

Karthik/Damodar Month Celebrations

26th Oct - 24th Nov 2026

Kartika Month, also known as the Damodara Month is described in the scriptures as the best among months.

(Padma Purana, Uttara Khanda 112.3 & Skanda Purana)

KARTIKA, OR THE FESTIVAL OF OFFERING LAMPS TO LORD KRISHNA, LASTS THE ENTIRE MONTH OF DAMODARA AND IS MEANT TO GLORIFY KRISHNA'S PASTIME OF BEING BOUND WITH ROPES BY MOTHER YASHODA.

In the month of Kartika, one should daily worship Lord Damodara and sing the Damodarastaka (the eight prayers of Lord Damodara) which pleases Lord Damodara, written by the sage named Satyavrata.

(Hari Bhakti Vilasa 16/198)

Benefit of offering ghee lamps:

***"Kalpa koti sahasrani patkani bahuny api
Nimesa ardhena dipasya vilayam yanti kartike"***

If even for a short time somebody burns a lamp in the temple of Lord Sri Hari, then whatever sins he has acquired for millions of kalpas (one kalpa equals 1000 yugas) are all destroyed.

(Hari bhakti vilasa 16/99 from skanda purana)

Procedure to offer Ghee Lamps:

- **Daily 1 lamp- by all family members (Morning and/or in the evening)**
- **Play/recite Damodarastakam and show ghee lamp to Damodar deity/photo as described below-**

Feet-4 rounds, Naval- 2 rounds, Face- 3 rounds, Whole body- 7 rounds.

**ON THE AUSPICIOUS DAMODAR LILA DAY (DIWALI DAY), KINDLY LIGHT UP
108 GHEE LAMPS IN FRONT OF DAMODAR KRISHNA.**

Chant and be happy.

**Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare**

Damodarastakam

namamisvaram sac-cid-ananda-rupam
lasat-kundalam gokule bhrajanam
yasoda-bhiyolukhalad dhavamanam
paramrstam atyantato drutya gopya

rudantam muhur netra-yugmam mrjantam
karambhoja-yugmena satanka-netram
muhuh svasa-kampa-trirekhanka-kantha-
sthita-graivam damodaram bhakti-baddham

itidrk sva-lilabhir ananda-kunde
sva-ghosam nimajjantam akhyapayantam
tadiyesita-jnesu bhaktair jitatvam
punah prematas tam satavrtti vande

varam deva moksam na moksavadhim va
na canyam vrne 'ham varesad apiha
idam te vapur natha gopala-balam
sada me manasy avirastam kim anyaih

idam te mukhambhojam atyanta-nilair
vrtam kuntalaih snigdha-raktais' ca gopya
muhus cumbitam bimba-raktadharam me
manasy avirastam alam laksa-labhaih

namo deva damodarananta visno
prasida prabho duhkha-jalabdhi-magnam
krpa-drsti-vrstyati-dinam batanu-
grhanesa mam ajnam edhy aksi-drtyah

kuveratmajau baddha-murtyaiva yadvat
tvaya mocitau bhakti-bhajau krtau ca
tatha prema-bhaktim svakam me prayaccha
na mokse graho me 'sti damodareha

namas te 'stu damne sphurad-dipti-dhamne
tvadiyodarayatha visvasya dhamne
namo radhikayai tvadiya-priyayai
namo 'nanta-lilaya devaya tubhyam

