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MAHALAYA PAKSHAM / MAHALAYA AMAVASAI / PITRU AMAVASAI

Belief:

It is believed that after the death, the soul would remain in an intermediate world (loka) known as the Pitru loka. The soul stays in the pitru loka until the fourth descendant enters the same and once the fourth descendant comes, the first soul would move to the heaven or the swarga loka. So, at any given time only three generations of the soul would reside in the pitru loka. This world is governed by Lord Yama. It is believed that the souls of the ancestors would come down and reside with the descendants in their home during this period and hence one should perform the traditional ritual to satisfy the ancestors.

Tradition:

Mahalaya Amavasai or **Pithru Amavasai** is the new moon day of **Pithru Paksham** or **Mahalaya Paksham**, the fortnight which is especially sacred for offering oblations to the departed ancestors. It is believed that performing Tarpanams during the auspicious **Mahalaya Paksham** will bless your ancestors and will free them from all their sins.

Each day in the **Mahalaya Paksham** is ruled by a particular Tithi or Moon Phase and the benefits of offering Tarpanam on each day are different. **Mahalaya Amavasai** is the last day of the **Mahalaya Paksham**, which is considered as the most important day in the year for performing obsequies and rites and on this day, people donate food, clothes etc.

Appreciate Your Departed Ancestors on **Mahalaya Paksham 2024**. Donating food is considered to be the greatest charity of all the charities and it is believed that whoever donates food will attain an 'elevated status'. There is an interesting legend highlighting the importance of donating food from the great epic Mahabharata.

The legend for ancestors coming down during this period is as follows:

After Karna the wellknown donor, who had never said 'no' as answer for anything that was asked of him, died and was taken to heaven. He was offered gold and silver as food. Karna was hungry and wanted to have normal food that he can eat. He approached Indra and asked the reason for not being served with normal food. Indra



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replied that you have donated all the items that people wanted but never had a chance to donate food and hence was not offered the normal food. Karna prays to Indra for a remedy and asks him to allow him to return to earth and donate rice and other eatables. Indra agrees and it is believed that Karna came to earth on these days and has donated the food. After which it is believed that ancestors would return to earth on these days and hence the ritual of Shraadh is performed on these days.

Hence this period is now known as Pitru Paksham.

Mahalaya Paksham: The Ancestors' Time:

Great enlightened beings, who have turned their body into light, visit the earth daily in their light form. Our departed ancestors also come and stay on this earth plane for 15 days in a year in our body, mind and soul and can change all these 3 positively. Even Gods cannot do what these ancestors can do for you; in fact, Gods ask you to go through your ancestors for blessings. These auspicious 15 days of Mahalaya Paksham in **2024**, is the most important 2 weeks period to appreciate your departed ancestors.

The Annual 15 Moons of Mahalaya:

The Maha Ancestral ritual spans from the 1st Moon till the Amavasai and each day is ruled by a specific phase of the Moon.

Moon Phase or Tithi	Benefits of Specific Moon Phase Tarpanams
1st Moon	Gives Wealth
2nd Moon	Grants the Continuation of Lineage
3rd Moon	Gives Business Prosperity
4th Moon	Gives Ability to Overpower Enemies
5th Moon	Grants All- over Prosperity
6th Moon	Grants a Solid Reputation
7th Moon	Secures Inner Strength and Spirituality
8th Moon	Blesses with Intelligence



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9th Moon	Open Up to Receive Support from Women
10th Moon	Grants Success in Your Profession
11th Moon	Grants Children Prosperity and Intelligence
12th Moon	For Continuation of Lineage and Success from Education
13th and 14th Moon	Get blessed own vehicles, Peace and Longevity
New Moon(15th Moon)	If you miss any of the above days, Amavasai is mandatory. This is also an essential day for doing Tarpanam for those who died due to weapons or accidents. During this day, the known and unknown souls that have departed during the last 30 years are treated equal to God

Have you ever felt that for no apparent reason, you are constantly suffering? You are a pious, God-fearing person, you do not indulge in back-biting or wrongdoing consciously, yet you or your family members are always undergoing one or the other type of problems. Astrology has a perfect explanation to this problem. It is due to the fact that the soul of our ancestors & departed forefathers does not get peace (Shanti). If knowingly or unknowingly our ancestors have done some mistakes, they are reflected in our Horoscope as Pitru Dosham or Pitra Rina and being their off springs, we are destined to suffer from their bad effects. Because of the malefic effect of the inflicted planets, benefic planets also stop giving favorable results.

