

Lakshmi Maa Diwali Puja Guide

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Shubh Deepavali!

*On this sacred night of Diwali, we honor **Mata Lakshmi**, the Goddess of wealth, health, and divine light. This guide walks you through a **Shodasha Upchaar Puja** (16-step worship) and a **simple Havan**, allowing you and your family to invite peace, prosperity, and divine blessings into your home.*

Checklist – Puja Items Needed

1. Flowers
2. Lota (water vessel)
3. 3 Thaalīs (plates for offerings)
4. Panchamrit (milk, yogurt, ghee, sugar, honey + tulsi leaf)
5. Cotton (for wicks or cloth offering)
6. Perfume or Attar
7. Chandan (sandalwood paste)
8. Doob grass, neem, paan leaves, mango leaves, bel leaves
9. Haldi (turmeric)
10. Sindoor
11. Uncooked rice
12. Incense (Agarbatti or Dhoop)
13. 5 Deeyas (clay lamps)
14. Prasad (sweet offering)
15. Supari (betel nuts)

16. Coins or gifts
 17. Havan Kund
 18. Camphor
 19. Mango wood and ghee (for Havan)
 20. Ganesh & Lakshmi Maa Murtis or images
 21. Tulsi plant
 22. Matches/lighter
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Puja Setup

- Face **East or North** during the Puja.
 - Begin around **5:00 PM** on Diwali evening.
 - Decorate a **bedi** with **red or pink silk cloth**.
 - Place the **murtis of Ganesh Ji and Lakshmi Maa** on the bedi.
 - Place a **Tulsi plant** near the altar.
 - Keep **Havan Kund** with wood and ghee next to the bedi.
 - Arrange all Puja items from the checklist nearby.
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Prepare 3 Thaalīs (Offering Plates)

1st Thali: Flowers + 1 lit Deeya (for Aarti)

2nd Thali: Rice, coins, and 5 Deeyas

3rd Thali: Prasad with a Tulsi leaf

Start the Puja

1. Purification

Sprinkle water in all directions while chanting:

Om Apavitrah Pavitro Vaa

Sarvaasthaang Gato-pi Vaa

Yah Smaret Pundari-Kaaksham

Sa waa hyaa Bhyaantarah Suchih

Meaning: Whoever remembers Lord Vishnu becomes pure inside and out.

2. Prayer to Lord Ganesh

Om Gajaa Nanam Bhuta Ganaadi Say Vitam

Kapitha Jambu Phaala Saara Bhakshitam

Uma Sutam Shoka Vinaasha Kaaranam

Namaami Vighneshwara Paada Pankajam

Meaning: I bow to the feet of Lord Ganesh, with the face of the elephant, who is served by the Ganas, who partakes of the fruits of the Kapitta and Jambu, the son of Uma Devi, who removes all obstacles.

Offer flowers to Lord Ganesh.

Shodasha Upchaar (16 Offerings) to Lakshmi Maa

Say the mantra for each step and make the offering.

1. **OM SRI LAKSHMI DIVYAI NAMAHA AAWAAHANAM SAMARPAYAAMI**
Welcome the Goddess Lakshmi – offer rice at Her feet.
2. **OM SRI LAKSHMI DIVYAI NAMAHA AASANAM SAMARPAYAAMI**
Offer a flower as Her divine seat.
3. **OM SRI LAKSHMI DIVYAI NAMAHA PAADYAM SAMARPAYAAMI**
Wash Her feet symbolically with water.
4. **OM SRI LAKSHMI DIVYAI NAMAHA PANCHAAMRIT SNAANAM SAMARPAYAAMI**
Bathe Her with Panchamrit- mix of milk, dahi, ghee, sugar, and honey
5. **OM SRI LAKSHMI DIVYAI NAMAHA JAL SNAANAM SAMARPAYAAMI**
Rinse with clean water.
6. **OM SRI LAKSHMI DIVYAI NAMAHA VASTRAM SAMARPAYAAMI**
Offer cotton or cloth.
7. **OM SRI LAKSHMI DIVYAI NAMAHA CHANDANAM GANDHAM CHA SAMARPAYAAMI**
Apply tilak and perfume as beautification
8. **OM SRI LAKSHMI DIVYAI NAMAHA PUSHAPAM SAMARPAYAAMI**
Offer fresh flowers as a symbol of beauty
9. **OM SRI LAKSHMI DIVYAI NAMAHA DURVAM SAMARPAYAAMI**
Offer doob grass, or neem, or bel leaves. Symbolic of health and long life
10. **OM SRI LAKSHMI DIVYAI NAMAHA HARIDRAM SINDOORAM CHA SAMARPAYAAMI**
Offer haldi and sindoor to symbolize health
11. **OM SRI LAKSHMI DIVYAI NAMAHA AKSHATAAN SAMARPAYAAMI**
Offer rice grains for prosperity
12. **OM SRI LAKSHMI DIVYAI NAMAHA DHOOPAM SAMARPAYAAMI**
Wave incense around the murti to glorify Her
13. **OM SRI LAKSHMI DIVYAI NAMAHA DEEPAM SAMARPAYAAMI**
Perform Aarti as further glorification

