our prayers.
- O Saraswatee, listen to our prayers.

Pour water around the Havana-Kunda while reciting the following Mantra, starting from the right-hand-side (South) in a COUNTER-CLOCKWISE direction.

- O God. You are the Creator of the universe. You lead us in this yagya as you are the Leader of all Yagyas. May this yagya be auspicious for us. You are the highest source of divine knowledge and everyone sings your glory. Guide our intellects and bestow sweetness in our speech so that we may think right and speak well. Swaha.

Pour oblation of ghee in the directions indicated below with the word Swaha.

- I call upon Agni. This oblation is for Agni. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.
- I call upon Soma. This oblation is for Soma. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.
I call upon Prajapati, the creator of the universe. This oblation is for Prajapati. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.

I call upon Indra. This oblation is for Indra. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.

Pour GHEE oblations at the end of the following Mantras with the word of Swaha.

I call upon Agni, the giver of life. This oblation is for Agni. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.

I call upon Vayu, the dispeller of miseries. This oblation is for Vayu. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.

I call upon Aditya, the bestower of happiness. This oblation is for Aditya. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.

I call upon Agni, Vayu, and Aditya for long life, happiness, and wealth, respectively. This oblation is for Agni, Vayu, and Aditya. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.

SVISHTA-KRT HOMAHUTI
Offer oblation of Prasad or sugar or sweet food to Agni with ghee at the end of the following Mantra with the word Swaha.

May Agni, the personification of knowledge, make this yagya a success. I might have made some mistakes in performing this yagya. O Agni, you know all my heart’s wishes. Please fulfill them. Please accept the offerings that I have offered you with great love and devotion. I offer you all that I have. You are the destroyer of evil and the creator of goodness in mankind. O Agni grant me my wishes. This oblation is for Agni - the giver of all wishes. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.

OBLATION OF GHEE
Offer oblation of ghee at the end of each of the following Mantras with the word Swaha.

I call upon Prajapati. This oblation is for Prajapati. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.

MORNING OBLATIONS
Offer oblations of ghee and SAMAGREE respectively at the end of each of the following Mantras with the word Swaha.

O God. We call upon Soorya. Soorya is light [knowledge] and light is Soorya. Swaha.
O God. We call upon Soorya. Soorya is splendor and splendor is Soorya. Swaha.

O God. We call upon Soorya. Light is Soorya and Soorya is light. Swaha.

May this Soorya with Ushas accept our oblations and carry the fragrance of yagya to the whole world. Swaha.

EVENING OBLATIONS

We call upon Agni. Agni is light and light is Agni. Swaha.

We call upon Agni. Agni is speech and speech is Agni. Swaha.

We call upon Agni. Agni is light and light is Agni. Swaha.

This Agni is the personification of that God who has created the whole universe and who leads us all. May this Agni accept our oblations and carry the fragrance of yagya to the whole world. Swaha.

OBLATION OF GHEE AND SAMAGREE

Continue oblations of ghee and samagree at the end of each of the following Mantras with the word Swaha.

Om. I call upon Agni, the creator of the universe, for prana (Life). This oblation is for Agni. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.

I call upon Vayu, the dispeller of miseries, for apana (inhaling). This oblation is for Vayu. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.

I call upon Aditya, the bestower of happiness, for Vyana (exhaling). This oblation is for Aditya. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.

I call upon Agni, the creator: Vayu, the dispeller of miseries: and Aditya, the bestower of happiness for prana, apana, and vyana, respectively. This oblation is for Agni, Vayu, and Aditya. This is not mine, everything belongs to God. Swaha.

We call upon the Creator and the Preserver of the universe. God is ever-pervading. God is the highest Source of intelligence. God protects the devotees. Swaha.

I call upon you, O Agni. Grant me the same kind of intellect that my learned ancestors possessed so that I may also become learned and intelligent. Swaha.
• O God, the Creator of the universe and the Giver of all happiness, keep us away from bad habits, bad deeds, and calamities. May we attain everything that is auspicious. Swaha.

• O God. You are Diyva, the self-illumination; and you are Agni the personification of knowledge. Show us the right path which leads to true Knowledge and Dharma so that we may attain riches and knowledge in our lives through righteous deeds. Cast away all our ill-feelings and sins. Give us the intellect so that we are ever engrossed in singing your name and in meditating upon you. Swaha.

You may now offer oblations of Ghee and Samagree THREE TIMES with GAYATREE Mantra.

7. POORNAHUTI

• O God, every creation of God is perfect. Swaha. X (three times)

YAGYAROOP PRAYER AARTEE

8. YAGYA GEET

POOJNIYE PRABHU HAMARE

Poojnayeprabhuhamare, bhavujjwalkejiye
choddevenchhalkapatko, mansikbaldijjiye
vedkobilichayein, satyakodharankarein
harshmein ho magna sare, shoksagar se tarein
ashvanmeghaadikrachayeinyagyaperupkarko
dharmamaryadachalakarlaabhdeinsansarko
nityashradha bhakti se yagjadi hum karteyrahein
rogpeeditvishwakesantasap sab harreyrahein
bhavnamitjaye man se paapatya char ki karmayeinpurnahovienyagya se narnariki
labhkari ho hawanharjeedharikeliye
Vayu jalsarvatra ho, shubh randrakodharankiye
saddbhav mite hamare, prem path vistar ho idanammamkasar ab pratyekmeinvyavahar ho
premrasmeinlipt hon kar, vandana hum karrahe nathkarunaroopkaruna, apki sab per rahe
9. AARTEE

Om ja-yajagadeeshaHaray
Swameeja-ye JagadeeshaHaray
Bhakta jano kay sankata
Dasajano kay sankata
Kshana may doorakaray
Om ja-yajagadeeshaHaray

Jo dhyavayphalapavay
Dukhavinashay mana ka
Swameedukhavinashay mana ka
Sukhasampattigharaavay
Sukhasampattigharaavay
Kashtamitay tana ka
Om ja-yajagadeeshaHaray

Mata pita tumamayray
Sharanagahoomaikisakee
Swameesharanagahoomaikisakee
Tumbina aura nadoojja
Tumbina aura nadoojja
Asa karoomaijisakee
Om ja-yajagadeeshaHaray

Tumapooranaparamatma
Tumaantaryamee
Swameetumaantaryamee
Parabrahmaparamayshwara
Parabrahmaparamayshwara
Tumasabakayswamee
Om ja-yajagadeeshaHaray

Tumakaruna kay sagara
Tumapalanakartta
Swameetumapalanakartta
Mai sayvakatumaSwamee
Mai sayvakatumaSwamee
(Mai moorakhaphalakamee)
krpakaroBharta
Om ja-yajagadeeshaHaray

Tuma ho aykaagochara
Sabakaypranapati
Swameesabakaypranapati
Kisavidhimiloo da-yama-ya
Kisavidhimiloo da-yama-ya
Tuma-komaiku-mati
Om ja-yajagadeeshaHaray
10. SHANTIPATHA (HYMN OF PEACE)

Om. May there be peace in the Sky and in Space.  
May there be peace on land and in the waters.  
May herbs and food bring us peace.  
May all the personifications of God bring us peace.  
May God bring us peace.  
May there be peace throughout the world.  
May the peace be peaceful.  
May God give me such peace.

O God! May there be peace [physical peace], peace [mental peace],  
and peace [spiritual peace]. O God!
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