ASTROBHAVA

SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

Mantra for Success

Mahabharata and the Puranas

THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

Three single verses, then Arjuna's hymn to Durga printed whole with its five reward verses, as the Mahabharata gives them. The printed closing line is given at the end.

VERSE 1

अभिप्रेतार्थसिद्ध्यर्थं पूजितो यः सुरैरपि ।
सर्वविघ्नच्छिदे तस्मै गणाधिपतये नमः ॥

Salutation to Ganadhipati, the leader of the ganas, who cuts away every obstacle and whom even the gods worship so that the aim they desire may be accomplished.

VERSE 2

लाभस्तेषां जयस्तेषां कुतस्तेषां पराजयः ।
येषामिन्दीवरश्यामो हृदयस्थो जनार्दनः ॥

The verse says that gain and victory belong to those in whose heart dwells Janardana, dark as the blue lotus, and asks how such people could ever be defeated.

VERSE 3

यत्र योगेश्वरः कृष्णो यत्र पार्थो धनुर्धरः ।
तत्र श्रीर्विजयो भूतिर्ध्रुवा नीतिर्मतिर्मम ॥

Sanjaya says: wherever Krishna, the master of yoga, is, and wherever Arjuna, the bearer of the bow, is, there are fortune, victory, prosperity and steady right conduct. That is my conviction.

DURGA VERSE 1

नमस्ते सिद्धसेनानि आर्ये मन्दरवासिनि ।
कुमारि कालि कापालि कपिले कृष्णपिङ्गले ॥

Salutation to you, leader of the army of the perfected ones, noble one who dwells on Mandara; maiden, Kali, consort of Kapali, tawny one, dark and reddish-brown one.

DURGA VERSE 2

भद्रकालि नमस्तुभ्यं महाकालि नमोऽस्तु ते ।
चण्डि चण्डे नमस्तुभ्यं तारिणि वरवर्णिनि ॥

Bhadrakali, salutation to you; Mahakali, salutation to you. Chandi, fierce one, salutation to you, who carries devotees across danger, fair one of noble form.

DURGA VERSE 3

कात्यायनि महाभागे करालि विजये जये ।

शिखिपिच्छध्वजधरे नानाभरणभूषिते ॥

Katyayani, greatly blessed one, terrible one, giver of victory, victory itself; you who bear a banner of peacock feathers and are adorned with many ornaments.

DURGA VERSE 4

अट्टशूलप्रहरणे खड्गखेटकधारिणि ।

गोपेन्द्रस्यानुजे ज्येष्ठे नन्दगोपकुलोद्भवे ॥

You whose weapon is a mighty spear, who hold sword and shield; younger sister of the chief of cowherds, eldest one, born in the family of the cowherd Nanda.

DURGA VERSE 5

महिषासृक्प्रिये नित्यं कौशिकि पीतवासिनि ।

अट्टहासे कोकमुखे नमस्तेऽस्तु रणप्रिये ॥

You who are ever fond of the buffalo demon's blood, Kaushiki, clad in yellow; you of the loud laugh, of the wolf-like face, lover of battle, salutation to you.

DURGA VERSE 6

उमे शाकम्भरि श्वेते कृष्णे कैटभनाशिनि ।

हिरण्याक्षि विरूपाक्षि सुधूम्राक्षि नमोऽस्तु ते ॥

Uma, Shakambhari, white one, dark one, slayer of Kaitabha; golden-eyed one, one of many-formed eyes, one of smoke-coloured eyes, salutation to you.

DURGA VERSE 7

वेदश्रुति महापुण्ये ब्रह्मण्ये जातवेदसि ।

जम्बूकटकचैत्येषु नित्यं सन्निहितालये ॥

You who are the Veda and its hearing, most holy one, friend of sacred rites, knower of all that has been; you whose abode is ever present in the royal cities and shrines of Jambudvipa.

