

How to Perform Agnihotra Yagya

How to Perform Vaishnava Yajna

The complete yajna procedure and mantras, as taught by Pandit Shri Kashinath Mishra Ji

A simple daily practice for the home · about 10–15 minutes



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Materials:

1. Panchatirtha water (Ganga, Yamuna, Vaitarani, Shipra, Saraswati) or Ganga water
2. White clothing
3. 10–12 flowers (yellow, red or white)
4. A small water vessel or kamandalu
5. A small yajna-kund
6. A dried cow-dung cake
7. Small pieces of mango and bilva wood (peepal/ashvattha and shami are also acceptable; palash only for planetary afflictions)
8. Camphor
9. Kusha grass soaked overnight
10. Sandalwood, kumkum or vermilion, tulsi
11. Incense
12. Pure cow ghee
13. For the bhog: jaggery, banana or other fruits, flowers, rock sugar
14. Two tulsi leaves
15. A murti or picture of Lord Vishnu (if you have one)

Gather everything, sprinkle Ganga or Panchatirtha water over it, and never let any item touch your feet.

The procedure — Steps 0 to 18

0. Daily practice, place, direction and time — This yajna is performed every day — once a day for now (Pandit Ji: later twice a day); the whole procedure takes about 10–15 minutes. Set the yajna-kund on an east–west line. Sit on its west side facing east, with a murti or picture of Lord Vishnu to the east. If there is no room in the prayer room, a courtyard or any clean spot will do: first sprinkle Ganga water there, smooth the ground by hand, then sprinkle again. Time: Brahma-muhurta or before noon (exactly noon is best), or half an hour before sunset. Women and men alike may perform it. Do not perform it during ritual impurity: 6 days after a birth in the family, 11 days after a death.

1. Bath and purification of the body — Add one drop of Panchatirtha water to your bathing water and say “Shri Vishnu” three times while bathing. After the bath, sprinkle water over the whole body and say, in Sanskrit only:

हे भगवन् विष्णो! वैष्णवस्य परमार्थे मम शरीरं, मम मनः शुद्धं भवतु।

bhagavan viṣṇo! vaiṣṇavasya paramārthe mama śarīraṃ, mama manaḥ śuddhaṃ bhavatu

O Lord Vishnu, for the supreme purpose of the Vaishnava path may my body and my mind become pure.

हे भगवन् विष्णो! संसारस्य कल्याणस्य अर्थे वैष्णव यज्ञ कार्य सम्पन्न अर्थे कृपां कल्याणं च कुर्वन्तु।

he bhagavan viṣṇo! saṃsārasya kalyāṇasya arthe vaiṣṇava yajña kārya sampanna arthe kṛpāṃ kalyāṇaṃ ca kurvantu

O Lord Vishnu, for the welfare of the world and the completion of this Vaishnava yajna, grant grace and welfare.

1-A. If illness prevents a bath — exception only — Wash your hands and feet, then sprinkle Panchatirtha water on both ears, both eyes, the mouth, nose, navel, both armpits and the genitals, saying “Shri Vishnu”. Return to a full bath as soon as you are well.

2. Flower offering in the courtyard — In the courtyard, sprinkle a little Ganga water on the ground and place one yellow, red or white flower there, saying:

भगवन् विष्णो, सूर्यदेव, धरतीमातः, चतुर्दिक्षु सर्वदेवी-देवताभ्यः पुष्पं समर्पयामि।

bhagavan viṣṇo, sūryadeva, dharatīmātaḥ, caturdikṣu sarvadevī-devatābhyaḥ puṣpaṃ samarpayāmi

To Lord Vishnu, the Sun, Mother Earth and all deities of the four directions I offer this flower.

3. Water to Mother Earth and to all the deities — Pour water on Mother Earth three times. Then pour a little water three times in the names of all the gods and goddesses, not all at once. Keep a small vessel or kamandalu for the water.

ॐ नमो भूम्यै (पृथिव्यै) मातायै नमः।

om namo bhūmyai (pṛthivyai) mātāyai namaḥ

Om, salutations to Mother Earth.

3-A. Pitra tarpan (to the ancestors) — only if your father or mother has passed away — Face south. Take water in the left hand, pour it over the right hand and let it flow down between the thumb and index finger of the right hand (or with both hands together); three times. You may add your departed father’s or mother’s name.

ॐ पित्रदेवाय नमः । (अपने दिवंगत पिता/माता का नाम लेकर भी)

om pitradevāya namaḥ

Om, salutations to the Pitra Dev (the ancestors).

