

Hindu Tapestry 2002



Hindu Prayer

Oh God, lead us from the unreal to the Real.
Oh God, lead us from darkness to light.
Oh God, lead us from death to immortality.
Shanti, Shanti, Shanti unto all.
Oh Lord God almighty, may there be
peace in celestial regions.
May there be peace on Earth.
May the waters be appeasing.
May herbs be wholesome
and may trees and plants
bring peace to all.
May all beneficent beings
bring peace to us.
May thy Vedic Law propagate peace
all through the world.
May all things be a source of peace to us.
And may thy peace itself, bestow peace on all
and may that peace come to me also.



Om, considered the first sound of creation and the most sacred of symbols in Hinduism, is the central symbol in the tapestry. Om lies at the center of the Sri Yantra, the circle and rectangle with four gates. The four gates represent the four directions of the universe. Hindu temples are based on the Sri Yantra design. The lotus at the base of the Sri Yantra is a symbol of creation and associated with Hinduism's creation myth. Shown within the temple are Hinduism's three principal gods: Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva. This trinity of gods represents the creation, preservation, and destruction of the universe. The temple is central to worship; both housing and representing the deity.