



SACRED HYMN · HINDI (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

RAM CHALISA

Haridasa (traditional)

Forty-six chaupais and two closing dohas, in the most widely printed wording.

CHAUPAI 1

श्री रघुबीर भक्त हितकारी ।
सुनि लीजै प्रभु अरज हमारी ॥

O Raghuvira, benefactor of devotees, Lord, please listen to our plea.

CHAUPAI 2

निशि दिन ध्यान धरै जो कोई ।
ता सम भक्त और नहीं होई ॥

Whoever meditates on you night and day - there is no devotee equal to him.

CHAUPAI 3

ध्यान धरें शिवजी मन मांही ।
ब्रह्मा, इन्द्र पार नहीं पाहीं ॥

Shiva meditates on you within his heart; even Brahma and Indra cannot reach the end of your glory.

CHAUPAI 4

दूत तुम्हार वीर हनुमाना ।
जासु प्रभाव तिहुं पुर जाना ॥

Your messenger is the hero Hanuman, whose might is known in all three worlds.

CHAUPAI 5

जय, जय, जय रघुनाथ कृपाला ।
सदा करो संतन प्रतिपाला ॥

Victory, victory, victory to you, compassionate Raghunatha; always protect the saints.

CHAUPAI 6

तुव भुजदण्ड प्रचण्ड कृपाला ।
रावण मारि सुरन प्रतिपाला ॥

Your mighty arms are fierce yet merciful; by slaying Ravana you protected the gods.

CHAUPAI 7

तुम अनाथ के नाथ गोसाईं ।
दीनन के हो सदा सहाई ॥

O Master, you are the protector of those who have no protector; you are always the helper of the lowly.

CHAUPAI 8

ब्रह्मादिक तव पार न पावैं ।
सदा ईश तुम्हरो यश गावैं ॥

Brahma and the other gods cannot fathom you; the Lord always sings your fame.

CHAUPAI 9

चारिउ वेद भरत हैं साखी ।
तुम भक्तन की लज्जा राखी ॥

The four Vedas bear witness that you have always guarded the honour of your devotees.

CHAUPAI 10

गुण गावत शारद मन माहीं ।
सुरपति ताको पार न पाहिं ॥

Sharada (Saraswati) sings your virtues in her heart; even Indra, lord of the gods, cannot reach your end.

CHAUPAI 11

नाम तुम्हार लेत जो कोई ।
ता सम धन्य और नहीं होई ॥

Whoever takes your name - no one else is as blessed as he.

CHAUPAI 12

राम नाम है अपरम्पारा ।
चारिहु वेदन जाहि पुकारा ॥

The name of Rama is boundless; the four Vedas proclaim it.

CHAUPAI 13

गणपति नाम तुम्हारो लीन्हो ।
तिनको प्रथम पूज्य तुम कीन्हो ॥

Ganapati took your name, and you made him the first to be worshipped.

CHAUPAI 14

शेष रटत नित नाम तुम्हारा ।
महि को भार शीश पर धारा ॥

Shesha constantly repeats your name and so bears the weight of the earth on his head.

CHAUPAI 15

फूल समान रहत सो भारा ।
पावत कोऊ न तुम्हरो पारा ॥

That weight rests on him as lightly as a flower; no one can find the end of your greatness.

CHAUPAI 16

भरत नाम तुम्हरो उर धारो ।
तासों कबहूँ न रण में हारो ॥

Bharata held your name in his heart, and so he was never defeated in battle.

CHAUPAI 17

नाम शत्रुहन हृदय प्रकाशा ।
सुमिरत होत शत्रु कर नाशा ॥

Your name shines in Shatrughna's heart; remembering it destroys enemies.

CHAUPAI 18

लखन तुम्हारे आज्ञाकारी ।
सदा करत सन्तन रखवारी ॥

Lakshmana, obedient to you, always guards the saints.

CHAUPAI 19

ताते रण जीते नहीं कोई ।
युद्ध जुरे यमहूँ किन होई ॥

Therefore no one can defeat him in battle, even if Yama himself should join the fight.

CHAUPAI 20

महालक्ष्मी धर अवतारा ।
सब विधि करत पाप को छारा ॥

Mahalakshmi, taking incarnation (as Sita), destroys sin in every way.

CHAUPAI 21

सीता राम पुनीता गायो ।
भुवनेश्वरी प्रभाव दिखायो ॥

She is sung of as the pure Sita of Rama; she showed the power of Bhuvaneshvari.

CHAUPAI 22

घट सों प्रकट भई सो आई ।
जाको देखत चन्द्र लजाई ॥

She appeared, coming forth from an earthen pot; the moon is put to shame on seeing her.

CHAUPAI 23

जो तुम्हरे नित पांव पलोतत ।
नवो निद्धि चरणन में लोटत ॥

She who daily presses your feet - at her feet the nine treasures roll.

CHAUPAI 24

सिद्धि अठारह मंगलकारी ।
सो तुम पर जावै बलिहारी ॥

The eighteen auspicious siddhis offer themselves to you in devotion.

CHAUPAI 25

औरहु जो अनेक प्रभुताई ।
सो सीतापति तुमहि बनाई ॥

Whatever other powers there are, O Lord of Sita, you have created them all.

