

## LAMP SHLOKAM

(This sloka is to be recited while lighting lamp)

**Subham Karoti Kalyanam  
Arogyam Dhana Sampadah  
Shatru Buddhi Vinashaya  
Dipa Jyotir Namostute**

*Sanskrit to English Word Meaning*

*Subham- auspiciousness; karoti – which brings; kalyanam- prosperity;  
arogyam- good health; dhanasampadah- abundance of wealth;  
satrubuddhi- of the intellect's enemy (ignorance); vinasaya- for the  
destruction; dipajyotir- that lamplight; namosthute- I salute thee.*

*Translation*

*I salute the One who is the lamplight that brings auspiciousness;  
prosperity, good health, abundance of wealth, and the destruction of the  
intellect's enemy.*

*Brief explanation*

*This prayer is chanted before lighting the lamplight. Light is considered a  
symbol of auspiciousness, prosperity, and abundance in many cultures.  
Light brings with it brightness, but how does it destroy the intellect's  
enemy? The intellect's enemy is ignorance, which is likened to darkness.  
Light removes the darkness and makes it possible to see things clearly.*

**Deepajyothi Parabrahma  
Deepajyothi Janardhana  
Deepo me hara tu paapam  
Deepaa Jyothir Namostute**

*I salute the Lord, the sustainer of the creation, in the form of this light. I  
salute this light (the Lord), may He destroy afflictions resulting from my  
omissions and commissions.*

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