4. Arghya to the Sun — seven times — Offer water to the Sun seven times, seated or standing on the ground, never on a chair. *Pandit Ji taught only the first mantra (ehi sūrya...) in the yajna training — that alone is required for the yajna.*

Full regular Surya Namaskar sequence (from the sangha’s Surya-arghya practice, not the yajna training — optional):

Morning — (1) the first mantra with each of the seven offerings; (2) meditate on Narayana within the solar disc (second mantra); (3) bow with the twelve names (third mantra); (4) touch the arghya water to the forehead and eyes and sip a little as charanamrita (fourth mantra). **Evening (before sunset) —** the Japakusuma verse.

एहि सूर्य सहस्रांशो तेजोराशे जगत्पते । अनुकम्पय मां भक्त्या गृहाणार्घ्यं दिवाकर ॥

ehi sūrya sahasrāṃśo tejorāśe jagatpate / anukampaya mām bhaktyā grhāṇārghyaṃ divākara

Come, O thousand-rayed Sun, mass of radiance, lord of the world; be compassionate and accept this arghya offered with devotion, O Divakara.

ॐ ध्येयः सदा सवितृमण्डलमध्यवर्ती नारायणः सरसिजासनसन्निविष्टः । केयूरवान् मकरकुण्डलवान् किरीटी हारी हिरण्मयवपुर्धृतशङ्खचक्रः ॥

om dhyeyaḥ sadā savitr-maṇḍala-madhyavartī nārāyaṇaḥ sarasijāsana-sanniviṣṭaḥ / keyūravān makara-kuṇḍalavān kirīṭī hārī hiraṇmaya-vapur dhṛta-śaṅkha-cakraḥ

Ever to be meditated upon is Narayana, seated on a lotus within the orb of the Sun, with armlets, makara earrings and crown, garlanded, golden-bodied, holding conch and discus.

ॐ सूर्याय नमः । ॐ भास्कराय नमः । ॐ रवये नमः । ॐ मित्राय नमः । ॐ भानवे नमः । ॐ खगाय नमः ।
ॐ पूष्णे नमः । ॐ मरीचये नमः । ॐ आदित्याय नमः । ॐ सावित्रे नमः । ॐ अर्काय नमः । ॐ हिरण्यगर्भाय
नमो नमः ।

om sūryāya namaḥ / bhāskarāya / ravaye / mitrāya / bhānave / khagāya / pūṣṇe / marīcaye / ādityāya / savitre / arkāya /
hiraṇyagarbhāya namo namaḥ

Salutations to the Sun by his twelve names.

अकालमृत्युहरणं सर्वव्याधिविनाशनम् । सूर्यपादोदकं तीर्थं जठरे धारयाम्यहम् ॥

akāla-mṛtyu-haraṇam sarva-vyādhi-vināśanam / sūrya-pādodakam tīrtham jaṭhare dhārayāmy aham
Remover of untimely death, destroyer of all disease: the sacred water from the Sun's feet I hold within me.

जपाकुसुमसंकाशं काश्यपेयं महाद्युतिम् । तमोऽरिं सर्वपापघ्नं प्रणतोऽस्मि दिवाकरम् ॥

japākusuma-saṁkāśam kāśyapeyam mahādyutim / tamo'riṁ sarva-pāpaghnam praṇato'smi divākaram
I bow to the Sun, radiant as the japa flower, son of Kashyapa, of great splendour, enemy of darkness, destroyer of all sins.

हे दिनकर! हे सूर्य! वैष्णव यज्ञे तेज-प्रकाश अर्थे, ज्योति-प्रकाश च पवित्रता-प्रकाश उद्देश्य मम कल्याणं कुर्वन्तु।

he dinakara! he sūrya! vaiṣṇava yajñe teja-prakāśa arthe, jyoti-prakāśa ca pavitratā-prakāśa uddeśya mama kalyāṇam
kurvantu

O Dinakara, O Sun, for radiance, light and purity in this Vaishnava yajna, grant me welfare.

5. **White clothing** — After the Sun arghya, put on white clothing: dhoti and kurta, churidar and kurta, or a sari.
6. **Preparing the yajna-kund; the invocation** — Place a piece of dried cow-dung cake in the centre of the kund. Mark the kund with sandalwood and kumkum or vermilion, and sprinkle water on it three times saying “Bhagavan Vishnu, Vishnu, Vishnu”. Place a white or yellow flower and a tulsi leaf in the kund and invoke the Lord. Never ask “bless me” in a yajna; always pray for the welfare of the whole world.

