



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

TULSI MANTRA

Attributed to the sage Pundarika

Fifteen verses: ten of praise, the verse naming Pundarika, three giving her sixteen names, and a closing salutation.

VERSE 1

जगद्धात्रि नमस्तुभ्यं विष्णोश्च प्रियवल्लभे ।
यतो ब्रह्मादयो देवाः सृष्टिस्थित्यन्तकारिणः ॥

Salutations to you, sustainer of the world and dear beloved of Vishnu, through whom Brahma and the other gods carry out creation, preservation and dissolution.

VERSE 2

नमस्तुलसि कल्याणि नमो विष्णुप्रिये शुभे ।
नमो मोक्षप्रदे देवि नमः सम्पत्प्रदायिके ॥

Salutations to you, Tulasi, the auspicious one; salutations, beloved of Vishnu, the gracious one. Salutations, goddess who grants liberation; salutations to you who bestow prosperity.

VERSE 3

तुलसी पातु मां नित्यं सर्वापद्भ्योऽपि सर्वदा ।
कीर्तितापि स्मृता वापि पवित्रयति मानवम् ॥

May Tulasi protect me always, at every time, from all misfortunes. The verse says that whether she is praised aloud or only remembered, she purifies a person.

VERSE 4

नमामि शिरसा देवीं तुलसीं विलसत्तनुम् ।
यां दृष्ट्वा पापिनो मर्त्या मुच्यन्ते सर्वकिल्बिषात् ॥

I bow my head to the goddess Tulasi, whose form shines with beauty. The verse says that on seeing her, even sinful mortals are freed from every wrong.

VERSE 5

तुलस्या रक्षितं सर्वं जगदेतच्चराचरम् ।
या विनिहन्ति पापानि दृष्ट्वा वा पापिभिर्नरैः ॥

This whole world, moving and unmoving, is protected by Tulasi. The verse says she destroys the sins of wrongdoers who merely look upon her.

VERSE 6

नमस्तुलस्यतितरां यस्यै बद्धाञ्जलिं कलौ ।
कलयन्ति सुखं सर्वं स्त्रियो वैश्यास्तथाऽपरे ॥

Salutations, again and again, to Tulasi. The verse says that in the Kali age, women, merchants and others who fold their hands to her obtain every happiness.

VERSE 7

तुलस्या नापरं किञ्चिदैवतं जगतीतले ।
यथा पवित्रितो लोको विष्णुसङ्गेन वैष्णवः ॥

On the face of the earth there is no deity higher than Tulasi, by whom the world is purified, just as a devotee of Vishnu is purified by closeness to Vishnu.

VERSE 8

तुलस्याः पल्लवं विष्णोः शिरस्यारोपितं कलौ ।
आरोपयति सर्वाणि श्रेयांसि वरमस्तके ॥

The verse says that in the Kali age, a sprig of Tulasi placed on the head of Vishnu places every blessing on the head of the one who offers it.

VERSE 9

तुलस्यां सकला देवा वसन्ति सततं यतः ।
अतस्तामर्चयेल्लोके सर्वान् देवान् समर्चयन् ॥

Since all the gods dwell in Tulasi at all times, one should worship her in this world; in doing so, the verse says, one worships all the gods.

VERSE 10

नमस्तुलसि सर्वज्ञे पुरुषोत्तमवल्लभे ।
पाहि मां सर्वपापेभ्यः सर्वसम्पत्प्रदायिके ॥

Salutations to you, Tulasi, all-knowing one, beloved of Vishnu the Supreme Person. Protect me from all sins, you who grant every kind of prosperity.

VERSE 11

इति स्तोत्रं पुरा गीतं पुण्डरीकेण धीमता ।
विष्णुमर्चयता नित्यं शोभनैस्तुलसीदलैः ॥

This hymn was sung long ago by the wise sage Pundarika, who worshipped Vishnu every day with beautiful Tulasi leaves.

VERSE 12

तुलसी श्रीमहालक्ष्मीर्विद्याविद्या यशस्विनी ।
धर्म्या धर्मानना देवी देवदेवमनःप्रिया ॥

Her names: Tulasi, Shri, Mahalakshmi, Vidya, Avidya, Yashasvini (the glorious), Dharmya (the righteous), Dharmanana (whose face is dharma), Devi, and the one dear to the heart of the God of gods.

VERSE 13

लक्ष्मीप्रियसखी देवी द्यौर्भूमिरचला चला ।
षोडशैतानि नामानि तुलस्याः कीर्तयन्नरः ॥

The dear friend of Lakshmi, the goddess, Dyau (the heavens), Bhumi (the earth), Achala (the steady) and Chala (the moving): a person who recites these sixteen names of Tulasi...

VERSE 14

लभते सुतरां भक्तिमन्ते विष्णुपदं लभेत् ।
तुलसी भूर्महालक्ष्मीः पद्मिनी श्रीहरिप्रिया ॥

...the verse says, gains deep devotion and at the end reaches the abode of Vishnu. Tulasi is the earth, Mahalakshmi, Padmini (the lotus one), Shri and the beloved of Hari.

VERSE 15

तुलसि श्रीसखि शुभे पापहारिणि पुण्यदे ।
नमस्ते नारदनुते नारायणमनःप्रिये ॥

O Tulasi, friend of Lakshmi, auspicious one, remover of sin and giver of merit: salutations to you, praised by Narada and dear to the heart of Narayana.

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