



How to perform Lakshmi Maata Puja for Diwali



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Puja Checklist

Items required for Puja:

1. Murti or picture of Lakshmi Maata
2. Chandan
3. Flowers
4. Tulsi leaves
5. Mango leaf
6. Perfume and Incense
7. Lota filled with water
8. Thaali with deeyaa for Aarti
9. 6 deeyas prepared with ghee and wick
10. Thaali with Prasad

Items required for Havan:

1. Agni Kund
2. A few pieces of wood
3. Ghee in container with spoon
4. Matches
5. Camphor
6. Gugul, Rice, Sugar, and Black Till
7. Havan Samagri (if available)
8. One suparee

Devotee Preparation:

- You must ensure that you are fully physically and mentally prepared to engage in worship.
- All articles to be used must be assembled and placed in close proximity to the altar upon which the Murti or religious picture is placed.
- You should dress appropriately (in clean clothes), having already purified the body externally.
- You should take a few moments to relax the mind and body, and then sit comfortably before the altar to begin worship. Performing Puja as a family is highly recommended.

How to Perform Lakshmi Maata Puja

1. Holding a flower in clasped hands, focus upon the image of the Divine Mother and recite the following invocation mantras:

Hari Om Tat Sat (3 times)
Om Shree Ganayshaayay Namah
Om Shree Saraswatyai Namah

Om Vakratunda Mahaa Kaaya, Soorya Koti Sama Prabha,
Nirvighnam Kurumay Deva, Sarva Kaaryeshu Sarvadaa

Om Namastaystu Mahaamaayay
Shreepeethay Surpoojitay
Shankha Chakra Gadaa Hastay
Mahaa Lakshmi Namostutay

Om Shree Sidheshwari Mahaa Lakshmi Namostutay

2. Place flower at the base of the Murti or picture and bow. Take up the lota of water and sprinkle 3 drops of water on the murti with the mango leaf while reciting:

Om Shree Lakshmi Maataayai Namaha, Snaanam Samarpanyaami

3. Using the ring finger of the right hand, place chandan while reciting:

Om Shree Lakshmi Maataayai Namaha, Chandanam Samarpanyaami

4. Offer flowers and/or a mala while reciting:

Om Shree Lakshmi Maataayai Namaha, Pushpam Samarpanyaami

5. Offer perfume and pass lighted incense around Murti while reciting:

Om Shree Lakshmi Maataayai Namaha, Dhoopam Samarpanyaami

6. Perform Aarti with the thaali and lighted deeya while chanting:

Om Shree Lakshmi Maataayai Namaha, Deepam Samarpanyaami

7. Light the fire in the Agni Kund using some pieces of wood and a piece of camphor. Hold flowers in your hands, look at the fire and say:

*Om Shree Agin Devaayai Namaha, Aavahanam Samarpayaami
Om Shree Agin Devaayai Namaha, Aasanam Samarpayaami*

8. Place flowers by the right side of the Agni Kund and bow to the flame. Using the mango leaf, pass water around fire 3 times saying:

Om Shree Agin Devaayai Namaha, Snaanam Samarpayaami

9. Offer Ghee into fire 5 times repeating the Gayatri mantra:

*Om Bhur Bhuva Suvah
Tat Savitur Varenyam
Bhargo Devasya Dheemahi
Dhiyo Yonaha Prachodayaat Swaha*

10. Mix the gugul, rice, sugar, and black till together in a thaali. Add Havan Samagri if available. Pick up and offer a little at a time for each of the following mantras:

*Om Shri Ganेशaayay Namaha Swaha
Om Namō Bhagwatay Vaasudevayay Swaha
Om Shri Now Graha Devaayai Swaha
Om Shri Agin Devaayai Swaha
Om Sthaan Devaayai Swaha
Om Shri Hanumantaayay Namaha Swaha
Om Shri Ishta Devaayai Swaha
Om Shri Graam Devaayai Swaha
Om Shri Baastu Devaayai Swaha
Om Shri Kul Devaayai Swaha
Om Shri A-tat Karam Pradhaan Devaayai Swaha
Om Shri Teintis Karor Devaayai Swaha
Om Namas Chandikaayai Swaha
Om Sreem Hreem Saraswatyai Swaha
Om Shri Gouri Devaayai Swaha
Om Shri Lakshmi Devaayai Swaha
Om Sarva Devaayai Swaha
Om Sarva Devi Swaha
Om Anant Swaroopaayay Swaha*

