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## Tarpaṇa

Ancestral offerings

ॐ कुरुक्षेत्र गया गङ्गा प्रभासे पुष्कराणि च ।

ये तीर्थतानि पुण्याणि तार्पणकाले भवन्ति च ॥

om kurukṣetra gayā gaṅgā prabhāse puṣkarāṇi ca  
ye tīrthatāni puṇyāṇi tārpaṇakāle bhavānti ca

Oṃ Kurukṣetra, Gayā, Gaṅgā, Prabhāsa and Puṣkara: these are the meritorious places of pilgrimage that are to be remembered at the time of offering to ancestors.

यमाय धर्मराजाय मृत्यवे चान्तकाय च ।

वैवस्वताय कालाय सर्वभूतक्षयाय च ॥

yamāya dharmarājāya mṛtyave cāntakāya ca  
vaivasvatāya kālāya sarvabhūtakṣayāya ca

I bow to Yamā, to the King of Dharma, to Death, to the Inner Being; to He who is the Universe, to Time, to He who causes the destruction of all existence.

ॐ पिता स्वर्गः पिता धर्मः पिता हि परमं तपः ।

पितरि प्रीतिमापन्ने प्रीयन्ते सर्वदेवताः ॥

om pitā svargaḥ pitā dharmaḥ pitā hi paramaṃ tapaḥ  
pitari prītimāpanne prīyante sarvadevatāḥ

Oṃ My ancestors are my heaven. My ancestors are my Dharma. My ancestors are my highest Tapas. If my ancestors are satisfied, all the Gods will be satisfied.

ॐ आशिषो मे प्रदीयन्तां पितरः करुणामयाः ।

वदाः सन्ततयो नित्यं वर्द्धन्तां बान्धवा मम ॥

om āśiṣo me pradīyantāṃ pitarāḥ karuṇāmayāḥ  
vadāḥ santatayo nityaṃ  
varddhantāṃ bāndhavā mama

Oṃ Oh compassionate ancestors, bless me. Always speak words of peace to me and release me from all bondage.