

# KARTIK INSPIRATIONS 2024



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RULES AND REGULATIONS.

## THE LIGHT OF NEW BEGINNINGS

Welcome to our *Kartik Inspiration*.

Today is the festival of lights, Diwali, and all of Vrindavan will glow with the soft radiance of oil lamps placed around sacred lakes like Radha-kund and Surabhi-kund. Every holy place will be filled with light, for Diwali celebrates the victory of light over darkness.

For Krishna's devotees, Diwali also represents the triumph of love over the rules and regulations of spiritual practices. On this day, Krishna says, “*I am bound by the love of My devotees*,” and both Mother Yashoda and Srimati Radharani rush forward to bind the Lord with their love.

To make the best use of this festival,  
I have a few suggestions for you:

- \* First, light a lamp—or, more importantly, pray and invite divine light into your life. Let there be more love and compassion in your heart, and radiate that into the world.
- \* Second, celebrate new beginnings in whatever way that feels most meaningful to you.

As you celebrate these new beginnings, place trust in the spiritual strength, that can help you. This strength is granted from above, from Krishna Himself, and with it, the word “impossible” simply fades away. By the power of divine strength, even the impossible becomes very easy.

Wishing you a very happy Diwali! Please light many lamps and celebrate—celebrate, celebrate, celebrate! Remember, it is always possible to start anew, empowered by spiritual strength that flows from Krishna. All the best.

*Śacīnandana Prāṇi*

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