



SACRED HYMN · HINDI (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

KALI CHALISA

Traditional

THE COMPLETE HYMN • HINDI (DEVANAGARI)

An opening doha, forty chaupais and a closing doha, in the north-Indian Hindi wording most often sung today.

DOHA 1

जयकाली कलिमलहरण, महिमा अगम अपार ।
महिष मर्दिनी कालिका, देहु अभय अपार ॥

Victory to Kali, who removes the impurity of the Kali age; your greatness is unfathomable and boundless. Kalika, slayer of the buffalo demon Mahisha, grant boundless fearlessness.

CHAUPAI 1

अरि मद मान मिटावन हारी ।
मुण्डमाल गल सोहत प्यारी ॥

You destroy the pride and arrogance of enemies; a lovely garland of severed heads adorns your neck.

CHAUPAI 2

अष्टभुजी सुखदायक माता ।
दुष्टदलन जग में विख्याता ॥

Eight-armed Mother, giver of happiness, you are famed in the world as the crusher of the wicked.

CHAUPAI 3

भाल विशाल मुकुट छवि छाजै ।
कर में शीश शत्रु का साजै ॥

A crown shines in splendour on your broad forehead, and one hand holds the severed head of an enemy.

CHAUPAI 4

दूजे हाथ लिए मधु प्याला ।
हाथ तीसरे सोहत भाला ॥

Your second hand holds a cup of madhu (sweet drink), and a spear gleams in your third hand.

CHAUPAI 5

चौथे खप्पर खड्ग कर पांचे ।
छठे त्रिशूल शत्रु बल जांचे ॥

The fourth hand holds a skull-bowl and the fifth a sword; with the trident in the sixth you test the strength of enemies.

CHAUPAI 6

सप्तम कर दमकत असि प्यारी ।
शोभा अद्भुत मात तुम्हारी ॥

In your seventh hand a fine sword flashes; Mother, your beauty is wondrous.

CHAUPAI 7

अष्टम कर भक्तन वर दाता ।
जग मनहरण रूप ये माता ॥

Your eighth hand grants boons to devotees; Mother, this form of yours captivates the heart of the world.

CHAUPAI 8

भक्तन में अनुरक्त भवानी ।
निशदिन रतें ऋषी-मुनि ज्ञानी ॥

Bhavani, you are devoted to your devotees; seers, sages and the wise repeat your name day and night.

CHAUPAI 9

महाशक्ति अति प्रबल पुनीता ।
तू ही काली तू ही सीता ॥

Great Shakti, exceedingly mighty and pure, you alone are Kali and you alone are Sita.

CHAUPAI 10

पतित तारिणी हे जग पालक ।
कल्याणी पापी कुल घालक ॥

You lift up the fallen and sustain the world; auspicious one, you destroy the line of the sinful.

CHAUPAI 11

शेष सुरेश न पावत पारा ।
गौरी रूप धर्यो इक बारा ॥

Even Shesha and Indra cannot reach the end of your glory; once you took the form of Gauri.

CHAUPAI 12

तुम समान दाता नहीं दूजा ।
विधिवत करें भक्तजन पूजा ॥

There is no giver equal to you; devotees worship you with due rites.

CHAUPAI 13

रूप भयंकर जब तुम धारा ।
दुष्टदलन कीन्हेहु संहारा ॥

When you took on a terrifying form, you crushed the wicked and destroyed them.

CHAUPAI 14

नाम अनेकन मात तुम्हारे ।
भक्तजनों के संकट टारे ॥

Mother, you have many names, and you have removed the troubles of your devotees.

CHAUPAI 15

कलि के कष्ट कलेशन हरनी ।
भव भय मोचन मंगल करनी ॥

You take away the pains and afflictions of the Kali age; you release from the fear of worldly existence and bring what is auspicious.

CHAUPAI 16

महिमा अगम वेद यश गावैं ।
नारद शारद पार न पावैं ॥

Your greatness is beyond reach; the Vedas sing your fame, and even Narada and Sharada cannot find its end.

CHAUPAI 17

भू पर भार बढ़्यौ जब भारी ।
तब तब तुम प्रकटीं महतारी ॥

Whenever the burden on the earth grew heavy, then, Mother, you appeared.

CHAUPAI 18

आदि अनादि अभय वरदाता ।

विश्वविदित भव संकट त्राता ॥

You are the first and the beginningless, giver of the boon of fearlessness, known to the whole world as the rescuer from the troubles of existence.

CHAUPAI 19

कुसमय नाम तुम्हारौ लीन्हा ।

उसको सदा अभय वर दीन्हा ॥

Whoever took your name in an evil hour, you always gave them the boon of fearlessness.

