



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

LAKSHMI NARASIMHA KARAVALAMBA STOTRAM

Attributed to Adi Shankaracharya

Seventeen verses in the order most widely chanted today; the first sixteen close on the refrain and the last names Shankara as the poet.

VERSE 1

श्रीमत्पयोनिधिनिकेतनचक्रपाणे भोगीन्द्रभोगमणिराजितपुण्यमूर्ते ।
योगीश शाश्वत शरण्य भवाब्धिपोत लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O glorious one who dwells in the ocean of milk, holder of the discus, whose sacred form shines with the gems on the hoods of the serpent king; Lord of yogis, eternal refuge, boat across the ocean of worldly life: Lakshmi Narasimha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 2

ब्रह्मेन्द्ररुद्रमरुदर्ककिरीटकोटिसङ्घटिताङ्घ्रिकमलामलकान्तिकान्त ।
लक्ष्मीलसत्कुचसरोरुहराजहंस लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O lord radiant with the pure lustre of your lotus feet, against which press the crown tips of Brahma, Indra, Rudra, the Maruts and the Sun; royal swan among the lotuses of Lakshmi's bosom: Lakshmi Narasimha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 3

संसारदावदहनाकरभीकरोरुज्वालावलीभिरतिदग्धतनूरुहस्य ।
त्वत्पादपद्मसरसीरुहमागतस्य लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

My body is scorched by the fierce, wide flames of the forest fire of worldly life, and I have come to the lotus pool of your lotus feet: Lakshmi Narasimha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 4

संसारजालपतितस्य जगन्निवास सर्वेन्द्रियार्थबडिशग्रझषोपमस्य ।
प्रोत्कम्पितप्रचुरतालुकमस्तकस्य लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O refuge of the world, I have fallen into the net of worldly life, like a fish caught on the hook of the sense objects, my palate and head shaking violently: Lakshmi Narasimha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 5

संसारकूपमतिघोरमगाधमूलं सम्प्राप्य दुःखशतसर्पसमाकुलस्य ।
दीनस्य देव कृपया पदमागतस्य लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

I have fallen into the dreadful, bottomless well of worldly life, crowded with hundreds of serpents of sorrow; O Lord, I am helpless and have come to your feet through your grace: Lakshmi Narasimha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 6

संसारभीकरकरीन्द्रकराभिघातनिष्पीड्यमानवपुषः सकलार्तिनाश ।

प्राणप्रयाणभवभीतिसमाकुलस्य लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O remover of all suffering, my body is crushed by the blows of the trunk of the terrifying elephant of worldly life, and I am shaken by the fear of death and of rebirth: Lakshmi Narasimha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 7

संसारसर्पविषदिग्धमहोग्रतीव्रदंष्ट्राग्रकोटिपरिदष्टविनष्टमूर्तेः ।

नागारिवाहन सुधाब्धिनिवास शौरे लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

My form is ruined, bitten by the fierce, sharp, poison-smeared fangs of the serpent of worldly life; O rider of Garuda, dweller in the ocean of nectar, Shauri: Lakshmi Narasimha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 8

संसारवृक्षमघबीजमनन्तकर्मशाखायुतं करणपत्रमनङ्गपुष्पम् ।

आरुह्य दुःखफलितं पततो दयालो लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O compassionate one, I climbed the tree of worldly life, whose seed is sin, whose branches are endless deeds, whose leaves are the senses, whose flowers are desire and whose fruit is sorrow, and now I am falling: Lakshmi Narasimha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 9

संसारसागरविशालकरालकालनक्रग्रहसितनिग्रहविग्रहस्य ।

व्यग्रस्य रागनिचयोर्मिनिपीडितस्य लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

My body is seized by the terrible crocodiles and sea monsters of time in the vast, fearsome ocean of worldly life, and I am tossed and battered by its waves of attachment: Lakshmi Narasimha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 10

संसारसागरनिमज्जनमुह्यमानं दीनं विलोक्य विभो करुणानिधे माम् ।

प्रह्लादखेदपरिहारपरावतार लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O lord, ocean of compassion, look upon me, helpless and bewildered as I sink in the ocean of worldly life; you took form to end Prahlada's distress: Lakshmi Narasimha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 11

संसारघोरगहने चरतो मुरारे मारोग्रभीकरमृगप्रचुरार्दितस्य ।
आर्तस्य मत्सरनिदाघसुदुःखितस्य लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O Murari, I wander in the dreadful forest of worldly life, tormented by the many fierce beasts of desire, and I suffer in the burning heat of envy: Lakshmi Narasimha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 12

बद्ध्वा गले यमभटा बहुतर्जयन्तः कर्षन्ति यत्र भवपाशशतैर्युतं माम् ।
एकाकिनं परवशं चकितं दयालो लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

Where the servants of Yama tie my neck, threaten me again and again, and drag me away bound by hundreds of ropes of worldly life, I am alone, helpless and afraid; O merciful one, Lakshmi Narasimha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 13

लक्ष्मीपते कमलनाभ सुरेश विष्णो यज्ञेश यज्ञ मधुसूदन विश्वरूप ।
ब्रह्मण्य केशव जनार्दन वासुदेव लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O lord of Lakshmi, lotus-naved one, lord of the gods, Vishnu, lord of sacrifice, sacrifice itself, slayer of Madhu, whose form is the universe; protector of the virtuous, Keshava, Janardana, Vasudeva: Lakshmi Narasimha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 14

एकेन चक्रमपरेण करेण शङ्खमन्येन सिन्धुतनयामवलम्ब्य तिष्ठन् ।
वामेतरेण वरदाभयपद्मचिह्नं लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

You stand holding the discus in one hand and the conch in another, embracing the daughter of the ocean with another, while your right hand shows the boon-giving and fear-dispelling gestures marked with the lotus: Lakshmi Narasimha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 15

अन्धस्य मे हृतविवेकमहाधनस्य चोरैर्महाबलिभिरिन्द्रियनामधेयैः ।
मोहान्धकारकुहरे विनिपातितस्य लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

I am blind, robbed of the great wealth of discernment by the powerful thieves called the senses, and thrown into the dark pit of delusion: Lakshmi Narasimha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 16

प्रह्लादनारदपराशरपुण्डरीकव्यासादिभागवतपुङ्गवहृन्निवास ।

भक्तानुरक्तपरिपालनपारिजात लक्ष्मीनृसिंह मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥

O dweller in the hearts of Prahlada, Narada, Parashara, Pundarika, Vyasa and other great devotees; wish-granting tree who cares for those devoted to you: Lakshmi Narasimha, give me the support of your hand.

VERSE 17

लक्ष्मीनृसिंहचरणाब्जमधुव्रतेन स्तोत्रं कृतं शुभकरं भुवि शङ्करेण ।

ये तत्पठन्ति मनुजा हरिभक्तियुक्तास्ते यान्ति तत्पदसरोजमखण्डरूपम् ॥

This auspicious hymn was made on earth by Shankara, a bee at the lotus feet of Lakshmi Narasimha. The verse says that those who recite it with devotion to Hari reach his lotus feet, whose nature is undivided.

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