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## ***Sri Ganesh Chaturthi Special Nakshatra Homa***

Sri Ganesh's powerful energy easily overcomes all obstacles caused by planetary difficulties. This Ganesh Chaturthi (Aug 23, 2009), a powerful Nakshatra Homa will be performed at Amma's Penusila Ashram. "Nakshatra" means "birth star," and this term refers to the constellation of stars that most strongly influences your mind, your basic nature, and your life patterns. There are twenty-seven nakshatras, and each person falls under one nakshatra, according to the time and place of birth. Each nakshatra grants certain positive tendencies as well as negative tendencies.

According to the Vedic sages, it is very beneficial to have a Nakshatra Homa done on your behalf at least once a year. The reason is that the homa has the power to remove any negativity caused by your nakshatra, and also strengthen the positive aspects. By working directly with the energy of your nakshatra, you can maximize your strengths and overcome the weaknesses that block you from achieving your goals, whether those goals are related to finance, relationships, career, or the spiritual life.

Amma has directed her temple priests to perform Nakshatra Homa on Ganesh Chaturthi, as this homa will become even more powerful due to being performed on this very sacred day. If you participate in this Nakshatra Homa, any defects caused by your nakshatra can be overcome, and you will be blessed with divine energy as well as prosperity. Sri Ganesh will protect you from any bad luck and will remove all obstructions from your path, such that you will enjoy renewed hope, abundant energy, and an inspired enthusiasm for life. All are invited to sponsor the Nakshatra Homa and take advantage of this great opportunity to overcome any mental, physical or spiritual obstacles.



## The 27 Nakshatras are also listed below:

Lunar Mansion (NAKSHATRA)	DEITY
ASWINI - Star of Transport	ASVINI KUMAR Sun's Charioteers
BHARANI - Star of Restraint	YAMA Lord of Death
KRITTIKA - Star of Fire	AGNI Lord of Fire
ROHINI - Star of Ascent	BRAHMA (Prajapati-the creator)
MRIGASIRA - Searching Star	MOON
ARUDRA - Oppressing Star	RUDRA The Destroyer
PUNARVAS - Star of Renewal	ADITI mother of the Gods
PUSHYA - Flourishing Star	Jupiter (Brihaspati preceptor/ priest/pandit to the Gods)
ASLESHA - Clinging Star	SERPENT
MAGHA - Glorious One	PITRI Manes (Departed Ancestors)
PURVA PHALGUNI - Star of fortune	LORD SHIVA (mahadeva)
UTTARA PHALGUNI - Star of Patron	ARYAMAN
HASTA - Clutching Hand	ADITYA (SUN)
CHITRA - Star of Wonder	Twashtri (divine architect or fabricator)
SWATI - Self Going Star	Pawana Lord of Wind
VISAKHA - Star of Purpose	INDRA - king of gods and Agni - lord of fire
ANURADHA - Calling to Action	MITRA - true friend
JYESHTA - The Chief Star	INDRA - king of gods
MULA - The Root Star	NIRRITI – goddess of death or misfortune
PURVA ASHADHA	VARUNA Lord of waters
UTTARA ASHADHA	GANADEVATA – lord of class/division
SRAVANA - Star of learning	HARI [Vishnu]
DHANISTHA - Star of Symphony	8 VASUS (BHISHMA)
SATABHISHA - The Veiling Star	VARUNA Lord of Waters
PURVA BHADRA - Scorching Pair	RUDRA The destroyer
UTTARA BHADRA - Scorching Pair	RUDRA The destroyer
REVATI - Keeper of Flocks	PUSHAN Protector of wayfarers and belongings

