

## The Gayatri Mantra

OM BHUR BHUVAH SWAH  
OM TAT SAVITUR VARENYAM  
BHARGO DEVASAYA DHI MAHI  
DHIYO YO NAH PRACHO DAYAT

O Creator of the Universe

May we receive thy Supreme, Sin Destroying Light  
May thou guide our Intellect in the right direction

Gayatri is the name applied to the most well known Vedic hymn consisting of twenty-four syllables. This hymn is addressed to god Surya (sun) as the supreme generative force. Being translated this hymn means "We meditate on that glorious light of the divine Surya (Sun), may he, the lord of light, illuminate our minds". It is ordained that repeating this hymn again and again leads to salvation.

Gayatri later came to be personified as a goddess. She is shown having five heads and is usually seated within a lotus. The five heads of Gayatri represent the four Vedas of ancient Aryans and the remaining one represents the Almighty Lord himself. In her ten hands she holds all the symbols of Lord Vishnu including mace, lotus, axe, conch, sudarshan, lotus, etc. One of the sacred texts explicitly reads, "The Gayatri is Brahma, the Gayatri is Vishnu, the Gayatri is Shiva, the Gayatri is Vedas". She is another consort of Brahma. According to the myth, Saraswati was late to arrive at the time when Brahma was to perform his sacrifices to gods. Brahma became very angry because his consort's presence was indispensable to complete the ceremonies. Brahma asked the priest to fetch him any woman and wed him to her at the spot. Just in the neighborhood was found a very lovely shepherdess. In reality she was no other person than this Vedic hymn of Gayatri incarnated in the shape of that beautiful girl. Brahma immediately married that girl and kept her as his other wife together with Saraswati.



### Gayatri - The Five Faced Divinity

The first face signifies OM; one of who's many meanings is "Welcome to the Gods"

The second face is BHUR BHUVAH SWAH, which refers to the 3 regions of Earth, Ether and the Core Zone

The third face is TAT SAVITUR VARENYAM, which refers to Savitri, the Divine Ultimate Reality, equated with the vivifying power of the sun.

BHARGO DEVASAYA DHI MAHI, the fourth face, indicates the radiance, luster and illuminating power of Divinity, which enables our transition from the world of Darkness into Light.

DHIYO YO NAH PRACHO DAYAT, the fifth face, is an invocation, a prayer.

Thus, the Gayatri, encompasses  
Varnan: description  
Dhyān: meditation  
Pratna: prayer

Gayatri - is a Sanskrit word - Ga means sing, Yatri means Protection. According to Hindu philosophy, when the Almighty resolved to create the universe, the supreme power Shakti came into existence. Shakti manifested itself in two components of nature, one being the sookshma prakriti or the extra-sensory, super ethereal component propagating Pran (life force) which makes the organic matter 'live', 'grow', 'feel', and 'experience' a sentiment response to external stimulates, elements of wisdom, and various known and unknown forms of energy (atomic, gravitational, radiational, physical, chemical, biochemical, electrical, magnetic energy etc.) and the other being the sthool prakriti or the visible and other component of the nature governing the physical and chemical attributes of inorganic and organic substances (including all biological beings). The pairs of male and female deities in the Indian temples represent various sub-components of "sookchma" (*sthool prakriti*).

Gayatri is another name of Shakti (power), referring to the power of energy. According to ancient scriptures and spiritual scientists, Pran has the three essential forms of the productive powers of God:

Creation - Brahma  
Nourishment - Vishnu  
Destruction - Shiva

This triple power of God manifests in the form of Gayatri Mata, is the efficient cause of the origin of all powers of this universe. Gayatri, the deity, is the personified unity of the Triumvirate Divinity - Gayatri, Savitri and Saraswati; and is considered the Mother of the Vedas.