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September 18, 2024 - Mahalya Pithru Paksha begins (Prathamai (from 8:05 am onwards), (PoorvA ProshtA PAdA/Poororattathi upto 11 am, thereafter UtharA ProshtA PAdA/Utharattathi), **Krishna Paksham**

September 19, 2024 - DwithiyAi Shraadhham (Revathi from 8:05 am onwards)

September 20, 2024 - Thruthiyai (Ashwini)

September 21, 2024 - Chathurthi Shraadhham (Maha BharaNi)



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September 22, 2024 - Panchami Shraadh (KrihikA)
September 23, 2024 - Sashti Shraadh (RohiNi)
September 24, 2024 - Sapthami Shraadh (Mrigaseersham/Mageeram)
September 25, 2024 - Ashtami Shraadh (ArdhrA/Thiruvathirai)
September 26, 2024 - Navami Shraadh (Punarvasu/Punarpoosam/Punartham)
September 27, 2024 - Dashami Shraadh (PushyA/Poosam/Pooyam)
September 28, 2024 - EkAdashi Shraadh (Aslesha/Ayilyam)
September 29, 2024 - DwAdashi Shraadh (MaghA)
September 30, 2024 - Thrayodashi Shraadh (PurvA PhalguNi)
October 01, 2024 - Chathurdashi Shraadh (PurvA PhalguNi - upto 9:16 am, thereafter UttarA PhalguNi)
October 02, 2024 - **Mahalaya Pithru Amavasai** - Most important day of Shraadh (UttarA PhalguNi)

Pitru Dosham is due to any of the following main reason, and there may be others.

Bad deeds (bad karma) of our ancestors in earlier life, knowingly or unknowingly, are embarrassing their souls,

- Bad deeds (bad karma) of children, knowingly or unknowingly, are embarrassing the soul of ancestors,
- Lack of fulfillment of parental desires of our ancestors,
- A sudden and unnatural death of any relative ancestors in early age,
- If someone fails to remember and honor the ancestors properly,
- If certain wishes are remained attached with the soul of the ancestors, etc.

Pitru Dosh occurs if any ancestors up to the 7th generation on the father's side and up to the 4th generation on the mother's side have expired at an early age or have had an unnatural death.

Daily Mahalaya Tharpana Sankalpam begins on next pages.....



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Mahalaya Mantra Sankalpam (INDIA)

Beginning September 18, 2024 (Prathamai) to October 02, 2024 (Amavasai)

As per the vedic panchangams

Begin with Achamanam., Shuklam Bharatharam..., Om Bhu:, Mamopaktha.. prEethyarththam,

apavihra: pavithroVA sarvAvasthAm gathopivA yasmareth, puNdareekAksham sapAhya abhyanthara: suchi:
mAnasam vAchikam pApam karmaNAm samupArijitham sree rAma smaraNenaiva vyapopathi nasamsaya: sri
rAma rAma rAma thithirvishNu: thathAvAra: nakshathram vishNurevacha yogashchaiva karaNamchaiva sarvam
vishNumayam jagathu sri gonvinda govinda govinda

adhyashri bhagavatha: mahA purushasya vishNor AgnayA pravarthamAnasya adhyabhrummaNa: dhvitheeya
parArdhe shvetha varAha kalpe vaivasvatha manvantharey ashtA vimshathi thame kali yuge prathme pAdhe
jambhUdhweepe (for North America - krounchadhweepe) bhAratha varshe bhArathakante (for North America -
aindrakanNte) mero: dakshNe (for North America - paschime) pArrshvey sakAbdhey asminnu varthamAne
vyAvahArike prabhavAdeenam shashtyA samvatsarANAm madhye

Recite the Sankalpa Mantram of each particular day – next sheet

After the Sankalpa mantram which is ending in “PuNyatithou”, then

PrAchEnAvEthE..... (put pooNal in the wrong side – Right shoulder)

Main TharpaNam (<http://www.saveca.ca/AmmaVasaiTharpanam.htm>)

After GothrANAm SharmaNAm....., PrapitAmahEnAm or PrapitAmahischa.....

