

RUDRAM 11

Continuous Śrī Rudram Camakam chanting guidelines

1. Introduction

This document describes Veda Union guidelines followed at Rudram 11 events for eleven times continuous Śrī Rudram Camakam chanting.

2. Chanting guidelines

Round 1 to 10

- Start every round with *om* (to set the pitch) before starting with the first mantra (*om namo bhagavate rudrāya*) of Śrī Rudram.
- Omit *namaste astu bhagavan viśveśvarāya mahādevāya...*
- Omit all mantras at the end of Śrī Rudram starting with *yo rudro agnau...*
- Immediately and without a break, *om* or *sāntiḥ sāntiḥ sāntiḥ* after *mṛtyuñjaya mahāmantraḥ* (*tryambakaṁ yajāmahe...*), start with appropriate Camakam *anuvāka*.
- Conclude every round with *om sāntiḥ sāntiḥ sāntiḥ*.
- Allow a few seconds of break before starting a next round.

Round 11

- Start with *om* (to set the pitch) before starting with the first mantra (*om namo bhagavate rudrāya*) of Śrī Rudram.
- Chant *namaste astu bhagavan viśveśvarāya mahādevāya...* at the end of first Śrī Rudram *anuvāka*.
- Chant all mantras at the end of Śrī Rudram starting with *yo rudro agnau...* and concluding with *ayam me viśvabheṣajo'yagm śivābhimarśanaḥ*.
- Conclude the last 11th round of Śrī Rudram with *om sāntiḥ sāntiḥ sāntiḥ*.
- Immediately and without a break or additional *om*, start with last Camakam *anuvāka* starting with *ekā ca me tisraśca me...*
- Conclude with *sāntiḥ* mantra starting with *iḍā devahūḥ...* and *om sāntiḥ sāntiḥ sāntiḥ*.

3. Intonation

Appropriate intonation will be chosen to be comfortable for all, not too low, but not too high. Below are just rough guidelines.

Round 1 to 10

- D or D#

Round 11

- E or F

4. Speed

Appropriate speed will be chosen to be comfortable for all, not too slow, but not too fast. In general, the chanting is done in faster speed than normal.

5. Additional guidelines for *Camakam*

- In 5th *anuvāka*, do not stop after the word *kalpatām* (*paśava āraṇyāśca yajñena kalpatām*), but chant continuously.
- In 10th *anuvāka*, do not stop after the word *kalpatām* (as in *āyuryajñena kalpatām, prāṇo yajñena kalpatām*), but chant continuously.

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