DURGA VERSE 8

त्वं ब्रह्मविद्या विद्यानां महानिद्रा च देहिनाम् ।

स्कन्दमातर्भगवति दुर्गे कान्तारवासिनि ॥

Among all kinds of knowledge you are the knowledge of Brahman, and for embodied beings you are the great sleep. Mother of Skanda, blessed one, Durga, dweller in the wild forest.

DURGA VERSE 9

स्वाहाकारः स्वधा चैव कला काष्ठा सरस्वती ।
सावित्री वेदमाता च तथा वेदान्त उच्यते ॥

You are called the offering-call svaha and svadha, the small measures of time kala and kashtha, Sarasvati, Savitri, the mother of the Vedas, and Vedanta.

DURGA VERSE 10

स्तुतासि त्वं महादेवि विशुद्धेनान्तरात्मना ।
जयो भवतु मे नित्यं त्वत्प्रसादाद्रणाजिरे ॥

O great Devi, you have been praised by me with a pure inner self. By your grace may victory always be mine on the field of battle.

DURGA VERSE 11

कान्तारभयदुर्गेषु भक्तानां चालयेषु च ।
नित्यं वससि पाताले युद्धे जयसि दानवान् ॥

You dwell always in wild forests, in fearful and hard places, in the homes of your devotees and in the netherworld; in battle you defeat the demons.

DURGA VERSE 12

त्वं जम्भनी मोहिनी च माया ह्रीः श्रीस्तथैव च ।
संध्या प्रभावती चैव सावित्री जननी तथा ॥

You are drowsiness and the sleep that bewilders, illusion, modesty and prosperity; you are twilight, the radiant one, Savitri and the mother.

DURGA VERSE 13

तुष्टिः पुष्टिर्धृतिर्दीप्तिश्चन्द्रादित्यविवर्धिनी ।
भूतिर्भूतिमतां सङ्ख्ये वीक्ष्यसे सिद्धचारणैः ॥

You are contentment, nourishment, steadiness and light, who make the moon and sun shine; you are the prosperity of the prosperous, and the Siddhas and Charanas behold you in contemplation.

DURGA PHALA SHRUTI 1

कृष्णार्जुनावेकरथौ दिव्यौ शङ्खौ प्रदध्मतुः ।
य इदं पठते स्तोत्रं कल्य उत्थाय मानवः ॥

Krishna and Arjuna, standing on one chariot, blew their divine conches. Whoever rises at dawn and recites this hymn…

DURGA PHALA SHRUTI 2

यक्षरक्षःपिशाचेभ्यो न भयं विद्यते सदा ।
न चापि रिपवस्तेभ्यः सर्पाद्या ये च दंष्ट्रिणः ॥

The verse says such a person never has fear from yakshas, rakshasas or pishachas, and that enemies, snakes and other fanged creatures do not threaten them.

DURGA PHALA SHRUTI 3

न भयं विद्यते तस्य सदा राजकुलादपि ।
विवादे जयमाप्नोति बद्धो मुच्यति बन्धनात् ॥

The verse says such a person has no fear even from the king's house, wins in disputes, and if bound is freed from bonds.

DURGA PHALA SHRUTI 4

दुर्गं तरति चावश्यं तथा चोरैर्विमुच्यते ।
संग्रामे विजयेन्नित्यं लक्ष्मीं प्राप्नोति केवलाम् ॥

The verse says such a person surely crosses every difficulty, is freed from thieves, is always victorious in battle, and gains fortune undivided.

DURGA PHALA SHRUTI 5

आरोग्यबलसंपन्नो जीवेद्वर्षशतं तथा ।
एतद्दृष्टं प्रसादात्तु मया व्यासस्य धीमतः ॥

The verse says such a person lives a hundred years with health and strength. Sanjaya adds: I have seen all this by the grace of the wise Vyasa.

CLOSING

इति श्रीमन्महाभारते भीष्मपर्वणि भगवद्गीतापर्वणि त्रयोविंशोऽध्यायः ॥

Thus ends the twenty-third chapter of the Bhagavadgita section of the Bhishma Parva in the glorious Mahabharata.

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