Ubhaya vamsha pithruNAm thathu thathu gothrANAm thathu thathu sharmaNAm pithrubhya
mAtulAdi vargadhwaya avashishtAnAm sarveshAm kArUNika pithruNAm akshayya thriptyartham
/ (from September 24 add after thriptyartham)- kanyAgathe savitari AshADyAhA panchama
aparapaksha prayuktha mAhAlaya paksha puNyakAle sakArUNika vargadhwaya pithrun udhisyya
pakShEya mAhAlaya srArdham tila tarpaNa roopeNa adhya karshye.

Now throw **only** the chila kattai darbhai held round the fingers, **hold** pavithram for next step

Change position of pooNal to the left shoulder (usual mode), touch water with finger (Apa Upa Prashya), then Change position of pooNal to right shoulder (Praacheenaaveeti).....,

Then go to AvAhanam # 5, follow the link <http://www.saveca.ca/AmmaVasaiTharpanam.htm>



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आचमनं, शुक्लां भरथरं विष्णुं, सशि वरणं चथुर्भुजं प्रसन्न वधनं ध्यायेत् सर्व विघ्न उप शान्तये

ॐ भूह ॐ भुवह ओ गुं सुवह ॐ महह ॐ जनह ॐ तपह ओ गुं सत्यं

ॐ तत्स वितुर वरेङ्ग्यम् भर्गो देवस्य धीमहि धियोः प्रचोदयात् ओ मपाह जयो ती रसह अमृतं ब्रःम्मा भूर्ब वस्सु वरो

ममो पाक्थ समस्थ धुरिथ ध्वारा श्री परमेश्वर प्रीथ्यर्थ

अपवित्रहा पवित्रो वा सर्वावस्थाम् गथोपिवा यस्मरेत पुण्डरीकाक्षं सबाह्या अभ्यन्तरह सुचिहि मानसम् वाचिकं पापम् कर्मणाम् समुपार्जितम् श्री रामा स्मरेणैव व्यपोहति न सम्शयह श्री रामा राम रामा तिथिर् विष्णुह तथावारहा नक्षत्रम विष्णु रेवच योगस्त्वेव करणंचैव सर्व विष्णु मयं जगतु श्री गोविन्द गोविन्द गोविन्दा

अध्य श्री बगवतह महा पुरुषस्य विष्णोर आङ्ग्यया प्रवर्त्थ मानस्य अद्य ब्रह्मणहा द्वितीय परार्थे श्वेतह वराह कल्पे वैवस्वथ मन्वन तरे अष्टाविं शतितमे कलि युगे प्रथमे पाथे क्रोउञ्च द्वीपे / जम्बू द्वीपे, रमणक वर्षे / भारथ वर्षे, ऐन्द्र खण्डे / भरथ खण्डे, मेरोहो पश्चिमे पार्श्वे / दक्षिणे पार्श्वे, सकाब्दे अस्मिन्नु वर्तमाने व्यावहारिके प्रभवादेनाम् सष्ट्या संवत्सराणां मध्ये

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After the Sankalpa mantram which is ending in “PuNyatithou”/ पुण्यथितौ, then

PrAchEnAvEthE/प्राचीनावीति.... (put pooNal in the wrong side – Right shoulder)

Main TharpaNam (<http://www.saveca.ca/AmmaVasaiTharpanam.htm>)

After GothrANAm SharmaNAm/गोत्राणां शर्मणाम्..., PrapitAmahEnAm/ प्रपितामहीनां or PrapitAmahischa/ प्रपितामहीस्च.....

