
Shri LaxmI Dvadhanama or Bhadralakshmi Stotram or Laxmihridaya

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ஸ்ரீதுலாகாவேரிமாஹாதம்யே த்³வாவிம்ஸே⁵த்⁴யாயே ஸ்ரீக்ரு¹ஷ்ணேந
அர்ஜுநாயோபதி³ஷ்டம் லக்ஷ்மீஹ்ரு¹த்³யஸ்தோத்ரம் ।

ஸ்ரீதே³வீ ப்ரத²மம் நாம த்³விதீயம் அம்ரு¹தோத்³ப⁴வா ।
த்ரு¹தீயம் கமலா ப்ரோக்தா சதுர்த²ம் சந்த்³ரஸோப⁴நா ॥ 1 ॥

This hymn gives 12 names of Shri Laxmi. This first verse gives the names Shridevi, Amrutodbhava or one who was born in the ocean of nectar, Kamala or One who resides in the lotus and Chandrashobhana - one who is beautiful as the moon.

பஞ்சமம் விஷ்ணுபத்நீ ச ஷஷ்ட²ம் ஸ்ரீவைஷ்ணவீ ததா² ।
ஸப்தமந்து வராரோஹா அஷ்டமம் ஹரிவல்லபா⁴ ॥ 2 ॥

This verse gives the next four names as Vishnupatni - the consort of Vishnu, Shri vaishnavi - one who resembles Vishnu since She holds the conch, discus and the mace in Her hands, Vararoha - one who has beautiful limbs and Harivallabha - one who is ever dear to Shri Hari.

நவமம் ஸார்ங்கி³ணீ ப்ரோக்தா த்³ஸமம் தே³வதே³விகா ।
ஏகாத்³ஸம் மஹலக்ஷ்மீ: த்³வாத்³ஸம் லோகஸுந்த³ரீ ॥ 3 ॥

This verse give the last set of four names as Sharngini - one who holds the bow named Sharnga (just like Vishnu- since She is not different from Him), Devadevika - Goddess of devas, Mahalaxmi and lastly Lokasundari meaning one whose beauty will entrance the world.

ஸ்ரீ: பத்³மா கமலா முகுந்த்³மஹிஷீ லக்ஷ்மீ த்ரி¹லோகேஸ்வரீ

மா க்ஷீராப்தி⁴ஸுதா விரிஞ்சிஜநீ வித்³யா ஸரோஜாஸநா |
 ஸர்வாபீ⁴ஷ்டப²லப்ரதே³தி ஸததம் நாமாநி யே த்³வாத்³ஸ ப்ராத:
 ஸுத்³த⁴தரா: பட²ந்த்யபி⁴மதாந் ஸர்வாந் லப⁴ந்தே ஸுபா⁴ந் || 4 ||

The above verse gives twelve names of Laxmi Devi.

It says that one who recites the twelve names with a pure mind will have his wishes fulfilled.

Some refer to this as bhadralakShmIstava or sankshiptalakShmIhRidayastotra,

ப⁴த்³ரலக்ஷ்மீஸ்தவம் நித்யம் புண்யமேதச்ச²பா⁴வஹம் |
 காலே ஸ்நாத்வா⁵பி காவேர்யாம் ஜப ஸ்ரீவ்ரு³க்ஷஸந்நிதௌ³ ||

|| இதி ஸ்ரீலக்ஷ்மீ த்³வாத்³ஸநாமஸ்தோத்ரம் அத²வா
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As a proper reference, this occurs in tulAkAverImAhAtmya.

இத்யேதத் கோ³ஷ்பதி-ப்ரோக்தம் லக்ஷ்மீஹ்ரு³த்யமுத்தமம் |
 தௌலௌ ஸ்நாத்வா து காவேர்யாம் ஜபேத் ஸ்ரீவ்ரு³க்ஷஸந்நிதௌ⁴ ||

தௌலௌ ஸஹயோத்³ப⁴வா தீர்தே² ஸ்ரீரங்கே³ ஸ்நாநமாசரந் |
 ஜபேத் தத்கமலாஸ்தோத்ரம் ஸர்வாந் காமாந் அவாப்நுயாத் ||

Meaning: This great hymn was given by Brihaspati. This should be recited after taking bath in Kaveri river and while facing a bilva tree. If one recites this in holy city of Srirangm in the month of Tula (7th month in the solar calendar) after having a bath in Kaveri he will have his wishes fulfilled.

