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ವಂದೇ ವಂದಾರುಮಂದಾರಮಿಂದಿರಾನಂದಕಂದಲಂ .
ಅಮಂದಾನಂದಸಂದೋಹಬಂಧುರಂ ಸಿಂಧುರಾನನಂ ..
ಅಂಗಂ ಹರೇಃ ಪುಲಕಭೂಷಣಮಾಶ್ರಯಂತೀ
ಭೃಂಗಾಂಗನೇವ ಮುಕುಲಾಭರಣಂ ತಮಾಲಂ .
ಅಂಗೀಕೃತಾಖಿಲವಿಭೂತಿರಪಾಂಗಲೀಲಾ
ಮಾಂಗಲ್ಯದಾಸಸ್ತು ಮಮ ಮಂಗಲದೇವತಾಯಾಃ .. 1..

The dark Tamala tree in full bloom attracts the female beetle and even so MahalakShmi is attracted and finds happiness in the fragrant and dark-complexioned body of Hari and makes it tingle with joy. May she bestow on me prosperity by her auspicious glance. Note: The poet in Shankara compares the dark Tamala tree to the dark beautiful form of Vishnu, the dark beetle to the black lustrous eyes of MahalakShmi. The glance of LakShmi's eyes on Vishnu gives him great happiness. A mere momentary flash of her eyes on anybody will bless him with prosperity.. 1 ..

ಮುಗ್ಧಾ ಮುಹುರ್ವಿದಧತೀ ವದನೇ ಮುರಾರೇಃ
ಪ್ರೇಮತ್ರಪಾಪ್ರಣಿಹಿತಾನಿ ಗತಾಗತಾನಿ .
ಮಾಲಾ ದೃಶೋರ್ಮಧುಕರೀವ ಮಹೋತ್ಪಲೇ ಯಾ
ಸಾ ಮೇ ಶ್ರಿಯಂ ದಿಶತು ಸಾಗರಸಂಭವಾಯಾಃ .. 2..

The shy love-laden sidelong glance of the beautiful dark eyes of the daughter of the Milky Ocean, returns again and again to the beautiful lotus face of Murari, just like the black bee constantly returning and flitting about the beautiful blue lotus flower. I pray that these

glances be bestowed upon me to bless me with prosperity.

Note: The dark beauteous face of the Lord is likened to the blue lotus. The dark glance rests upon the handsome face of the Lord and out of shyness the eyes are turned away but love again makes the glance rest upon the Lord. This series of sidelong glances are likened here to a string or Mala and they further look like the series of trips which the honey seeking black bee makes to the blue lotus. The devotee hopes taht he will be prosperous if a sidelong glance of the Goddess of Wealth falls at least momentarily on him... 2 ..

ಆಮೀಲಿತಾಕ್ಷಮಧಿಗಮ್ಯ ಮುದಾ ಮುಕುಂದಂ
ಆನಂದಕಂದಮನಿಮೇಷಮನಂಗತಂತ್ರಂ .

ಆಕೇಕರಸ್ಥಿತಕನೀನಿಕಪಕ್ಷ್ಮನೇತ್ರಂ

ಭೂತ್ಯೈ ಭವೇನ್ಮಮ ಭುಜಂಗಶಯಾಂಗನಾಯಾಃ .. 3..

The eyes of Mukunda remain closed in ecstasy. The beauteous dark eyes of LakShmi remain fixed on Mukunda in love and wonder and remain open without blinking. May these eyes of MahalakShmi fall on me and bless me with prosperity and happiness.. 3 ..

ಬಾಹ್ಷಂತರೇ ಮಧುಜಿತಃ ಶ್ರಿತಕೌಸ್ತುಭೇ ಯಾ
ಹಾರಾವಲೀವ ಹರಿನೀಲಮಯೀ ವಿಭಾತಿ .

ಕಾಮಪ್ರದಾ ಭಗವತೋಽಪಿ ಕಟಾಕ್ಷಮಾಲಾ

ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಮಾವಹತು ಮೇ ಕಮಲಾಲಯಾಯಾಃ .. 4..

