Akshaya Tritiya at Home

Saturday 8 May 2027

Short puja: about 15 minutes



Akshaya means "never diminishing". Whatever good is started or given on this day is said to keep growing, so families begin new ventures, give to those in need, and buy a little gold or silver. Lakshmi and Vishnu are worshipped at home.

What you need

- Raw mangoes, jaggery or sugar, roasted cumin for aam panna
- Rice and dal to give away
- Flowers and tulsi
- Lakshmi Narayana picture
- A small gold or silver item, or grain, if you wish
- Fruit and a pot of water for daan

Before the puja

- Clean the puja place and take a bath; wear fresh clothes.
- Set out a lamp, incense, flowers, turmeric, kumkum, rice and water.
- Read the story to the family before you begin.

Short puja, step by step

1. **Light the lamp** and say the lamp prayer, then pray to Ganesha.
2. **Bath and puja.** After a bath, set up a picture of Lakshmi Narayana with flowers and tulsi.
3. **Worship Lakshmi and Vishnu.** Offer flowers, tulsi, kumkum and turmeric.
4. **Bless what is new.** Place anything new before the deity: gold or silver, a business plan, a new notebook, seeds.
5. **Daan (giving).** Give food, water, clothes or money to someone in need, or donate to a cause.
6. **Begin something.** Start a good habit, a course, a savings jar or a new project today.
7. **Arati.** Wave the lamp, ask forgiveness for anything missed and share the prasada.

Prayers to chant

> शुभं करोति कल्याणम् आरोग्यं धनसम्पदः । शत्रुबुद्धिविनाशाय दीपज्योतिर्नमोऽस्तु ते ॥
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> I bow to the light of the lamp, which brings goodness, health and wealth, and removes harmful thoughts.

वक्रतुण्ड महाकाय सूर्यकोटि समप्रभ । निर्विघ्नं कुरु मे देव सर्वकार्येषु सर्वदा ॥

O Lord with the curved trunk, shining like a million suns, remove the obstacles from all my work, always.

ॐ नमो नारायणाय । ॐ श्रीं महालक्ष्म्यै नमः ॥

Salutations to Narayana and to Mahalakshmi.

ॐ प्राणाय स्वाहा । ॐ अपानाय स्वाहा । ॐ व्यानाय स्वाहा । ॐ उदानाय स्वाहा । ॐ समानाय स्वाहा ॥

Offering the food to the five breaths of life.

यानि कानि च पापानि जन्मान्तरकृतानि च । तानि तानि विनश्यन्ति प्रदक्षिण पदे पदे ॥

With every step around the altar, may all past wrongs fall away.

With children

- Make a giving jar: Decorate the jar.
- Tell the story of Akshaya Tritiya before the puja.

A simple home guide from VedaVidesh. Every family and region has its own customs, so follow yours where they differ, and check a local panchanga for the exact time in your city. Dates are for India; abroad they can differ by a day. Members also get the full puja with every mantra.