COMMENTS:- Our religion talks of innumerable deities. This may be said to cater to the differing tastes of people. People get attracted to different forms like Rama, Krishna, Laxmi, Siva etc., and start worshipping them. But our scriptures stress the fact that these diverse forms are only representations of one Supreme Being only. One may worship any form and get desired results granted from the one Supreme Being only. Bhagavat Gita (4-11) says this clearly.

யே யதா² மாம் ப்ரபத்³யந்தே தாம்ஸ்ததை²வ ப⁴ஜாம்யஹம் |
மம வர்த்மாநுவர்தந்தே மநுஷ்யா: பார்த² ஸர்வஸ: ||

Laxmi is a very popular form and is worshipped as Goddess of prosperity. We all need prosperity to have a good and comfortable life. This includes money to take care of the needs of the family and to provide for unexpected emergencies. We also have to provide for the rainy day. More importantly we should remember that our scriptures enjoin us to perform 5 sacrifices known as பஞ்சயஜ்ஞா: | To do these acquire money. So, there is nothing wrong in praying for wealth. But Laxmi is not merely the Goddess of prosperity and consort of Vishnu. The 108 names list (நாமாவளி:) says She is verily the Supreme Being and calls Her as ப்³ரஹ்மவிஷ்ணுஸரிவாத்மிகா or She is of the form of Brahma the creator, Vishnu and Shiva. So worshipping HER with devotion will confer on the worshipper not only prosperous life but much more. It will take him further on the spiritual ladder. He will gain spiritual wisdom that will result in emancipation or liberation. Krishna assures this in Gita (10-10 and 11).

தேஷாம் ஸததயுக்தாநாம் ப⁴ஜதாம் ப்ரீதியூர்வகம் |
த்³தா³மி பு³த்³தி⁴யோக³ம் தம் யேந மாமுபயாந்தி தே || 10 ||

தேஷாமேவாநுகம்பார்த²ம் அஹமஜ்ஞாநஜம் தம: |
நாஸயாம்யாத்மபா⁴வஸ்த:² ஜ்ஞாநத்³பேந பா⁴ஸ்வதா || 11 ||

He says that He will grant them the right knowledge of the truth of the Lord by means of which they will reach Him. He adds that moved by compassion for those devotees and dwelling in their inner-sense, He destroys the darkness of delusion born of ignorance with the bright flame of knowledge. What more can the worshipper desire? So, worshipping Laxmi or for that matter any form of God with the understanding that form represents the Supreme Being will confer all that one may need for the life here and the hereafter also. Because of tis reason hymns about Laxmi are many and are popular. The vedas


have the famous Shrisuktam and also Laxmihridayam. Then there are many lists of names or namavalis (நாமாவளி:) that contain 1008 or 108 names. There are shorter ones like this hymn. These are recited daily by the devotees. The great vaishnava acharya Shri Vedanta Desika says in his famous hymn Shri stuti (8) that anyone who chants the names gifted to us by the vedas they will not be afflicted by the fierce storm of samsara which is the consequence of great sins.


அஸ்யேஸாநா த்வமஸி ஜக³த: ஸம்ஸ்யந்தீ முகுந்த³ம்
லக்ஷ்மீ: பத்³மா ஜலதி⁴தநயா விஷ்ணுபத்நீந்தி³ரேதி |
யந்நாமாநி ஸ்ருதிபரிபணாயேவமாவர்தயந்தோ
நாவர்தந்தே து³ரித-பவந-ப்ரேரிதே ஜந்ம சக்ரே ||

The hymn given here is also known by the name Laxihridayam. The Agni Puranam says that the hymn was taught by Shri Krishna to Arjuna. By chanting this Arjuna was able to marry Subhadra without encountering problems.

இதி ஸ்ரீதுலாகாவே¹மாஹாத்மயே த்³வாவிம்ஸே⁵த்⁴யாயே ஸ்ரீக்ரு³ஷ்ணேந
அர்ஜுநாயோபதி³ஷ்டம் லக்ஷ்மீஹ்ரு³த்³ய ஸ்தோத்ரம் |

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