CHAUPAI 20

ध्यान धरें श्रुति शेष सुरेशा ।

काल रूप लखि तुमरो भेषा ॥

The Vedas, Shesha and Indra meditate on you, beholding your guise as Time (Kala) itself.

CHAUPAI 21

कलुआ भैरों संग तुम्हारे ।

अरि हित रूप भयानक धारे ॥

Kalua Bhairon is at your side, taking on a fearsome form against enemies.

CHAUPAI 22

सेवक लांगुर रहत अगारी ।

चौसठ जोगन आज्ञाकारी ॥

Your servant Langur stays before you, and the sixty-four yoginis obey your command.

CHAUPAI 23

त्रेता में रघुवर हित आई ।

दशकंधर की सैन नसाई ॥

In the Treta age you came for the sake of Rama and destroyed the army of ten-headed Ravana.

CHAUPAI 24

खेला रण का खेल निराला ।
भरा मांस-मज्जा से प्याला ॥

You played the extraordinary game of battle and filled your cup with flesh and marrow.

CHAUPAI 25

रौद्र रूप लखि दानव भागे ।
कियौ गवन भवन निज त्यागे ॥

Seeing your fierce form, the demons fled, leaving their own homes behind.

CHAUPAI 26

तब ऐसौ तामस चढ़ आयो ।
स्वजन विजन को भेद भुलायो ॥

Then such fury rose in you that you forgot the difference between your own people and strangers.

CHAUPAI 27

ये बालक लखि शंकर आए ।
राह रोक चरनन में धाए ॥

Seeing this, Shankara came as a child, blocked your path and threw himself at your feet.

CHAUPAI 28

तब मुख जीभ निकर जो आई ।
यही रूप प्रचलित है माई ॥

Then your tongue came out of your mouth; Mother, this is the form that is known everywhere.

CHAUPAI 29

बाढ्यो महिषासुर मद भारी ।
पीड़ित किए सकल नर-नारी ॥

The arrogance of Mahishasura grew great, and he tormented all men and women.

CHAUPAI 30

करुण पुकार सुनी भक्तन की ।
पीर मिटावन हित जन-जन की ॥

You heard the pitiful cry of your devotees, and came to take away the pain of every person.

CHAUPAI 31

तब प्रगटी निज सैन समेता ।
नाम पड़ा मां महिष विजेता ॥

Then you appeared with your own army, and, Mother, you came to be called the conqueror of Mahisha.

CHAUPAI 32

शुंभ निशुंभ हने छन माहीं ।
तुम सम जग दूसर कोउ नाहीं ॥

You slew Shumbha and Nishumbha in an instant; there is no one in the world like you.

CHAUPAI 33

मान मथनहारी खल दल के ।
सदा सहायक भक्त विकल के ॥

You crush the pride of the hosts of the wicked and always help devotees in distress.

CHAUPAI 34

दीन विहीन करै नित सेवा ।
पावै मनवांछित फल मेवा ॥

The verse says that the humble and destitute who serve you daily receive the reward they desire.

CHAUPAI 35

संकट में जो सुमिरन करहीं ।
उनके कष्ट मातु तुम हरहीं ॥

Those who remember you in trouble, Mother, you take away their suffering.

CHAUPAI 36

प्रेम सहित जो कीरति गावैं ।
भव बन्धन सों मुक्ती पावैं ॥

The verse says that those who sing your glory with love gain release from the bonds of worldly existence.

CHAUPAI 37

काली चालीसा जो पढ़हीं ।
स्वर्गलोक बिनु बंधन चढ़हीं ॥

The verse says that those who read the Kali Chalisa rise, free of bonds, to the heavenly world.

CHAUPAI 38

दया दृष्टि हेरौ जगदम्बा ।
केहि कारण मां कियौ विलम्बा ॥

Look upon me with a merciful glance, Mother of the world; why, Mother, have you delayed?

CHAUPAI 39

करहु मातु भक्तन रखवाली ।
जयति जयति काली कंकाली ॥

Mother, protect your devotees; victory, victory to Kali, Kankali.

CHAUPAI 40

सेवक दीन अनाथ अनारी ।
भक्तिभाव युति शरण तुम्हारी ॥

This servant is humble, without a protector and unskilled; with devotion, he takes refuge in you.

DOHA 2

प्रेम सहित जो करे, काली चालीसा पाठ ।
तिनकी पूरन कामना, होय सकल जग ठाठ ॥

The verse says that whoever recites the Kali Chalisa with love has every wish fulfilled and enjoys all the splendour of the world.

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