CHAUPAI 26

इच्छा ते कोटिन संसारा ।
रचत न लागत पल की बारा ॥

By your mere wish crores of worlds are created, and it does not take you even a moment.

CHAUPAI 27

जो तुम्हरे चरणन चित लावै ।
ताकी मुक्ति अवसि हो जावै ॥

Whoever fixes his mind on your feet - the verse says his liberation is certain.

CHAUPAI 28

सुनहु राम तुम तात हमारे ।
तुमहि भरत कुल पूज्य प्रचारे ॥

Listen, Rama, you are our father; you made the line of Bharata honoured everywhere.

CHAUPAI 29

तुमहि देव कुल देव हमारे ।
तुम गुरु देव प्राण के प्यारे ॥

You are our god and our family deity; you are our guru, dear as life itself.

CHAUPAI 30

जो कुछ हो सो तुमहि राजा ।
जय जय जय प्रभु राखो लाजा ॥

Whatever there is, you are its king; victory, victory, victory, Lord - protect our honour.

CHAUPAI 31

राम आत्मा पोषण हारे ।
जय जय जय दशरथ के प्यारे ॥

Rama, nourisher of the soul; victory, victory, victory to the beloved of Dasharatha.

CHAUPAI 32

जय जय जय प्रभु ज्योति स्वरूपा ।
निर्गुण ब्रह्म अखण्ड अनूपा ॥

Victory, victory, victory, Lord whose form is light; you are the attributeless Brahman, undivided and incomparable.

CHAUPAI 33

सत्य सत्य जय सत्यव्रत स्वामी ।
सत्य सनातन अन्तर्यामी ॥

Truth, truth, victory to the Lord who is true to his vow; you are the eternal truth, the inner controller.

CHAUPAI 34

सत्य भजन तुम्हरो जो गावै ।
सो निश्चय चारों फल पावै ॥

The verse says whoever sings your devotional song in truth surely obtains the four aims of life.

CHAUPAI 35

सत्य शपथ गौरीपति कीर्हीं ।
तुमने भक्तिहि सब सिधि दीर्हीं ॥

Shiva, lord of Gauri, swore by truth that you have given every siddhi to your devotees.

CHAUPAI 36

ज्ञान हृदय दो ज्ञान स्वरूपा ।
नमो नमो जय जगपति भूपा ॥

O embodiment of knowledge, give knowledge to our hearts; salutations, salutations, victory to you, king and lord of the world.

CHAUPAI 37

धन्य धन्य तुम धन्य प्रतापा ।
नाम तुम्हार हरत संतापा ॥

Blessed, blessed are you, blessed is your glory; your name removes all suffering.

CHAUPAI 38

सत्य शुद्ध देवन मुख गाया ।
बजी दुन्दुभी शंख बजाया ॥

True and pure, you are praised by the mouths of the gods; drums resounded and conches were blown.

CHAUPAI 39

सत्य सत्य तुम सत्य सनातन ।
तुम ही हो हमरे तन-मन धन ॥

Truth, truth, you are the eternal truth; you alone are our body, mind and wealth.

CHAUPAI 40

याको पाठ करे जो कोई ।
ज्ञान प्रकट ताके उर होई ॥

The verse says that whoever recites this, knowledge dawns in his heart.

CHAUPAI 41

आवागमन मिटै तिहि केरा ।
सत्य वचन माने शिव मेरा ॥

His coming and going in births ends; Shiva holds this to be a true word.

CHAUPAI 42

और आस मन में जो होई ।
मनवांछित फल पावे सोई ॥

The verse says whatever other hope is in his mind, he obtains the fruit he desires.

CHAUPAI 43

तीनहुं काल ध्यान जो ल्यावै ।
तुलसी दल अरु फूल चढ़ावै ॥

Whoever meditates at the three times of day and offers tulsi leaves and flowers,

CHAUPAI 44

साग पत्र सो भोग लगावै ।
सो नर सकल सिद्धता पावै ॥

and offers vegetables and leaves as food - the verse says that person attains every accomplishment.

CHAUPAI 45

अन्त समय रघुबर पुर जाई ।
जहां जन्म हरि भक्त कहाई ॥

At the time of death he goes to the city of Raghubar (Rama), and wherever he is born he is called a devotee of Hari.

CHAUPAI 46

श्री हरिदास कहै अरु गावै ।
सो बैकुण्ठ धाम को पावै ॥

Sri Haridasa says and sings this; the verse says the one who sings it reaches the abode of Vaikuntha.

DOHA 1

सात दिवस जो नेम कर, पाठ करे चित लाय ।
हरिदास हरि कृपा से, अवसि भक्ति को पाय ॥

Whoever keeps the rule for seven days and recites with a focused mind - Haridasa says that by Hari's grace he surely gains devotion.

DOHA 2

राम चालीसा जो पढ़े, राम चरण चित लाय ।
जो इच्छा मन में करै, सकल सिद्ध हो जाय ॥

Whoever reads the Ram Chalisa with his mind fixed on Rama's feet - the verse says whatever wish is in his mind will be fulfilled.

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