

# Ramakrishna Vesper Hymns



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## śrī rāmakṛṣṇa ārātriḱa gānam

*Arati Hymn to Sri Ramakrishna by Swami Vivekananda*

**khaṇḍana-bhava-bandhana  
jaga-vandana vandi tomāy /  
nirañjana nara-rūpa-dhara (repeat)  
nirguṇa guṇāmay // 1**

*(Oh Ramakrishna), we adore You, breaker of this world's chains, beloved of all the world. You are the transcendent being as well as possessor both name and form. You are both without and with attributes.*

**mocana-gha-dūṣaṇa  
jaga-bhūṣaṇa cid-ghana-kāy /  
jñānāñjana-vimala-nayana (repeat)  
vīkṣaṇe moha jāy // 2**

*Oh redeemer of all sins, adornment of all the worlds, pure consciousness condensed, Your eyes, sanctified with the collyrium of knowledge, overcome all delusion by their very look.*

**bhāsvara bhāva-sāgara  
cira unmade prema-pāthār /  
bhaktārjana-yugala-caraṇa (repeat)  
tāraṇa-bhava-pār // 3**

*You are an ocean of lofty spiritual moods, ever lashed into waves of divine love. Your holy feet are devotion's reward and are the boat for crossing this ocean of suffering.*

**jṛm-bhita-yuga-īśvara**  
**jagad-īśvara yoga-sahāy /**  
**nirodhana samāhita-mana** (repeat)  
**nirakhi tava kṛpāy // 4**

*You are the Lord of this age and the Lord of the universe, incarnated to help us in our spiritual quest. We understand this by Your grace —You who are ever merged in ecstasy.*

**bhañjana-duḥkha-gañjana**  
**karuṇā-ghana karma-kāṭhor /**  
**prāṇ āraṇa-jagata-tāraṇa** (repeat)  
**kṛntana-kali-ḍor // 5**

*Oh destroyer of sorrow, divine mercy condensed, great worker, Your life is an offering for the redemption of the world, to free us from this dark iron age.*

**vañcana-kāma-kāñcana**  
**āti-nindita-indriya-rāg /**  
**tyāgīśvara he nara-vara** (repeat)  
**deha pade anurāg // 6**

*You have conquered lust and greed and are free from the enticements of the senses. Lord of all who renounce, noblest of human kind, bestow upon us devotion to Your lotus feet.*

**nirbhaya gata-saṁśaya**  
**dr̥ḍha-niścaya-mānasavān /**  
**niṣkāraṇa bhakata-śaraṇa** (repeat)  
**tyaji jāti-kula-mān // 7**

*You are fearless, beyond doubts, firm in Your resolve, and without pride in birth or race. Your universal love is the shelter for those who seek it.*

**sampada tava śrīpada**  
**bhava goṣ-pada-vāri yathāy /**  
**prem'ārpaṇa sama-darśana** (repeat)  
**jaga-jana-duḥkha jāy // 8**

*To those who worship Your holy feet, this vast ocean of the world seems like a puddle formed by a hoof-print in clay. You are an offering of divine love and same sightedness.*

**namo namo prabhu vākya-manā-tīta  
mano-vacan'aikā-dhār  
prabhu mano-vacan'aikā-dhār  
jyotira jyoti ujala hr̥di-kandara  
tumi tama-bhañjana-hār  
prabhu tumi tama-bhañjana-hār**

*We bow to You again and again, Lord who are beyond mind and speech, yet without You we think not nor can we speak. Oh light of lights, illuminate the cave of our heart, destroying all darkness.*

**dhe dhe dhe laṅga raṅga bhaṅga  
bāje aṅga saṅga mṛdaṅga  
gāyiche chanda bhakata-vṛnda ārati tomār  
jaya jaya ārati tomār  
hara hara ārati tomār  
śiva śiva ārati tomār**

*To the accompaniment of the mridanga drum sounding, “dhe dhe dhe langa ranga bhanga” Your devotees are singing songs for Your arati. Victory! Victory! This is Your arati! Hara! Hara! This is Your arati! Shiva! Shiva! This is Your arati!*

**khaṇḍana-bhava-bandhana  
jaga-vandana vandi tomāy**

*(Oh Ramakrishna), we adore You, breaker of this worlds chains, beloved of all the world.*

