



Deity worship before taking second initiation

Pre-initiates can worship the Deity at home, but without using Pancaratrika mantras. Pancaratrika mantras must be received from the spiritual master at the time of initiation.

Padma Purana:

sampradaya-vihina ye

mantras te nisphala matah

“Unless you are initiated by a bona fide spiritual master in the disciplic succession, the mantra that you might have received is without any effect.”

In the Brahma Madhva Gaudiya Sampradaya, at second initiation, one receives a series of mantras including:

- Brahma Gayatri
- Guru Mantra
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- Gaura Gayatri
- The Gopal Mantra
- Kama Gayatri

The Gopal Mantra: *Klim krsnaya govindaya . . .* (mentioned in Brahma Samhita and Gopala Tapani Upanisad) is the *laksana mantra* from which all other pancaratrika mantras – like “mula mantras” – for worshiping the Deities expand.

Until second initiation, instead of using mula mantras, one can use generic sayings to offer food and other items to the Deity, like:

“My dear Lord Krsna, please accept this food, this flower, etc.”

“My dear Lord Krsna, please take rest now.”

Before performing any kind of Deity worship, one should think, “I am assisting my guru. I am an instrument in his hands” and should beg the guru’s permission to worship the Lord, uttering the guru’s pranam mantra as well as the following mantra:

çréguro paramānanda premānanda phala prada

vrajanānda pradānanda sevāyāā mā niyojaya

My dear spiritual master, who give the fruit of the highest bliss-the bliss of love of Godhead-please engage me in the blissful service of ÇréKāñēa, who bestows bliss upon the land of Vraja.