Lord Vishnu whose chest is adorned by the Kaustubha Mala is also adorned by the series of the beauteous glances of Goddess MahalakShmi. This string of glances resembles a necklace of precious blue stones of Indraneela and they are capable of fulfilling all the wishes of Hari Himself. May this string of glances be directed towards me so that it will bring me auspiciousness.. 4 ..

ಕಾಲಾಂಬುದಾಲಿಲಲಿತೋರಸಿ ಕೈಟಭಾರೇಃ

ಧಾರಾಧರೇ ಸ್ಫುರತಿ ಯಾ ತಡಿದಂಗನೇವ .

ಮಾತುಸ್ಸಮಸ್ತಜಗತಾಂ ಮಹನೀಯಮೂರ್ತಿಃ

ಭದ್ರಾಣಿ ಮೇ ದಿಶತು ಭಾರ್ಗವನಂದನಾಯಾಃ .. 5..

MahalakShmi shining on the dark broad chest of Mahavishnu is like the streak of lightning illuminating the dark rain clouds. May she, the daughter of the Sage Bhargava worshipped as Mother by the entire universe, bring me auspiciousness.. 5 ..

ಪ್ರಾಪ್ತಂ ಪದಂ ಪ್ರಥಮತಃ ಖಲು ಯತ್ರೈಭಾವಾತ್
ಮಾಂಗಲ್ಯಭಾಜಿ ಮಧುಮಾಥಿನಿ ಮನ್ಮಥೇನ .
ಮಯ್ಯಾಪತೇತ್ತದಿಹ ಮಂಥರಮೀಕ್ಷಣಾರ್ಥಂ
ಮಂದಾಲಸಂ ಚ ಮಕರಾಲಯಕನ್ಯಕಾಯಾಃ .. 6..

The God of Love, Manmatha, could gain access to Madhusudana (the destroyer of the demon Madhu, i.e. Vishnu) only because he was favored with the blessing glance from MahalakShmi . May her auspicious indolent sideglance fall on me (May she bless me with prosperity by looking at me in passing at least for a moment .. 6 ..

ವಿಶ್ವಾಮರೇಂದ್ರಪದವಿಭ್ರಮದಾನದಕ್ಷಂ
ಆನಂದಹೇತುರಧಿಕಂ ಮುರವಿದ್ವಿಷೋಽಪಿ .
ಈಷನ್ನಿಷೀದತು ಮಯಿ ಕ್ಷಣಮೀಕ್ಷಣಾರ್ಥಂ
ಇಂದೀವರೋದರಸಹೋದರಮಿಂದಿರಾಯಾಃ .. 7..

The status of the king of kings or the exalted position of an Indra are given effortlessly by MahalakShmi by a mere momentary glance. Murari (Vishnu) who is supreme bliss itself is made happy by it. May this glance from the blue-lotus eyes of LakShmi fall on me for a moment at least. Note: The beautiful lotus eyes flashing momentarily on someone is capable of making him a king of kings or even an Indra. Murari the seat of all bliss is thrown into ecstasy by it. Will she not glance at me , even for a second?.. 7..

ಇಷ್ಟಾವಿಶಿಷ್ಟಮತಯೋಽಪಿ ಯಯಾ ದಯಾದ್ರ್ಫ-
ದೃಷ್ಟ್ಯಾ ತ್ರಿವಿಷ್ಟಪಪದಂ ಸುಲಭಂ ಲಭಂತೇ .
ದೃಷ್ಟಿಃ ಪ್ರಹೃಷ್ಟಕಮಲೋದರದೀಪ್ತಿರಿಷ್ಟಾಂ

ಪುಷ್ಪಿಂ ಕೃಷೀಷ್ಟ ಮಮ ಪುಷ್ಕರವಿಷ್ಟರಾಯಾಃ .. 8..

The higher worlds like Swarga which are difficult of attainment and for which great sacrifices like Ashwamedha are performed become easily attainable by the compassion filled look of the lotus eyes of MahalakShmi . May she look at me so that I may attain my heart's desires. .. 8 ..

