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Devi, the Mother Goddess is the symbol of all the auspicious and true qualities which define the Supreme Being. Of all her forms, Devi Durga is the ultimate representation of infinite power, purity and strength of purpose, which resides within the divine essence of every being. In Hindu symbology, negative qualities within the individual such as excessive ego, anger, attachment etc are presented metaphorically as demons. The narrative of Devi Durga's destruction of these demons epitomizes the inner spiritual struggle of the individual soul as it strives to conquer ignorance and having gained victory realizes the Supreme power of one's own Self. The slides that you will see in this Sword of Truth presentation are the visual manifestations of those very qualities made real. The Shlokas which accompany them have been taken from the Chandi Path, an ancient compilation of verses in praise of the resplendent Mother.

We hope you enjoy this visual celebration of the Supremely divine Devi Durga.



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ॐ जयन्ती मङ्गला काली भद्रकाली कपालिनी ।
 दुर्गा क्षमा शिवा धात्री स्वाहा स्वधा नमोऽस्तु ते ॥

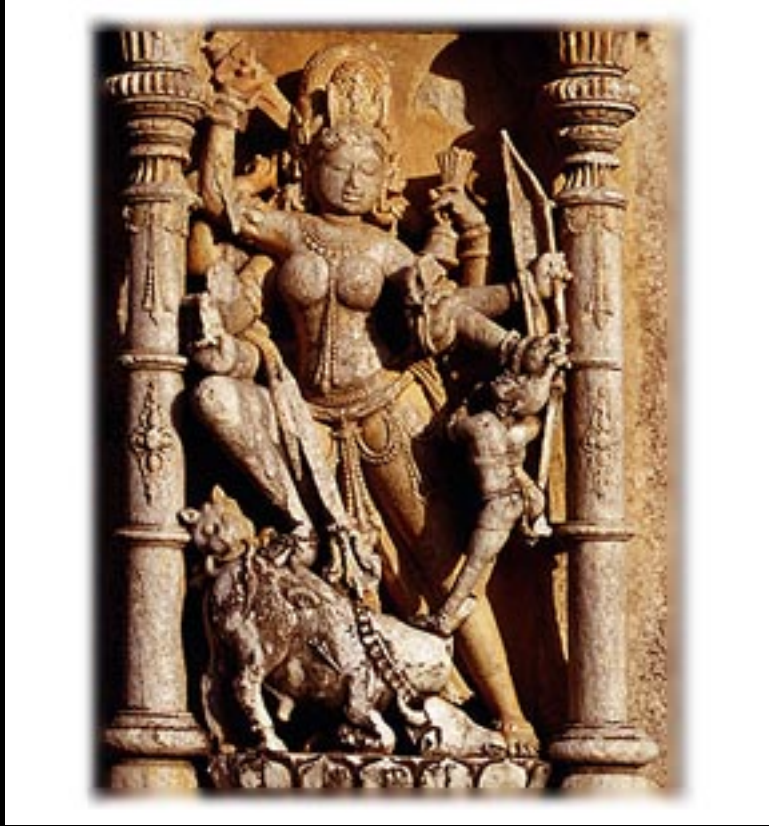
*Om Jayanti Mangala Kaali Bhadra Kali Kapalini
 Durga Kshama Shivaa Dhaatri Svaha Svadha namo-stu-te*

Om. She Who Conquers Over All, All-Auspicious,
 the remover of Darkness,
 the Excellent One Beyond Time,
 the bearer of the Skulls of Impure thought
 the reliever of difficulties, loving, forgiveness,
 supporter of the Universe, take the oblations of the
 devotee who is one with you,
 take the oblations of ancestral praise,
 We bow to you.



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जय त्वं देवि चामुण्डे जय भूतार्तिहारिणि ।
 जय सर्वगते देवि कालरात्रि नमोऽस्तु ते ॥

*Jaya tvam devi chaamunde jaya bhutaartihaarini
 Jaya sarvagate devi kaalaraatri namo-stu te*

Conquer, Oh Goddess,
 slayer of passion and anger!
 Conquer, reliever of
 the troubles of all existence!
 Conquer, Oh Goddess
 who pervades everything!
 Conquer the dark night of egotism!
 We bow to you



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मधुकैटभविद्रावि विधातृवरदे नमः ।
 रूपं देहि जयं देहि यशो देहि द्विषो जहि ॥

*Madhu Kaitabha vidraavi vidhaatra varade namah
 Rupam dehi jayam dehi yasho dehi dvisho jahi*

To you who defeated the negative qualities
 of excess and sparseness,
 Giver of the blessings of the creative capacity,
 We bow to you
 Grant us your form, Grant us victory,
 Grant us welfare, remove all hostility



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महिषासुरनिर्णाशि भक्तानां सुखदे नमः ।
 रूपं देहि जयं देहि यशो देहि द्विषो जहि ॥

*Mahishasura nirnaashi bhaktaanaam sukhade namah
 Rupam dehi jayam dehi yasho dehi dvisho jahi*

To you who caused the
 destruction of the Great Ego,
 Giver of happiness to devotees
 We bow to you
 Grant us your form, Grant us victory,
 Grant us welfare, remove all hostility



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रक्तबीजवधे देवि चण्डमुण्डविनाशिनि ।
 रूपं देहि जयं देहि यशो देहि द्विषो जहि ॥

*Raktabijavadhe devi chandamunda vinaashini
 Rupam dehi jayam dehi yasho dehi dvisho jahi*

To you who slew the seed of desire,
 Oh Goddess, destroyer of passion and anger
 Grant us your form, Grant us victory,
 Grant us welfare, remove all hostility



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शुम्भस्यैव निशुम्भस्य धूम्राक्षस्य च मर्दिनि ।
 रूपं देहि जयं देहि यशो देहि द्विषो जहि ॥

*Shumbhasyaiva nishumbhasya dhumraakshasya cha
 mardini*

Rupam dehi jayam dehi yasho dehi dvisho jahi

Slayer of the self-conceit,
 self-deprecation and ignorance
 Grant us your form, Grant us victory,
 Grant us welfare, remove all hostility



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