

1534. O fire-divine, may your shining pure and bright flames go upward with your lustre and splendour.

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### **Adhyāya XV**

1535. O foremost adorable Lord, who is your kin among men? Who is your worthy worshipper? Who indeed are you? And on whom do you depend?

1536. O foremost fire-divine, indeed you are alone your kin amongst men; you are their beloved friend, a friend whom friends may supplicate.

1537. O foremost fire-divine, may we worship you as the source of light and source of bliss and other divine virtues, and perform the sacred rites in your own house.

1538. The revered, adorable beauty in gloom showerer of benefits, and dispeller of darkness, such fire-divine, is to be kindled.
1539. The dedicated devotees glorify that fire-divine, who is the showerer of blessings, the bearer of homage to divine powers, just as a horse bears the rider to his home.
1540. Profusely offering homage, we kindle the mighty shining fire-divine, who showers benefits on his devotees.
1541. O brilliant fire-divine, as you are kindled, your great flames start blazing up.
1542. O propitious fire-divine, let my ladles filled with butter come near you. May you accept our offerings.
1543. I adore the fire-divine, the exhilarating invoker, the priest who shines forth with various lustres and is rich in brilliance; may it hear my invocations.

1544. O adorable Lord, protect us through the first, protect us through the second hymn. Protect us through three hymns, and through four, O lord of energy, O lord of riches.
1545. May you preserve us from every violent demon and shield us in our battles of life. We approach you, our most intimate friend, and kinsman, to help us in our noble deeds and increase our strength to accomplish them.
1546. You, O most effulgent among all, are regarded as Lord, the fire-divine, the conveyor of oblations, the radiant, the formidable, one with the potentiality of procuring prosperity of your devotees, and one of illustrious birth. You are regarded as all-knowing, and with great lustre, you proceed forward, scattering the glimmering darkness of night.
1547. Having overcome the departing dark night by his radiance, he (the fire-divine) begets dawn, the divine damsel, the daughter of the great father-heaven; then he follows her and shines with treasures of lustre in his usual course, holding aloft the radiant light of the Sun.

1548. The blessed one along with the other blessed, and thus inter-twined with the lustrous dawn, the Sun, spreading his light, and throwing out the darkness with ease, meets thereafter the one who has come on her own. Now he places the dawn in his front, and rises, — thus one has the morning, spreading out his colourful illumined beams everywhere, he (the Sun) overpowers the entire darkness.
1549. O fire-divine, O adorable, the Lord of vital forces, the Son of energy, with what hymns shall I adore you, praise you, for your venerable pride?
1550. O Child of strength, tell me what offering, as your worshipper shall I present to you with a devoted mind and what prayer shall I now speak to you?
1551. O Lord, be it so that our songs, as rewards, bring to us happy habitations, abundant wealth and food.

1552. O adorable fire-divine, come here with your glorious virtues; we honour you as our invoking priest. Let the presented offerings anoint you, the chief sacrificer; please do come and enshrine our hearts.
1553. O most vital Lord, the source of strength, our offerings go to you, as if in ladles, to find your glory in the sacred cosmic sacrifice, i.e. the creation. We glorify the eternal fire-divine, the protector and the one with brandishing flames.
1554. Let our hymns come near the consuming flames, beauteous and bright. Let our devotion and oblations comes for protection near him who is rich in praise and rich in wealth.
1555. (Our invocations are) to the all-knowing fire-divine who is the source of strength, the giver of all desirable good things, who is doubly immortal amongst mortals (since it is perpetually alive) and who is supremely exhilarating ministrant-priest in the house.

1556. The adorable Lord, the one who goes before anyone *born, prior to human race*; the speedy carrier of virtues, is ever new and insusceptible to any harm.
1557. By bringing offerings to Him, the mortal worshipper obtains a home from Him whose light is pure.
1558. Inviolable are the powers of Nature's bounties; our adorable Lord subdues all enemies. He, verily, is mightiest in fame.
1559. May the fire to whom all our offerings are surrendered be propitious to us. O blessed lord, may your gifts be beneficial to us, may the worship we offer be fruitful, and may our praises yield us happiness.

1560. O destroyer of evils, give us that resolute mind in our struggles of life by which we may conquer in combats, and bring down all the devices of our foes. May we propitiate you by our earnest prayers.
1561. O fire-divine, Lord of food and cattle, source of strength, cognizant of all that exists, please give us abundant sustenance.
1562. He, the fire-divine, who is wise and who grants dwellings, must be exalted by our hymns. O fire, glowing with many flames, shine radiantly on us for providing food and wealth.
1563. O shining fire-divine, may you drive off at night and at dawns the pollutants with your sharp flames.

1564. O adorable Lord, desirous of strength and food, we glorify you with hymns for the attainment of happiness. You are dear and familiar friend and dear like the guest in every home.
1565. (The fire-divine or the foremost adorable Lord) whom men, bearing oblations and clarified butter, worship with songs of praise, as if he were a friend.
1566. (May we) worship Hīm who is most lauded and is omniscient. The worshipper sends to heaven the devotional oblations with all earnestness.
1567. We glorify with praise the effulgent, adorable Lord, who is pure, purifying, and immortal. Let us celebrate with pleasant hymns the all-wise Lord, the invoker of Nature's bounties. He is revered by all. Verily, he is benevolent, omniscient and full of wisdom.



- 1568.** O adorable Lord, you have been in every age commanding the ways and works of the divine powers of both worlds as their envoy. You are immortal bearer of homage, beneficent, and worthy of praise. You are vigilant, pervading and the protector of mankind. Therefore all enshrine you in the chamber of their heart, just as the fire is placed on a sacred altar.
- 1569.** O adorable Lord, envoy of Nature's bounties, you traverse both earth and heaven. When we lay claim to your affection; and gracious care, O guardian of the three regions, may you be auspicious and well-wishing to us.
- 1570.** The sister hymns full of divine wisdom rise to you proclaiming your glories; they stand kindling you in the presence of cosmic vitality.
- 1571.** The cosmic waters find their place in Him, for whom the triple-uncovered, but unbound firmaments is established.

1572. Highly pleasant is the place of the supreme God who pours forth all desires with His inviolable protections; auspicious in His appearance like the Sun.

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### Adhyāya XVI

157<sup>2</sup> O resplendent Lord, men glorify you with hymns, so that you may cherish their noble deeds; the spiritually awakened sages, in one accord, lift up their voice to praise you first and men possessing vital energy also sing forth your praises prior to their (work).

1574. The resplendent lord augments the energy of devotees when the exhilaration of divine love pours forth through His manifestations. Men sing forth praises to His majesty today as ever.