ದದ್ಯಾದ್ಧಯಾನುಪವನೋ ದ್ರವಿಣಾಂಬುಧಾರಾಂ

ಅಸ್ಮಿನ್ನಕಿಂಚನವಿಹಂಗಶಿಶೌ ವಿಷಣ್ಣೇ .

ದುಷ್ಕರ್ಮಘರ್ಮಮಪನೀಯ ಚಿರಾಯ ದೂರಂ

ನಾರಾಯಣಪ್ರಣಯಿನೀನಯನಾಂಬುವಾಹಃ .. 9..

The dark rain clouds driven by the monsoon winds releases rain on the parched earth and quench the thirst of the Chataka bird and brings prosperity on the earth. In like manner may the dark eyes of MahalakShmi resembling the rain cloud wafted by the breeze of compassion release the rain of prosperity on this devotee of a Chataka bird stricken with the load of accumulated sins so that the sins are washed away and prosperity bestowed upon him.. 9 ..

ಗೀರ್ದೇವತೇತಿ ಗರುಡದ್ವಜಸುಂದರೀತಿ

ಶಾಕಂಭರೀತಿ ಶಶಿಶೇಖರವಲ್ಲಭೇತಿ .

ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಪ್ರಲಯಕೇಲಿಷು ಸಂಸ್ಥಿತಾಯೈ

ತಸ್ಯೈ ನಮಸ್ತಿಭುವನೈಕಗುರೋಸ್ತರುಣ್ಯೈ .. 10..

We offer obeisance to the Goddess MahalakShmi, the consort of Narayana, the preceptor of all the three worlds. She is variously known as Saraswati the Goddess of Learning, as Goddess LakShmi, the Divine consort of Mahavishnu, as Shakambhari or as Parvati the consort of Lord Maheshwara. Verily it is she who is playfully engaged in creation, protection and final destruction of the Universe.. 10 ..

ಶ್ರುತ್ಯೈ ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ಶುಭಕರ್ಮಫಲಪ್ರಸೂತ್ಯೈ

ರತ್ಯೈ ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ರಮಣೀಯಗುಣಾರ್ಣವಾಯೈ .

ಶಕ್ತೈ ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ಶತಪತ್ರನಿಕೇತನಾಯೈ

ಪುಷ್ಪೈಃ ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮವಲ್ಲಭಾಯೈ .. 11..

O Goddess as the very manifestation of the Vedas,
you grant the fruits of godd action. Beautiful in form like
Rati Devi you are the very ocean of superlatively
beautiful qualities. Having your abode in the beautiful
lotus of a hundred petals, you are Shakti personified.
O consort of Purushottama, You are the Goddess of
plenty. Please accept my obeisance .. 11 ..

ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ನಾಲೀಕನಿಭಾನನಾಯೈ
ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ದುಗ್ಧೋದಧಿಜನ್ಮಭೂಮೈಃ .
ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ಸೋಮಾಮೃತಸೋದರಾಯೈ
ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ನಾರಾಯಣವಲ್ಲಭಾಯೈ .. 12..

O Consort of Narayana! Whose face is as beautiful
as the lotus in bloom, I bow down to thee . Born
out of the milky ocean, along with the moon and the
Divine nectar, O Goddess! accept my pranams.. 12 ..

ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ಹೇಮಾಂಬುಜಪೀಠಿಕಾಯೈ
ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ಭೂಮಂಡಲನಾಯಿಕಾಯೈ .
ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ದೇವಾದಿದಯಾಪರಾಯೈ
ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ಶಾರ್ಙ್ಗಯುಧವಲ್ಲಭಾಯೈ .. 13..

I prostrate before you, O Goddess, who are seated
on the Golden Lotus, who is Goddess of the earth, the
consort of Narayana, compassionate to the Devas.. 13 ..

ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ದೇವೈಃ ಭೃಗುನಂದನಾಯೈ
ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ವಿಷ್ಣೋರುರಸಿ ಸ್ಥಿತಾಯೈ .
ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೈಃ ಕಮಲಾಲಯಾಯೈ
ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ದಾಮೋದರವಲ್ಲಭಾಯೈ .. 14..

