

An offering of love

Fresh altar flowers and rose garlands for our deities

Dear temple family,

A flower offered to the Lord carries our gratitude, our prayers, and our love. It is a simple, beautiful way to place what is in our hearts at His feet.

I would love for us to share in this seva at HTSNM: offering fresh flowers at our altars each week and lovingly making rose garlands for our deities on weekends and festivals. I am personally raising funds for this service and warmly invite you to join me.

What we hope to provide

- Coordinated weekly flower arrangements around our three large deities and four small deities.
- One set of simple rose garlands for weekend worship, with additional fresh sets for festivals as needed and funded.
- A dependable opportunity for families to take part through monthly giving, weekly sponsorships, and volunteer service.

Our fundraising goal

Our working goal is **\$150 per week**, or an average of **\$650 per month**. This includes approximately \$40 for weekend garland roses, with the balance supporting vase flowers and supplies. The following pages show options from \$100 to \$200 per week so the program can grow with community support.

I will personally invite and follow up with supporters. All contributions will be made directly to HTSNM for this flower seva, and purchases will be guided by the funds available. Flower choices and garland fit will be coordinated with Shastriji.

May these offerings bring us closer to the Lord and to one another. Thank you for sharing in this loving service.

Your servant,

Mathura-vas das

Weekly budget including garlands

Each weekly option includes \$40 for 48 Costco roses, plus vase flowers and greenery. These planning estimates show how your support can sustain offerings at different weekly funding levels.

Purchase / bunch size	\$100	\$125	\$150	\$175	\$200
Costco roses / 24 roses	2 packs	2 packs	2 packs	2 packs	2 packs
Standard carnations / 25 stems	1	2	3	4	5
Mini carnations / 10 stems	2	3	3	4	4
Pom chrysanthemums / bunch	3	4	4	5	5
Alstroemeria / 10 stems	0	0	1	0	1
Leatherleaf fern / bunch	1	1	1	2	2
Vase-flower subtotal	\$50.30	\$77.15	\$102.40	\$126.00	\$151.25
Roses for garlands	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Combined flower cost	\$90.30	\$117.15	\$142.40	\$166.00	\$191.25
Remaining allowance	\$9.70	\$7.85	\$7.60	\$9.00	\$8.75

The balance covers applicable tax, cord, supplies, and other incidental costs. If these exceed the balance, reduce vase-flower purchases before ordering. Delivery is not separately priced.

What the recommended \$150 level provides

Vases: 75 standard carnations, 30 mini-carnation stems, 10 alstroemeria stems, four pom bunches, and one fern bunch. Suggested division: each large deity receives 17 carnations, 6 mini stems, and 2 alstroemeria; each small deity receives 6 carnations, 3 mini stems, and 1 alstroemeria. Divide poms and greenery to suit the vases. Weekend garlands: 48 roses, allocated as described on the next page.

Weekly allowance	\$100	\$125	\$150	\$175	\$200
Average month*	\$433	\$542	\$650	\$758	\$867
Annual allowance	\$5,200	\$6,500	\$7,800	\$9,100	\$10,400

*52 weeks / 12 months, rounded. Includes one garland set per week; additional festival sets are extra. DWF assumptions: carnations \$15.50/25 stems, mini carnations \$5.75/10, poms \$5.60/bunch, alstroemeria \$9.75/10, fern \$6.50/bunch. Confirm pricing units, bunch sizes, and availability. Pom stem counts are unspecified.

Simple rose garlands

Purchase plan

The rose budget uses a planning price of 24 Costco roses for \$20. Two packs provide 48 roses for \$40 before applicable tax. Colors, availability, and prices will be confirmed when purchased.

Placement	Trial allocation	Total roses
3 large deities	10 roses per simple, spaced garland	30
4 small deities	4 roses per simple, spaced garland	16
Reserve	Replacement for damaged blooms	2
One set for all 7 deities	Two Costco packs	48 / \$40

This is a trial allowance, not a measured garland recipe. It creates light, spaced garlands rather than continuous bands of flowers. Measure each deity's required garland length and test the fit before establishing a standing order. If more blooms are required, each additional 24-rose pack adds \$20.