उभय वंश पितृणां ततु ततु गोश्राणाम् ततु ततु शर्मणाम् पितृभ्य मातुलाधि वर्गध्वय अवसिष्टानाम् सर्वेषां कारुणिक पितृणां अक्षय्य त्रिष्यर्थ / (from September 24 add after thripyartham/)

कन्यागथे सवितरि आशाङ्ग्याहा पञ्चम अपरपक्ष प्रयुक्त/ महालय पक्ष पुण्यकाले सकारुणिक वर्गध्वय पितृन उद्दिश्य पक्षीय महालय स्राधम् तिल तर्पण रूपेण अध्य करिष्ये



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DAILY MAHALAYA PAKSHA SANKALPA MANTRAM - 2024

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BEGINS FROM PRATHAMAI TO AMAVASAI (15 DAYS), CONCLUDES ON AMAVASAI

<p>18.09.2024 Wednesday (1) (kanyA) (Daily mahalaya paksha sankalpam)</p>	<p>Krodhi nAma samvatsare dakshiNAyane sharad rithou kanyA mAsE krishna pakshe adhya prathamyAm (from 8:05 am onwards) Shubha tithou soumya vAsara yukthAyAm UtharA ProshtA PADhA nakshathira yukthAyAm Subha Yoga Subha KaraNa Evam GuNa VisheshaNa Vishishtaayaam, Asyaam, prathamyAm, PuNyathithou</p>
<p>19.09.2024 Thursday (2) (kanyA) (Daily mahalaya paksha sankalpam)</p>	<p>Krodhi nAma samvatsare dakshiNAyane sharad rithou kanyA mAsE Krishna pakshe adhya dwithiyAm Shubha tithou guru vAsara yukthAyAm Revathi (from 8:05 onwards) nakshathira yukthAyAm Subha Yoga Subha KaraNa Evam GuNa VisheshaNa Vishishtaayaam, Asyaam, dvithiyAm PuNyathithou</p>
<p>20.09.2024 Friday (3) (kanyA) (Daily mahalaya paksha sankalpam)</p>	<p>Krodhi nAma samvatsare dakshiNAyane sharad rithou kanyA mAsE Krishna pakshe adhya thruthiyAm Shubha tithou brugu vAsara yukthAyAm Ashwini nakshathira yukthAyAm Subha Yoga Subha KaraNa Evam GuNa VisheshaNa Vishishtaayaam, Asyaam, thrithiyAm PuNyathithou</p>
<p>21.09.2024 Saturday (4) (kanyA) (Daily mahalaya paksha)</p>	<p>Krodhi nAma samvatsare dakshiNAyane sharad rithou kanyA mAsE Krishna pakshe adhya chathurthyAm Shubha tithou sthira vAsara yukthAyAm MahA BharaNi nakshathira yukthAyAm Subha Yoga Subha KaraNa Evam GuNa VisheshaNa Vishishtaayaam, Asyaam, chathurthyAm, PuNyathithou</p>



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22.09.2024 Sunday (5) (kanya) (Daily mahalaya paksha sankalpam)	Krodhi nAma samvatsare dakshiNAyane sharad rithou kanya mAsE Krishna pakshe adhya panchamyAm Shubha tithou bhAnu vAsara yukthAyAm Krithika nakshathira yukthAyAm Subha Yoga Subha KaraNa Evam GuNa VisheshaNa Vishishtaayaam, Asyaam, panchamyAm , PuNyathithou
23.09.2024 Monday (6) (kanya) (Daily mahalaya paksha sankalpam)	Krodhi nAma samvatsare dakshiNAyane sharad rithou kanya mAsE Krishna pakshe Adhya sashtamyAm Shubha tithou indhu vAsara yukthAyAm RohiNi nakshathira yukthAyAm Subha Yoga Subha KaraNa Evam GuNa VisheshaNa Vishishtaayaam Asyaam sapthamyAm PuNyathithou
24.09.2024 Tuesday (7) (kanya) (Daily mahalaya paksha sankalpam)	Krodhi nAma samvatsare dakshiNAyane sharad rithou kanya mAsE Krishna pakshe Adhya sapthamyAm Shubha tithou bhouma vAsara yukthAyAm Mrigaseersham nakshathira yukthAyAm Subha Yoga Subha KaraNa Evam GuNa VisheshaNa Vishishtaayaam Asyaam sapthamyAm PuNyathithou
25.09.2024 Wednesday (8) (kanya) (Daily mahalaya paksha sankalpam)	Krodhi nAma samvatsare dakshiNAyane sharad rithou kanya mAsE Krishna pakshe Adhya ashtamyAm Shubha tithou soumya vAsara yukthAyAm ArdhrA nakshathira yukthAyAm Subha Yoga Subha KaraNa Evam GuNa VisheshaNa Vishishtaayaam Asyaam ashtamyAm PuNyathithou
26.09.2024 Thursday (9) (kanya)	Krodhi nAma samvatsare dakshiNAyane sharad rithou kanya mAsE Krishna pakshe adhya NavamyAm Shubha tithou guru vAsara yukthAyAm Punarvasu nakshathira yukthAyAm Subha Yoga Subha KaraNa Evam GuNa VisheshaNa Vishishtaayaam Asyaam navamyAm PuNyathithou



