

Weekly Zoroastrian Scripture Extract # 86 – Happy New Year to all! - Ahmaai Raeshcha and Hazanghrem Prayers!

Hello all Tele Class friends:

Greetings from the XVII North American Zoroastrian Congress from LA hosted by LA Zoroastrian Association of California (ZAC) and California Zoroastrian Center (CZC)! These two organizations have outdid themselves in presenting this Congress! We thank these Organizations and their many many volunteers who have worked so hard for putting this Congress together! And for the first time, this Congress has a Pre-Congress Youth Program which has been touted by all to be the best! Congratulations to all!

In almost all of our prayers, we pray 4 short prayers of Ahmaai Raeshcha, Hazanghrem, Jasa Me Awanghe Mazda and Kerfeh Mozda.

The first one, Ahmaai Raeshcha is filled with good wishes for the person you are praying for, similar to wishing a Happy New Year greeting!

So, on this upcoming New Year's eve, we want to wish you a Happy new Year with an Avestan Prayer, Ahmaai Raeshcha!

So, here we present this well known and much used Ahmaai Raeshcha Prayer with Hazanghrem Prayer:

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(Please hear the [attached .mp3 file](#) for its recitation)

Ahmaai raéshcha khvarenascha,
Ahmaai tanvo drvataatem,
Ahmaai tanvo vazdvareh,
Ahmaai tanvo verethrem,
Ahmaai îshtîm pourush-khvaathraanm,
Ahmaai aasnaamchit frazantîm,
Ahmaai dareghaam daregho-jîtîm,
Ahmaai vahishtem-ahûm ashaonaanm raochanghem, Vîspo-khvaathrem.

Atha Jamyaat, Yatha Aafrinaami!

Ashem Vohu (1).

Hazanghrem baéshazanaam,
Baévareh baéshazanaam. (To recite three times).

Ashem Vohu (1).

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May God grant him splendor and glory,
to him strength of the body,
to him health of body,
to him conquest of the body,
to him happiness of full contentment,
to him progeny with inborn wisdom,
to him longest of long life
and to him the best heaven of righteous people,
bright and full of happiness.

May it be so as I entreat. Ashem Vohu (1).

May there be a thousand of health, ten thousands of health!

May there be health a thousand times! (To recite three times)

Ashem Vohu (1)

(Kangaji English and T. R. Sethna *Khordeh Avesta*)

SPD Explanation:

1. This Ahmaai Raeshcha prayer is recited after each major Nyaayesh and Yasht.
2. It is also recited at the end of the Pazand Aashirwaad.
3. When Udvada Dasturji Dastur Khurshed Dastoor met with newly elected Indian Prime Minister Honorable Narendra Modi, he bestowed upon him blessings reciting this prayer. (Please see the attached Photo courtesy of Dolly Dastoor, FEZANA Journal Chief Editor).

May the Flame of Fellowship, Love, Charity and Respect for all burn ever eternal in our hearts so we can do HIS work with humility, diligence and eternal enthusiasm!

Atha Jamyaat, Yatha Aafrinaamahi! (May it be so as we wish?)

Love and Tandoorasti, Soli