हे भगवन् विष्णो! अत्र यज्ञकुण्डे वैष्णवस्य यज्ञः उद्देश्येन आगमन-पूर्वं संसारस्य कल्याणं कुर्वन्तु।

he bhagavan viṣṇo! atra yajñakuṇḍe vaiṣṇavasya yajñāḥ uddeśyena āgamana-pūrvam saṁsārasya kalyāṇam kurvantu
O Lord Vishnu, come to this yajna-kund for the Vaishnava yajna and bring welfare to the world.

7. **Camphor, wood and kusha** — Put a little camphor on the cow-dung cake and thin, small pieces of mango and bilva wood over it. Let kusha grass touch the kund, then set it aside. Make a ring from kusha soaked overnight and wear it on the ring finger, never on the index finger, which he calls the “poison finger”.

8. **Incense and the invocation of Agni Dev** — Light incense only, not a lamp. As you light it, invoke Agni Dev, and bow to Agni Dev, the Sun and Ganapati:

हे अग्निदेव! सकल सृष्टि-कल्याणस्य अर्थे वैष्णवस्य यज्ञः आगमन-पूर्वकं कृपां तेजः यज्ञं च सफलं कुर्वन्तु।

he agnideva! sakala sṛṣṭi-kalyāṇasya arthe vaiṣṇavasya yajñāḥ āgamana-pūrvakam kṛpām tejaḥ yajñam ca saphalam
kurvantu

O Agni Dev, for the welfare of all creation, come to this Vaishnava yajna and grant grace, radiance and success.

9. **Placing the flowers; invoking the Pitra Dev (ancestors)** — In front, between you and the kund: flowers for the Sun, Agni Dev, Ganapati and Lord Vishnu. To the south: sandalwood, kumkum and three flowers in the names of Rudra, Brahma and Indra. On the right of the kund, that is to the south (seated facing east, your right hand is to the south): flowers while remembering Agni Dev, Lord Vishnu, Mahalakshmi and Brahma-Vishnu-Maheshwara. Traditional havan procedure likewise seats Brahma to the south of the kund, with the water vessel (pranita) to the north. Also to the south: one flower with sandalwood and vermilion for the ancestors, with the invocation. Offer a little incense in the kund for Ashta-Durga, Saptashati Mata and the village deities.

हे पित्रदेवो! दक्षिणदिश्यां आगच्छ, अत्र तिष्ठ, इह तिष्ठ, सर्वे कल्याणं कुर्वन्तु।

he pitradevo! dakṣiṇadiśyāṁ āgaccha, atra tiṣṭha, iha tiṣṭha, sarve kalyāṇam kurvantu
O ancestors, come from the south, stay here, remain here, and bring welfare to all.

10. Sprinkling just before the yajna — Sprinkle water on your eyes, ears and body, and sprinkle Ganga water three times around yourself:

भगवन् विष्णो! मम शरीरे शुद्धिः भवतु। बाह्यशक्ति-प्रभावात् मम शरीरस्य रक्षां कुर्वन्तु।

bhagavan viṣṇo! mama śarīre śuddhiḥ bhavatu. bāhyaśakti-prabhāvāt mama śarīrasya rakṣāṃ kurvantu
Lord Vishnu, may my body be purified; protect it from outside forces.

11. Lighting the fire; invoking the ten avatars — Remember Agni Dev and light the camphor. When the small pieces of wood begin to burn, invoke the ten avatars:

श्री मत्स्यः, श्री कच्छपः, श्री वराहः, श्री नृसिंहः, श्री वामनः, श्री परशुरामः, श्री रामः, श्री बलरामः, श्री बुद्धः, श्री कल्किः — वैष्णवस्य यज्ञस्य आगमन-पूर्वकं चतुर्दश-ब्रह्माण्डस्य कल्याणं कुर्वन्तु।

śrī matsyaḥ, śrī kacchapaḥ, śrī varāhaḥ, śrī nṛsiṃhaḥ, śrī vāmanaḥ, śrī paraśurāmaḥ, śrī rāmaḥ, śrī balarāmaḥ, śrī buddhaḥ, śrī kalkiḥ — vaiṣṇavasya yajñasya āgamana-pūrvakaṃ caturdaśa-brahmāṇḍasya kalyāṇaṃ kurvantu
Matsya, Kacchapa (Kurma), Varaha, Narasimha, Vamana, Parashurama, Rama, Balarama, Buddha, Kalki — come to this Vaishnava yajna and bring welfare to the fourteen worlds.