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(Daily mahalaya paksha sankalpam)	
27.09.2024 Friday (10) (kanyA) (Daily mahalaya paksha sankalpam)	Krodhi nAma samvatsare dakshiNAyane sharad rithou kanyA mAsE Krishna pakshe adhya dashamyAm Shubha tithou brugu vAsara yukthAyAm PushyA nakshathira yukthAyAm Subha Yoga Subha KaraNa Evam GuNa ViseshaNa Vishishtaayaam Asyaam dashamyAm PuNyathithou
28.09.2024 Saturday (11) (kanyA) (Daily mahalaya paksha sankalpam)	Krodhi nAma samvatsare dakshiNAyane sharad rithou kanyA mAsE Krishna pakshe adhya ekAdashyAm Shubha tithou sthira vAsara yukthAyAm Aslesha nakshathira yukthAyAm Subha Yoga Subha KaraNa Evam GuNa ViseshaNa Vishishtaayaam Asyaam ekAdashyAm PuNyathithou
29.09.2024 Sunday (12) (kanyA) (Daily mahalaya paksha sankalpam)	Krodhi nAma samvatsare dakshiNAyane sharad rithou kanyA mAsE Krishna pakshe adhya dwAdashyAm Shubha tithou bhAnu vAsara yukthAyAm MaghA nakshathira yukthAyAm Subha Yoga Subha KaraNa Evam GuNa ViseshaNa Vishishtaayaam Asyaam dwAdashyAm PuNyathithou
30.09.2024 Monday (13) (kanyA) (Daily mahalaya paksha sankalpam)	Krodhi nAma samvatsare dakshiNAyane sharad rithou kanyA mAsE Krishna pakshe adhya thrayodashyAm Shubha tithou indhu vAsara yukthAyAm PurvA PhalguNi nakshathira yukthAyAm Subha Yoga Subha KaraNa Evam GuNa ViseshaNa Vishishtaayaam Asyaam thrayodashyAm PuNyathithou



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<p>01.10.2024 Tuesday (14) (kanya) (Daily mahalaya paksha sankalpam)</p>	<p>Krodhi nAma samvatsare dakshiNAyane sharad rithou kanya mAsE Krishna pakshe adhya chathurdashyAm Shubha tithou bhouma vAsara yukthAyAm PoorvA PhalguNi (upto 9:16 am, thereafter UtharA PhalguNi) nakshathira yukthAyAm Subha Yoga Subha KaraNa Evam GuNa ViseshaNa Vishishtaayaam Asyaam chathurdashyAm PuNyathithou</p>
<p>02.10.2024 Wednesday (15) (kanya) Mahalaya Amavasai</p>	<p>Krodhi nAma samvatsare dakshiNAyane sharad rithou kanya mAsE Krishna pakshe adhya amAvasyAyAm Shubha tithou soumya vAsara yukthAyAm UttarA PhalguNi nakshathira yukthAyAm Subha Yoga Subha KaraNa Evam GuNa ViseshaNa Vishishtaayaam Asyaam amAvasyAyAm PuNyathithou SARVA PITHRU AMAVASAI - Important day to perform</p>
<p>(Conclusion for INDIA)</p>	

Navrathri begins in India on October 03, 2024 (Prathamai), DurgAshtami on October 10, 2024 (Ashtami), Maha Navami/Ayudha Pooja on October 11 (Navami), 2024 & Vijaya Dashami/VidhyArambham on Oct 12, 2024 (Dashami)



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