

Saraswathi Suktha  
(From Rig Veda)  
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(Saraswathi is the Goddess of speech, the goddess of knowledge and she is also a holy river. She is the consort of Lord Brahma, dresses herself in white, sits on a white lotus and rides on the white swan. I have taken this Suktha text from the book by R.L.Kashyap (2007) Veda Manthras and Sukthas and published by Aurobindo Kapali Shastri Institute of Vedic Culture, Bangalore.)

Paavakaa na Saraswathi  
Vajebhi vajnivathi  
Yagnam vasthu dhiyaavasau.

Saraswathi is the purifier,  
Giver of plenty and opulent life,  
Who is rich in thought and intelligence.

Chodayathri soonruthaanaam,  
Chethanthi sumathinaam,  
Yajnam dadhe Saraswathi.

She blesses one with good speech,  
She brings good thoughts to mind,  
And let her bless this Yagna.(sacrifice)

Maho arnaah Saraswathi,  
Prachethayathi kethunaa,  
Dhiyo vishva virajethi.

Oh Saraswathi, please awaken the truth in me,  
By helping me to perceive the consciousness,  
And illuminate my entire thought.

Prano devi saraswathi,  
Vajhebhiri vajinavathi,  
Dhinam avithri avathu.

Oh Saraswathi, be pleased,  
To give me a plenty and opulent life,  
And become the protector of our thoughts.