**jai śrī guru-mahā-rāj jī kī jai**

*Victory to Sri Guru, the great king!*

## śrī rāmakṛṣṇa stotram

*Hymn to Sri Ramakrishna by Swami Vivekananda*



om hrīm ṛtaṁ tvam acalo  
guṇajit guṇedyah  
naktam-divaṁ sakaruṇaṁ  
tava pāda-padmaṁ /  
mohaṅ-kaṣaṁ bahu kṛtaṁ  
na bhaje yato'haṁ  
tasmāt-tvam eva śaraṇaṁ  
mama dīna-bandho // 1

*You are the supreme being indicated by the mystic sounds "Om" and "Hrim." You are Truth unchanging. You are beyond the gunas yet it is You whom the gunas proclaim. Day and night we have failed to worship Your delusion-destroying feet with longing and determination. Therefore, we claim refuge in You, friend of the lowly and lost.*

bhaktir-bhagaś ca bhajanaṁ  
bhava-bheda-kāri  
gacchantyalaṁ suvi-pulaṁ  
gamaṇāya tattvam /  
vaktro'ddhrto'pi hrdaye  
na ca bhāti kiñcit  
tasmāt-tvam eva śaraṇaṁ  
mama dīna-bandho // 2

*Devotion, aspiration and worship—these breakers of worldly bondage—are sufficient to bring us to the Truth. But alas, though we speak these words with our lips, they find no echo in our hearts. Therefore, we claim refuge in You, friend of the lowly and lost.*

**tejas-taranti tarasā  
tvayi tṛpta-tṛṣṇāḥ  
rage kṛte ṛta-pathe  
tvayi rāma-kṛṣṇe /  
martyāmṛtaṁ tava padaṁ  
maraṇormi-nāśaṁ  
tasmāt-tvam eva śaraṇaṁ  
mama dīna-bandho // 3**

*Those who find fulfillment in You, Ramakrishna, develop loving attachment to You. Your feet still the waves of death and bring immortality in the world of mortals. Therefore we claim refuge in You, friend of the lowly and lost.*

**kṛtyam karoti kaluṣam  
kuha-kānta-kāri  
ṣṇāntaṁ śivam suvi-malam  
tava nāma nātha /  
yasmād ahaṁ tv' aśaraṇo  
jagadeka-gamya  
tasmāt-tvam eva śaraṇaṁ  
mama dīna-bandho // 4**

*Lord, Your holy and sanctifying name “Ramakrishna” awakens us from our delusion. Those who chant Your name, though they be sinners, soon become saints. We have no other shelter than You who are the shelter of the universe. Therefore we claim refuge in You, friend of the lowly and lost.*

**oṁ sthāpakāya ca dharmasya  
sarva-dharma-svarūpiṇe /  
avatāra-variṣṭhāya  
rāma-kṛṣṇāya te namaḥ**

*Establisher of religion and embodiment of all religions, greatest incarnation of divinity, Ramakrishna, we bow to You.*

**oṁ namaḥ śrī bhagavate rāma-kṛṣṇāya  
namo namaḥ**

*We bow to You, Lord Sri Ramakrishna. We bow to You again and again.*

## śrī sārādā devī stotram

Hymn to Sri Sarada Devi by Swami Abhedananda



**prakṛtiṃ paramām abhayām varadām  
nara-rūpa-dharām janatāpa-harām /  
śaraṇāgata-sevaka-toṣa karīm  
praṇamāmi parām jananīm jagatām // 1**

*The supreme energy, giver of fearlessness and blessings, support of mankind, remover of sufferings and shelter of joy of Your devotees—we bow to You, the supreme being and Mother of the worlds.*

**guṇa-hīna-sutān aparādha-yutān  
kṛpayādya samuddhara moha-gatān /  
taraṇīm bhava-sāgara-pāra-karīm  
praṇamāmi parām jananīm jagatām // 2**

*Upon Your children, offensive, fallen and deluded as we are, shower Your mercy. You are a ship to carry us across this ocean of worldly existence. We bow to You, the supreme being and Mother of the worlds.*

**viṣayaṃ kusumaṃ parihṛtya sadā  
caraṇ'āmburuhā'mṛta-śānti-sudhām /  
piba bhṛṅga-mano bhava-roga-harām  
praṇamāmi parām jananīm jagatām // 3**

*Abandoning the worldly flowers of enjoyment, sip the nectar of Mother's lotus feet, the giver of peace and happiness, O bee of my mind. They are the remover of the disease of worldliness. We bow to You, the supreme being and Mother of the worlds.*

