

# VEDIC CHANTING



ॐ भूर्भुवःस्वः ।  
तत् सवितुर्वरेण्यं भर्गो देवस्य  
धीमहि ।  
धियो यो नः प्रचोदयात् ॥

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# The Many Names of Gayatri Mantra

- 1. Gayatri:-** It belongs to the Gayatri class of metres (composed of 23 or 24 syllables excluding the vyahritis). Therefore, this mantra is called Gayatri Mantra. Moreover, it protects the reciter from ill-intentions thus also leading to the name Gayatri.
- 2. Savitri-** The **Devata** of this mantra is Savita, hence this mantra is called Savitri Mantra.
- 3. Gurumantra-** In Vedarambha Sanskar, the guru preaches this mantra to his disciple, so this mantra is called Gurumantra.

#### **4.Vedmata-**

In Atharvaveda this mantra has been called Vedmata.

#### **5.Mantraraj-**

This mantra is the best among all the mantras. In some places this mantra is called Mantraraj.

#### **6.Vedamukh-**

Gayatri Mantra being the main mantra in the Vedas, this mantra is called Vedamukh.

**7. Kamdhenu-** Gayatri Mantra fulfills all desires, hence this mantra is called Kamdhenu.

**Om bhur bhuvah swah.  
Tat savitur varenyam bhargo devasya  
dhimahi .  
Dhiyo yo nah prachodayat .**

# The Prayer for Virtuous Intellect

## The Famous Gayatri or Guru mantra

The mantra is preceded by three sacred expressions, the **Mahavyahritis** - The great utterances.

It is called Guru mantra because, firstly, it conveys a great sense; secondly, it is employed by the preceptor to initiate a pupil.

It is also named as Gayatri mantra, because firstly, it protects the reciter from ill-intentions and secondly, it belongs to the Gayatri class of metres (composed of 23 or 24 syllables excluding the vyahritis).

Based on the subject matter of the mantra it has been given the name of Savitri.

## Paraphrase - संक्षिप्त व्याख्या

**Om = The Almighty God**

**Bhuh = The Lifebreath of all creatures, dearer than even the life itself; The Embodiment of the vital spiritual energy.**

**Bhuvah = The Remover of all evils and pains; The Destroyer of suffering.**

**Svah = The Motivator of the universe; The Embodiment of happiness.**



**Dhimahi = May we perceive, reflect, or may imbilbe**

**Tat = That**

**Varenyam = Excellent, Best, Most exalted.**

**Bhargah = Splendour or Destroyer of sins.**

**Savituh = of the Impeller and The Creator of the universe or bright, Luminous like the sun.**

**Devasya = The divine enlightenment of all; The Bestower of bliss**

**Yah = may He who holds the excellent splendour,**

**prachodayat = direct; may inspire**

**nah = our**

**dhiyah = intellectual faculties to follow the virtuous path**

## Purport - भावार्थ

**O omnipotent God! Thou art our dearest life-breath. Keep us away from evil intentions and physical suffering. May we ever perceive thy pure vision in our mind.**

**O Divine Enlightener ! Lead kindly light to us.  
May the splendour-nature direct our minds  
towards the righteous path. May we attain  
not only physical progress but also ultimate  
emancipation.**

# प्रश्न

गायत्री मंत्र को और किन-किन नामों से जाना जाता है?

By what other names is the Gayatri Mantra known?

गायत्री मंत्र में कितने अक्षर होते हैं?

How many letters are in Gayatri Mantra?





***We will chant the  
त्र्यम्बकं यजामहे...  
Mantra in the next class.***