My obeisance to you, O daughter of Bhrigu, consort
of Damadara. O LakShmi, seated on Lotus and adorning
the broad chest of Mahavishnu, my salutations to Thee.. 14 ..

ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ಕಾಂತ್ಯೈ ಕಮಲೇಕ್ಷಣಾಯೈ

ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ಭೂತ್ಯೈ ಭುವನಪ್ರಸೂತ್ಯೈ .

ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ದೇವಾದಿಭಿರರ್ಚಿತಾಯೈ

ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ನಂದಾತ್ಮಜವಲ್ಲಭಾಯೈ .. 15..

O Consort of Gopala, the son of Nanda, you are worshipped by the Devas. You are Jyoti incarnate, I prostrate before Thee. Your eyes are like lotus petals. You have created the world and you bestow prosperity. Please accept my salutations.. 15 ..

ಸಂಪತ್ಕರಾಣಿ ಸಕಲೇಂದ್ರಿಯನಂದನಾನಿ

ಸಾಮ್ರಾಜ್ಯದಾನವಿಭವಾನಿ ಸರೋರುಹಾಕ್ಷಿ . var ಸರೋರುಹಾಣಿ

ತ್ವದ್ವಂದನಾನಿ ದುರಿತೋದ್ಧರಣೋದ್ಯತಾನಿ

ಮಾಮೇವ ಮಾತರನಿಶಂ ಕಲಯಂತು ಮಾನ್ಯೇ .. 16..

May I always have the desire to prostrate before you because a pranam to you is capable of bestowing all prosperity and will bring happiness to all the senses. Worshipping O Lotus-eyed Goddess not only removes all miseries but it confers happiness and plenty.. 16 ..

ಯತ್ಕಟಾಕ್ಷಸಮುಪಾಸನಾವಿಧಿಃ

ಸೇವಕಸ್ಯ ಸಕಲಾರ್ಥಸಂಪದಃ .

ಸಂತನೋತಿ ವಚನಾಂಗಮಾನಸೈಃ

ತ್ವಾಂ ಮುರಾರಿಹೃದಯೇಶ್ವರಿಂ ಭಜೇ .. 17..

The devotee who worships your KatakSha (sidelong glance) is blessed with wealth and prosperity. To you, the queen who dominates the heart of Vishnu, my pranamas, through word, thought, and deed.. 17 ..

ಸರಸಿಜನಿಲಯೇ ಸರೋಜಹಸ್ತೇ

ಧವಲತಮಾಂಶುಕಗಂಧಮಾಲ್ಯಶೋಭೇ .

ಭಗವತಿ ಹರಿವಲ್ಲಭೇ ಮನೋಜ್ಞೇ

ತ್ರಿಭುವನಭೂತಿಕರಿ ಪ್ರಸೀದ ಮಹ್ಯಂ .. 18..

Seated on the lotus with the lotus flower in your hand, dressed in dazzling white and adorned with garlands and

sandalwood paste, you gladden our hearts. O Goddess,
the consort of Vishnu you who confer prosperity on all
the three worlds, please show compassion towards me.. 18 ..

ದಿಗ್ ಹಸ್ತಿಭಿಃ ಕನಕಕುಂಭಮುಖಾವಸೃಷ್ಟಿ-
ಸ್ವರ್ವಾಹಿನೀವಿಮಲಚಾರುಜಲಪ್ಲುತಾಂಗೀಂ .
ಪ್ರಾತರ್ನಮಾಮಿ ಜಗತಾಂ ಜನನೀಮಶೇಷ-
ಲೋಕಾಧಿನಾಥಗೃಹಿಣೀಮಮೃತಾಭಿಪುತ್ರೀಂ .. 19..

O mother of all the worlds, consort of Vishnu the lord of
the Universe, the Dig-gajas (the celestial elephants guarding
various directions) bathe you everyday with waters of the
Deva Ganga poured out from golden vessels. O daughter of
the milky ocean, I prostrate before Thee.. 19 ..