12. Five offerings each — Each ahuti is one small piece of wood with one end touched in pure cow ghee (do not soak it; never buffalo ghee). First five ahutis to Lord Vishnu, then five to Mother Mahalakshmi:

ॐ भगवते विष्णवे नमः, इदं भगवते विष्णवे । अथवा: ॐ नमो नारायणाय नमः, इदं नारायणाय ।

om bhagavate viṣṇave namaḥ, idaṃ bhagavate viṣṇave / athavā: om namo nārāyaṇāya namaḥ, idaṃ nārāyaṇāya
Om, salutations to Lord Vishnu; this offering is for Lord Vishnu (or: for Narayana).

ॐ माता महालक्ष्म्यै नमः, इदं महालक्ष्म्यै ।

om mātā mahālakṣmyai namaḥ, idaṃ mahālakṣmyai
Om, salutations to Mother Mahalakshmi; this offering is for Mahalakshmi.

13. Dashavatara Stotra — Recite aloud the ten avatar verses of Jayadeva's Dashavatara Stotra ("pralaya-payodhi-jale dhṛtavān asi vedam..."); the text of the stotra is printed in the Trisandhya booklet. Pandit Ji's instruction: **five ahutis after each verse, 50 in all.**

14. Purnahuti — the final offering — Recite "Shuklambaradharam..." and give five ahutis; then recite "Tvameva mata...". Then, saying the purnahuti prayer, give the final offering to Lord Vishnu and Mahalakshmi and add a little jaggery to the kund:

शुक्लाम्बरधरं विष्णुं शशिवर्णं चतुर्भुजम् । प्रसन्नवदनं ध्यायेत् सर्वविघ्नोपशान्तये ॥

śuklāmbāradharaṃ viṣṇuṃ śaśivārṇaṃ caturbhujam / prasannavadanaṃ dhyāyet sarvaviḥnopaśāntaye
I meditate on Vishnu, clad in white, moon-hued, four-armed, serene of face, for the removal of all obstacles.

त्वमेव माता च पिता त्वमेव त्वमेव बन्धुश्च सखा त्वमेव । त्वमेव विद्या द्रविणं त्वमेव त्वमेव सर्वं मम देवदेव ॥

tvameva mātā ca pitā tvameva tvameva bandhuśca sakhā tvameva / tvameva vidyā draviṇaṃ tvameva tvameva sarvaṃ
mama devadeva

You alone are my mother and father, kinsman and friend, knowledge and wealth; You are my all, O God of gods.

हे भगवान् विष्णु! पूर्णाहुतिं ददामि — सर्व सृष्टि, संसार कल्याण, सचराचर कल्याण अर्थे; मम दोषो न विद्यते ।

हे भगवान् विष्णु! सत्ययुग आगमन अर्थे, धर्म संस्थापना अर्थे यज्ञे पूर्णाहुतिं प्रददामि ।

he bhagavān viṣṇu! pūrṇāhutiṃ dadāmi — sarva sṛṣṭi, saṃsāra kalyāṇa, sacarācara kalyāṇa arthe; mama doṣo na vidyate /
he bhagavān viṣṇu! satyayuga āgamana arthe, dharma saṁsthāpanā arthe yajñe pūrṇāhutiṃ pradadāmi
O Lord Vishnu, I give the final offering for the welfare of all creation, the world and every being; may no fault of mine remain; for the coming of Satya Yuga and the establishment of dharma I offer the purnahuti.

15. Bhog (naivedya) — Banana or other fruits, jaggery, flowers, rock sugar: whatever you have. Place one tulsi leaf on the bhog and one in the kund. Put a little of the bhog into the kund three times in Narayana's name, then three times in Mahalakshmi's:

ॐ नमो नारायणाय नमः (×3) । ॐ नमो महालक्ष्म्यै नमः, नैवेद्यं समर्पयामि (×3) ।

om namo nārāyaṇāya namaḥ (×3) / om namo mahālakṣmyai namaḥ, naivedyaṁ samarpayāmi (×3)
Om, salutations to Narayana; Om, salutations to Mahalakshmi, I offer this food.