Weekend display

Prepare one fresh set for the selected weekend worship/display period. Assign a garland-making team and a backup volunteer. Check freshness and fit daily and remove fading garlands promptly. This budget does not assume a fresh set for both Saturday and Sunday, or guarantee that one set will remain suitable for both days.

Festivals

Reserve a fresh garland set for each festival requiring one. When that set also serves the weekend, use the regular \$40 allocation. If an additional set is needed, seek a dedicated sponsor for at least \$40, with tax and supplies covered separately or from available allowance.

Additional fresh sets annually	Extra roses budget*
6 sets	\$240
12 sets	\$480
24 sets	\$960

These are examples of additional festival sets. Twelve extra sets add \$480 to the regular \$7,800 annual plan, for a total of \$8,280 before extra festival tax and supplies (average \$690 per month).

Preparing the garlands

A trial set will help confirm rose counts, finished lengths, and fit. Volunteers will coordinate with Shastriji and adjust the design to suit the deities and available flower funds.

Flowers we propose to purchase

Representative photographs show flower types and possible colors. They are not photographs of DWF's current inventory or a promise of exact varieties, colors, bunch sizes, or arrangement fullness. [2-5]



Standard carnations

\$15.50 / 25 stems (assumed). Full, ruffled blooms form the foundation of the main arrangements. Photo: Esmeralda Farms. [2]



Mini / spray carnations

\$5.75 / 10 stems. Smaller branching flowers add detail around the small deities. Photo: Blumenversand Edelweiss. [3]



Pom chrysanthemums

\$5.60 / bunch in selected colors. Yellow button poms are shown; daisy or cushion types can provide variety. Photo: Portland Wholesale Florist. [4]



Alstroemeria

\$9.75 / 10 stems. Adds patterned petals and color variation to the weekly selection. Photo: Floral24. [5]

Supporting greenery

Leatherleaf fern: \$6.50 per bunch (not pictured). Existing temple vases will be used where suitable. White, yellow, and pink offer a coordinated starting palette, with substitutions based on availability and worship requirements.

How you can take part

Give \$25 or \$50 each month

A recurring gift helps keep fresh flower offerings consistent. Thirteen donors giving \$50 monthly, or 26 giving \$25 monthly, would meet the regular \$650 monthly goal.

Contribute \$40 toward garland roses

Help purchase 48 roses for a trial set of seven simple, spaced garlands. Final quantities depend on the required lengths and fit. Additional festival sets may be sponsored separately.

Sponsor a week at \$150

Support the weekly goal for vase flowers, weekend garland roses, and a small allowance for supplies. Gifts of \$100, \$125, \$175, or \$200 are also welcome.

Offer your time

Help collect flowers, arrange the vases, make garlands, or care for the displays. This is a service we can share as a temple community.

Putting your offering into service

We will begin by gathering initial support, measuring the garlands, and preparing a trial set. Volunteers will then coordinate weekly purchases, arrangements, and weekend garlands. Freshness will be checked regularly, and additional festival flowers will be planned as support becomes available.

Join us

To give, visit htsnm.org/donate/. Please let Mathura-vas das (Mike Jennings) know that your gift is for flower seva. To pledge monthly, sponsor a week, or volunteer, contact him directly or reply to the message accompanying this proposal.

Gifts of any amount are welcome. Thank you for offering your love through this seva.

Sources and image credits

Budget: DWF Albuquerque Weekly Newsletter, September 11, 2026 (price-list pages 1–3). Costco roses: 24 for \$20, price supplied by Mike Jennings. Prices, units, and availability require confirmation. Photo references [2–5] on the visual guide: Esmeralda Farms (white carnation); Blumenversand Edelweiss (spray carnations); Portland Wholesale Florist (yellow button pom); Floral24 (pink alstroemeria). Photos illustrate flower types, not current supplier inventory.