

Koti Vishnu Nama Smarana

Plan & Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Goal: To chant koti Vishnu Nama Smarana as a community at **Dayton Hindu Temple** by end of 2016

Why do we want to do this?

- *Chanting or listening to Vishnu Sahasranamam at home creates a positive energy and peace of mind for the whole family.*
- *Chanting or listening to Vishnu Sahasranamam in the temple energizes the temple and provides peace of mind to the whole community.*
- *Chanting koti Vishnu Namavali in one's lifetime is a daunting task, because even if we chant Vishnu Sahasranamam every day, it will take about 30 years. But if we join hands as a community, we can achieve this goal within a year!*

Our Approach:

- *Chanting Vishnu Sahasranama once is equal to 1000 Vishnu Namavali*
- *100 people chanting 10 times a month equals 1million – takes 4 hours*
- *Repeating the above step 10 times equals one Koti (10 million)*
- *Are you willing to commit 4 hours a month for this noble cause?*
- *When are we planning to start? As soon as we hear from at least 100 devotees.*

Plan to achieve our goal:

Here are some days and times when Vishnu Sahasranamam is currently being chanted, or planning to be chanted.

Day	Time	Max count	Is it done now
Every Friday	7:00 pm	1 / Each Friday	Yes
Every Sunday	10:30 am	1 / Each Sunday	Yes
1 Saturday / month	9:00 – 12:00 am	10	No
Your choice	Any time/day	?	No

Here are a few examples for understanding and planning.

- ✓ **Example 1:** If an individual can join on Saturday, then he/she fulfils his/her quota of the month
- ✓ **Example 2:** Chant every Friday and Sunday plus an hour on Saturday
- ✓ **Example 3.** Chant every Friday or Sunday plus attend some time on Saturday
- ✓ **Example 4.** Chant every Friday or Sunday plus choose your own time

Sarvejana Sukhino Bhavanthu

Om Namo Bhagavate Vasudevaya

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

1. When are we planning to start?

Answer: As soon as we hear from 100 devotees

2. When are we expecting to complete this task?

Answer: Once we reach the goal of chanting one koti Vishnu Namavali

3. What is the plan to achieve this goal?

Answer: Please see the previous page for our approach and plans.

4. What if we don't achieve the goal in 10 months?

Answer: No worries, we will finish it the following month or the next. When it takes an individual 25 or more years to achieve this goal, another month or two should not be a problem. Here our goal is not to conquer or get a trophy, but to come together as a community to foster peace and harmony through these positive vibrations and aura.

5. Can I chant at home?

Answer: Our preference is for all of us to chant at the Dayton Hindu Temple. The goal is to bring like-minded devotees together and create positive energy at the temple.

Reasons to come and chant at the Temple:

- ✓ Think about this: When we chant at home, most of the time, aren't we just praying for ourselves or our family?
- ✓ When was the last time we prayed for the welfare of others? We do this when there is a big disaster or calamity. But do we do this daily or on a regular basis?
- ✓ Here there are at least 99 others who are praying for your peace, harmony and happiness
- ✓ Our scriptures say that if the temple is energized, the whole community around the temple flourishes – ***“Loka Samastha Sukhino Bhavanthu”***

6. What if I can't chant 10 times a month?

Answer: The goal here is to chant 100 times in 10 months. Some months you may chant more and some less, but the overall goal is 100 per devotee to reach the goal in 10 months.

- ✓ No worries! If for some reason you cannot fulfill the quota, there is a good chance that others might chant more than their quota.
- ✓ Let's say that for some reason we fall short of achieving this goal in 10 months. So what? Please look at FAQ 4.

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7. *Do I have to come at the specific days and time, or do I have the flexibility to do it on my own time?*

Answer: *The simple answer is that you have total control/flexibility. For planning purposes please refer to the approach and plans section.*

8. *I am not very good at chanting, can I still join?*

Answer: *The short answer is “YES”.*

9. *I am very interested but don't know how to chant, any plans to teach?*

Answer: *Yes, we can accommodate that, and have also thought about it. But the specifics on how and when, are not planned yet.*

10. *How, when, and who do I report my count to?*

Answer: *This is a very good question and we can use some help. Here's what we are thinking: we can divide the 100 devotees into smaller groups between 4 to 6 devotees per group. Each group will have a lead whose job is to coordinate with their team and also take their count and send it to me at the end of each month.*

✓ *You can form your own group or I can assign you to a group.*

✓ *Please let me know if you can volunteer to be a group lead.*

*If you take one step towards the Lord,
Sriman Narayana will take 10 steps towards you*