14. OM SRI LAKSHMI DIVYAI NAMAHA NAIVEDYAM AACHAMANIYAM CHA SAMARPAYAAMI

Offer Prasad and water as food and drink

15. OM SRI LAKSHMI DIVYAI NAMAHA TAAMBULAM SAMARPAYAAMI

Offer paan and supari for health and mouth cleansing after a meal

16. OM SRI LAKSHMI DIVYAI NAMAHA DAKSHINAM SAMARPAYAAMI

Offer coins or gifts in gratitude.

Havan Procedure

A simple havan can be done with ghee offerings into the sacred fire. Also a mix of some of the prasad with samagri, cloves, til, gogul and ghee can made if practical to burn everything completely.

Preparation:

- Light the fire using camphor or ghee.
- Add mango wood and samagri.

Begin with below and offer water around the fire 3 times:

Om Sarva Tirtha Samaayuktam Sugandhim Nirmalam Jalam
Aachmaniyam Mayaa Dattam Grihaana Parameshwara

Offer **ghee or prasad** with each mantra below.

Mantra

Om Agnaye Swaahaa

Om Soamaaya Swaahaa

Om Prajaapataye Swaahaa

Om Indraaya Swaahaa

Mantra

Om Sri Ganashaaya Swaahaa

Om Sri Gowri Divyai Swaahaa

Om Sri Suryaaya Swaahaa

Om Sri Chandraayaa Swaahaa

Om Sri Bhowmaaya Swaahaa

Om Sri Budhaaya Swaahaa

Om Sri Brihaspataye Swaahaa

Om Sri Shukraayaa Swaahaa

Om Sri Sanaischaraaya Swaahaa

Om Sri Rahave Swaahaa

Om Sri Ketawe Swaahaa

Om Sri Shivaaya Swaahaa

Om Sri Krishnaaya Swaahaa

Om Sri Hanumate Swaahaa

Om Sri Ramaaya Swaahaa

Om Sri Durgaa Divyai Swaahaa

Om Sri Lakshmi Divyai Swaahaa

Om Sri Saraswati Divyai Swaahaa

Om Gram Devataa Bhyo Swaahaa

Om Sri Staan Devataa Bhyo Swaahaa

Om Sri Kula Devataa Bhyo Swaahaa

Om Bhu Swaahaa

Mantra

Om Bhuwah Swaahaa

Om Swah Swaahaa

Om Tat Savitur Varenyam Bargo
Devasya Dhimahi Dhiyo Yo Nah
Prachodayaat Swaahaa (3 times)

Om Sarva Devataa Bhyo Swaahaa

Om Sarva Devi Bhyaam Swaahaa

Om Sarva Pitri Bhyo **Swadhaa**

While Standing:

Om Purnamadah Purnamidam

Purnaata Purnamudachyate

Purnsaya Purnamaadaaya

Purnam Eva Vashisyatay

Om Sarvam Vai Purna Gwam Swaahaa
(3 times)

OFFER WATER AROUND FIRE

Om Sarva Tirtha Samaayuktam
Sugandhim Nirmalam Jalam

Aachmaniyam Mayaa Datam Grihaana
Parameshwara

Final Mantras & Aarti

1. Aarti

Sing “*Jai Lakshmi Mata*” and wave the Aarti lamp in front of the altar, havan, and throughout your home. Offer Aarti to your Mother, Father, Grandparents, etc.

2. Closing Mantras

Twameva Maata Cha Pitaa Twameva
Twameva Bandhu Cha Sakhaa Twameva
Twameva Vidya Dravinam Twameva
Twameva Sarvam Mama Deva Deva

Om Shanti, Shanti, Shanti

Translation:

You are my mother and father,
You are my friend and companion.
You are my knowledge and my wealth.
You are my everything, O Lord of Lords.

Light the Deeyas

Use the main Deeya from Aarti to light the 5 deeyas. Place them around the altar or in each room, then decorate your home and yard with additional lights.

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May Maa Lakshmi bless your home with joy, abundance, and spiritual growth.
From all of us at **Florida Hindu Organization Inc – Shiva Mandir**, we wish you and your family a peaceful and prosperous Deepavali!