ಕಮಲೇ ಕಮಲಾಕ್ಷವಲ್ಲಭೇ ತ್ವಂ
ಕರುಣಾಪೂರತರಂಗಿತ್ಯೈರಪಾಂಗೈಃ .
ಅವಲೋಕಯ ಮಾಮಕಿಂಚನಾನಾಂ
ಪ್ರಥಮಂ ಪಾತ್ರಮಕೃತ್ರಿಮಂ ದಯಾಯಾಃ .. 20..

O Goddess LakShmi, consort of the Lotus-eyed
Mahavishnu, direct your gaze filled with compassion
at me, your devotee who am the poorest of the poor,
so that I may become the true recipient of the benefits
of your compassion.. 20 ..

ದೇವಿ ಪ್ರಸೀದ ಜಗದೀಶ್ವರಿ ಲೋಕಮಾತಃ
ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಗಾತ್ರಿ ಕಮಲೇಕ್ಷಣಜೀವನಾಥೇ .
ದಾರಿದ್ರ್ಯಭೀತಿಹೃದಯಂ ಶರಣಾಗತಂ ಮಾಂ
ಆಲೋಕಯ ಪ್ರತಿದಿನಂ ಸದಯೈರಪಾಂಗೈಃ .. 21..

O Goddess, controller of the Universe and protector
of the people, blessing with your limbs, and gazing with
your lotus-like eyes, forgive me. With my heart filled with
fear of poverty, I surrender myself wholly to you, that you
may watch over me every day with unbroken compassion.. 21 ..

ಸ್ತುವಂತಿ ಯೇ ಸ್ತುತಿಭಿರಮೀಭಿರನ್ವಹಂ
ತ್ರಯೀಮಯೀಂ ತ್ರಿಭುವನಮಾತರಂ ರಮಾಂ .

ಗುಣಾಧಿಕಾ ಗುರುತರಭಾಗ್ಯಭಾಗಿನೋ
ಭವಂತಿ ತೇ ಭುವಿ ಬುಧಭಾವಿತಾಶಯಾಃ .. 22..

Those who sing the praise of Mahalakshmi who
is the vedas personified, by these stotras everyday
will be blessed with all good qualities, unsurpassed
good fortune and powers of the intellect which will
earn praise from even the learned... 22 ..

.. ಇತಿ ಶ್ರೀಮಚ್ಚಂಕರಾಚಾರ್ಯಕೃತ
ಶ್ರೀ ಕನಕಧಾರಾಸ್ತೋತ್ರಂ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣಂ ..

Thus concludes the Kanakadhara Stotra,
composed by ParamaPujya Shankaracharya.

ಅಯಂ ಸ್ತವಃ ಸ್ವಾಮಿನಾ ಶಂಕರಭಗವತ್ಪಾದೇನ ಬ್ರಹ್ಮವ್ರತಸ್ಥೇನ ಕಾಲಟಿನಾಮ್ನಿ
ಸ್ವಗ್ರಾಮ ಏವಾಕಿಂಚನ್ಯಪರಿಖಿನ್ನಾಯಾ ದ್ವಿಜಗೃಹಿಣ್ಯಾ ನಿರ್ಧನತ್ವಮಾರ್ಜನಾಯ
ನಿರಮಾಯಿ . ತೇನ ಸ್ತವೇನ ಪ್ರೀತಾ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀವಿಪ್ರಂ ವಿಪುಲಧನದಾನೇನಾಪ್ರೀಣಯದಿತಿ
ಶಂಕರವಿಜಯತಃ ಸಮಾಧಿಗಮ್ಯತೇ, “ಸ ಮುನಿರ್ಮುರಜಿತ್ಕುಟುಂಬಿನೀಂ
ಪದಚಿತ್ರೈರ್ನವನೀತ ಕೋಮಲೈಃ ಂಅಧುರೈರೂಪತಸ್ಥಿವಾಂ- ಸ್ತವೈಃ”
ಇತ್ಯಾದಿನಾ .. ಏತೇ ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಾತುರಭ್ಯರ್ಥನಯಾ ಸ್ತವಮೇತಮತನಿಷತೇತಿ
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ತಥಾನುಶ್ರುತಂ .

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