16. Prayer for forgiveness — While offering the bhog, pray:

प्रभु मैं मंत्रहीन हूँ, ज्ञानहीन हूँ, बुद्धिहीन हूँ, मेरा कोई ज्ञान नहीं है। तो इसीलिए प्रभु जो भी मुझसे गलती हुई है या जो मेरी योग्यता में नहीं है — आप ब्रह्माण्ड के ठाकुर हैं, आप विश्वेश्वर हैं, विश्व-स्रष्टा हैं, विश्व-कर्ता, अनादि-अनन्त, आप महाविष्णु, आप सनातन हैं। मुझ पर कृपा करो, कल्याण करो, और प्रभु आपकी शरण में मैं जाता हूँ, आप मेरा कल्याण करो।

Lord, I am without mantra, without knowledge, without intellect; I know nothing. So whatever mistake I have made, or whatever is beyond my ability — You are the Lord of the universe, Vishveshvara, creator and maker of the world, beginningless and endless; You are Mahavishnu, You are eternal. Be gracious to me, bless me; Lord, I take refuge in You; grant me welfare.

17. Bhog for the other deities — Put a little bhog into the kund for Brahma, Rudra, Indra and all the gods and goddesses. Leave the items placed around the kund where they are.

18. Aarti and prostration — Perform aarti to Lord Vishnu with a little camphor while reciting these verses. Then bow seven times with the forehead to the ground and pray for the welfare of the world. The whole procedure takes about 10 to 13 minutes.

वन्दे वृन्दावन-गुरुं कृष्णं कमल-लोचनम् । पीताम्बरं घनश्यामं वनमाला-विराजितम् ॥ त्रिभङ्ग-भङ्गिमा-रूपं श्रीराधिका-प्राणवल्लभम् । गोपी-मण्डल-मध्यस्थं शोभितं नन्दनन्दनम् ॥

vande vṛndāvana-gurum kṛṣṇam kamala-lochanam / pītāmbaram ghaṇaśyāmaṁ vanamālā-virājitaṁ // tribhaṅga-bhaṅgimā-rūpaṁ śrīrādhikā-prāṇavallabham / gopī-maṇḍala-madhyasthaṁ śobhitaṁ nandanandanam
I bow to Krishna, guru of Vrindavan, lotus-eyed, in yellow garments, dark as a cloud, garlanded with forest flowers; in the three-fold bending pose, beloved of Radhika; shining amid the circle of gopis, the son of Nanda.

वसुदेवसुतं देवं कंसचाणूरमर्दनम् । देवकीपरमानन्दं कृष्णं वन्दे जगद्गुरुम् ॥

vasudevasutaṁ devaṁ kaṁsacāṇūramardanam / devakīparamānandaṁ kṛṣṇam vande jagadgurum
Son of Vasudeva, slayer of Kamsa and Chanura, supreme bliss of Devaki — I bow to Krishna, teacher of the world.

If the yajna cannot be performed on a given day

If ritual impurity, travel, heavy rain, missing materials or an unsettled mind prevents the yajna on a given day, sit down at the usual time and chant 108 times:

भगवान् महाविष्णु यज्ञपुरुषाय नमः । (१०८ बार)

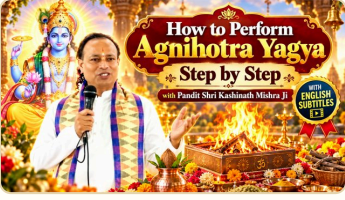
bhagavān mahāviṣṇu yajñapuruṣāya namaḥ (×108)
Salutations to Lord Mahavishnu, the Lord of yajna.

Then pray: “Lord, I could not perform the yajna today — through this, grant me its fruit.” This is a substitute for that day only, not a regular replacement for the yajna. If you cannot recall or pronounce the Sanskrit, keep repeating “Shri Vishnu, Shri Vishnu” and carry on; with daily practice the mantras will come. If you are passing through a Shani period, you may also offer seven ahutis to Shani Dev with a yellow flower (optional).

Fire safety: place the yajna-kund on a stable, non-flammable surface; keep curtains, paper, gas and children well away; keep the room ventilated; use metal tongs for the wood and keep water or sand within reach; keep loose clothing away from the flame; never leave the fire unattended.



Hear Pandit Ji himself — YouTube



English subtitles

▶ Search on the Kalki Avatar International channel — with English subtitles (complete method, 18 steps):

“How to Perform Agnihotra Yagya / Step by Step with Pandit Shri Kashinath Mishra Ji”

▶ Hindi original also available on the Bhavishya Malika Amrit Gyan channel — search: “अग्निहोत्र यज्ञ कैसे करें? | पंडित जी द्वारा चरणबद्ध विधि”

▶ Full series (with the step-by-step parts) — playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLExyBZ8DqgQU>

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