11. Pick up the remaining mixture in the thaali, and together with a suparee, offer it into the fire saying:

*Om Poornamadah Poornamidam, Poornaat Poornamudachyatay
Poornasya Poornamaadaaya, Poornamayvaa Vashishyatay
Om Namaha Shivaaya Swaha*

12. Pass water 3 times around the fire saying:

Om Shree Agin Devaayai Namaha, Aachmanam Samarpayaami

13. Bow to the fire by passing hands over the flames and then over the body saying:

Om Shri Agin Devaayai Namostutay

14. Take flowers in hand and fan smoke towards pictures saying:

Om Shree Agin Devaayai Namaha, Dhoopam Samarpayaami

15. Place the flowers down at the right of the Agni Kund. Place some flowers and a tulsi leaf in the thaali with the offering of Prasaad. Pass water around the thaali three times, take up your hands and focus upon Lakshmi Maata while reciting:

Om Shree Lakshmi Maataayai Namaha, Naivaydyam Samarpayaami

16. Touch the thaali containing the Prasaad to the feet of the image and then bow to it. Place the six deeyas in front of the Murti and light them. Then take flowers in your hand and offer your own personal prayers, saying whatever mantras you know. You can also sing various bhajans in praise of the divine mother. The Mahaa Lakshmi Ashta Stotra below can be recited:

Mahaa Lakshmi Ashta Stotra

*Om Namastaystu Mahaamaayay
Shreepeethay Surpoojitay
Shankha Chakra Gadaa Hastay
Mahaa Lakshmi Namostutay*

O Mahamaayaa, abode of fortune, who is worshipped by the Devas, I salute You.
O Mahaa Lakshmi, wielder of the conch, discus and mace, obeisance to You.

*Namastay Garuraarudhay
Kolaasurbhayankaree
Sarva Paapa Haray Devi
Mahaa Lakshmi Namostutay*

Salutations to you O Mother, who rides Garud and who was a terror to the Asur Kola. O Mahaa Lakshmi remover of all miseries, obeisance to You.

*Sarvagya Sarva Varaday
Sarva Dushta Bhayankaree
SarvaDukha Haray Devi
Mahaa Lakshmi Namostutay*

O Mother Lakshmi, Knower of all, Giver of boons, Destroyer of evil, Remover of sorrows, Obeisance to You. O Mahaa Lakshmi.

*Siddhi Buddhi Praday Devi
Bhukti Mukti Pradaayinee
Mantra Murta Sadaa Devi
Mahaa Lakshmi Namostutay*

O Mother, You are the giver of intelligence, success, worldly enjoyment and liberation. You are always present in our mantras and moortis. O Mahaa Lakshmi, obeisance to You.

*Aadhyanta Rahitee Devi
Aadhya Shaktay Maheshwaree
Yogaajay Yogasambhootay
Maha Lakshmi Namostutay.*

O Maheshwaree, who is without beginning or end, O primeval energy, who is born of yoga, O Mahaa Lakshmi, obeisance to You.

*Sthoolam Sooksham Mahaa Raudray
Mahaa Shaktay Mahodaray
Mahaa Paapa Haray Devi
Mahaa Lakshmi Namostutay*

O Mahaa Lakshmi, who is both gross and subtle, who is most terrible, who possesses great power and prosperity and who removes all unrighteousness, obeisance to You.

*Padmaasan Sthitay Devi
Paarbrahma Swaropinee
Parmeshi Jagan Maatar
Mahaa Lakshmi Namostutay*

O Devi, who sits on the lotus, who is the Supreme Brahman, the great Lord and Mother of the universe, O Mahaa Lakshmi, obeisance to You.

*Svaytaambar Dharay Devi
Naanaa Lankaar Bhooshitay
Jagat Sthitay Jagan Matar
Mahaa Lakshmi Namostutay*

O Devi, robed in white and decked in various types of ornaments, Mother of the universe,
support of the world, obeisance to You.

**17. Place flowers down in front of the Murti. Clasp hands together and offer a
closing prayer:**

*Om Mantra Heenam Kriyaa Heenam,
Bhakti Heenam Janaar-danam,
Yat Poojitam Mayaa Deva,
Pari Poornam Tadas-tumay*

*Om Twameva Maataa Cha Pitaa Twameva,
Twameva Bandhus Cha Sakhaa Twameva,
Twameva Vidyaa Dravinam Twameva,
Twameva Sarvam Mama Deva Deva.*

*Om Shaanti Shaanti Shaanti, Hari Om
Boliyay Shree Devi Maataa Ki Jai!*