**krpām kuru mahā-devi  
suteṣu praṇateṣu ca /  
caraṇ'āśraya dānena  
krpā-mayi namo'stu te // 4**

*Give Your mercy, great goddess, to Your children bowing  
before You. Grant us shelter at Your feet. O  
compassionate One—we bow to You.*

**lajjā-paṭ'āvṛte nityam  
sārade jñāna-dāyike /  
pāpe-bhyo naḥ sadā rakṣa  
krpā-mayi namo'stu te // 5**

*Although ever covered with the veil of modesty, O  
Sarada, You are the One who bestows wisdom. Protect us  
always from sins. O compassionate One—we bow to You.*

**rāma-krṣṇa-gāta-prāṇām  
ṭan-nāma-śravaṇa-priyām /  
tad-bhāva-rañjit'ākārām  
praṇamāmi muhur muhuḥ // 6**

*Your life is one with Ramakrishna's. You delight in  
remembering His name. Your personality is soaked in  
His moods. We bow to You again and again.*

**pavitram caritam yasyāḥ  
pavitram jīvanam tathā /  
pavitratā-svarūpiṇyai  
tasyai kurmo namo namaḥ // 7**

*To You whose life-story is purifying, whose life breaths  
purity, who is purity incarnate—to You we bow again  
and again.*

**devīm prasannām praṇatārṭi-hantrīm  
yogīndra-pūjyām yuga-dharma-pātrīm /  
tām sārādām bhakti-vijñāna-dātrīm  
dayā-svarūpām praṇamāmi nityam // 8**

*The goddess who removes the miseries of Her devotees  
hearts, the consort of that worshipable lord of yogis (Sri  
Ramakrishna), who brought the religion of this age, to  
that Sarada, the giver of devotion and wisdom and the  
embodiment of mercy—our perpetual salutations.*

**snehena badhnāsi mano'smadīyam  
doṣān aśeṣān saguṇī karoṣi /  
ahetunā no dayase sadoṣān  
svānke ḡhītvā yad idaṁ vicitram // 9**

*Binding our minds with the bonds of Your love, You  
transform our vices into virtues. Compassionate as You  
are, without consideration of merit, You take even us  
unworthy ones onto Your lap.*

**prasīda mātara-vinayena yāce  
nityam bhava snehavatī suteṣu /  
prem aika-bindum cira dagdha citte  
viṣiṅca cittaṁ kuru naḥ suśāntam // 10**

*Give us Your blessings, Mother, and grant us what we seek. Be ever affectionate to Your children. Casting even one drop of Your love on our long-parched heart, render it cool and peaceful.*

**om jananiṁ sārādāṁ devīm  
rāma-kṛṣṇaṁ jagad-gurum /  
pāda-padme tayoh śritvā  
praṇamāmi muhur muhuḥ // 11**

*Mother of the world, Sarada Devi, and Ramakrishna, the teacher of the world—taking shelter at You lotus feet, we bow to You again and again.*

### **śrī nārāyaṇī stotram**

Hymn to Goddess Narayani from *Devi-Mahatmyam*

**om sarva-maṅgala-māṅgalye  
śive sarvārtha-sādhike /  
śaraṇye tryambake gauri  
nārāyaṇī namo'stu te //**

*Most auspicious among all auspicious beings, who answers all prayers, refuge of all, consort of Shiva, three-eyed golden Mother — to You, Narayani, we bow.*

**srṣṭi-sthiti-vināśānām  
śakti-bhūte sanātani /  
guṇāśraye guṇamaye  
nārāyaṇī namo'stu te //**

*Eternal, the power that creates, sustains and destroys the worlds. On You material nature rests and of Your being it is constituted —to You, Narayani, we bow*

**śaraṇāgata-dīnārta  
paritrāṇa-parāyaṇe /  
sarva-syārti-hare devi  
nārāyaṇī namo'stu te //**

*Protector and supreme rest of the weak and afflicted, of beings that have taken refuge in You, dispeller of all miseries — to You, Narayani, we bow.*

**jaya nārāyaṇī namo'stu te // (4X)**

**jai mahā-mayi ki jai!  
jai bhagavan śrī rāma-kṛṣṇa deva ki jai!  
jai svamiji mahārāj ji ki jai!  
jai mā dakṣiṇeśvari bhavatārini  
dakṣiṇa-kāli ki jai!**