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Hymn to Shri Venkatesha for the support of his hand

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श्रीशेषशैलसुनिकेतन दिव्यमूर्ते

नारायणाच्युत उरे नलिनायताक्ष ।

लीलाकटाक्षपरिरक्षितसर्वलोक

श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥ १ ॥

O Shri Venkatesha, you who have your magnificent
abode on the Shesha Hills, you of the divine form,
Narayana, Achyuta, Hari, with eyes broad as
lotus petals, you who protect all the worlds
with a playful sidelong glance of your eyes,
give me the support of your hand. 1.

ब्रह्मादिवन्दितपदाम्बुज शङ्खपादौ

श्रीमत्सुदर्शनसुशोभितदिव्यहस्त ।

कारुण्यसागर शरण्य सुपुण्यमूर्ते

श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥ २ ॥

O Shri Venkatesha, whose lotus-like feet
Brahma and other gods worship, you with the
conch in your hand, whose divine hand is well
adorned with the Sudarshana discus, you ocean of
mercy, the refuge of all, embodiment of purity,
give me the support of your hand. 2.

वेदान्त-वेध भवसागर-कर्णधार

श्रीपद्मनाभ कमलार्चितपादपद्म ।

लोकैक-पावन परात्पर पापहारिन्

श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करालम्भम् ॥ ३ ॥

O Shri Venkatesha, who are to be comprehended from the Upanishads, who are the pilot for all to cross the ocean of worldly life, O Shri Padmanabha whose lotus-like feet Laxmi worships, who alone make the world a holy place, O you Vishnu who remove all sins, give me the support of your hand. 3.

लक्ष्मीपते निगमलक्ष्य निजस्वरूप
कामादिदोषपरिहारक बोधदायिन् ।
दैत्यादिमर्दन जनार्दन वासुदेव (दैत्यारिमर्दन)
श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करालम्भम् ॥ ४ ॥

O Shri Venkatesha, husband of Laxmi, whose innate nature is the theme of the Vedas, you who impart self-realization that takes away lust and other evils, who put down the Asuras and others of ill intent, O Janardana, Vasudeva, give me the support of your hand. 4.

तापत्रयं हर विभो रभसान्मुरारे
संरक्ष मां करुणया सरसीरुडाक्ष ।
मच्छिष्यमित्यनुद्दिनं परिरक्ष विषणो (मच्छिष्यमध्यनुद्दिनं)
श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करालम्भम् ॥ ५ ॥

O Shri Venkatesha, rid me fast of the three miseries (of spiritual, material, and supernatural origin) that afflict man, all-powerful Murare, in your compassion, you with eyes like the lotus, protect me; and, O Vishnu, considering me your disciple, protect me every day; and give me the support of your hand. 5.

श्रीजातद्वपनवरत्नसत्किरीट-
कस्तूरिकातिलकशोभिलवाटदेश ।
राडेन्दुभिम्भवदनाम्बुज वारिजाक्ष
श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करालम्भम् ॥ ६ ॥

O Shri Venkatesha, with the golden crown

glittering with the nine kinds of gems, with
your forehead adorned with the marking done
with the musk, you with the lotus-like face
resembling the moon at the full and eyes
like the lotus, give me the support of your hand. 6.

वन्दारुलोक-वरदान-वयोविलास
रत्नाढ्यदारुपरिशोभितकम्बुकण्ठ ।
केयूररत्न सुविभासि-दिगन्तराल
श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करवलयम्भम् ॥ ७ ॥

O Shri Venkatesha, whose gracious words bestow
the boons sought by the crowd praising your glories,
whose conch-like neck is adorned with a necklace
studded with precious stones, the bright gems on
whose shoulder ornament illumine the horizons of
the compass, give me the support of your hand. 7.

दिव्याङ्गदाङ्कितभुजङ्गय मङ्गलात्मन्
केयूरभूषण सुशोभितदीर्घभाडो ।
नागेन्द्र-कङ्कुणकरद्भयकामदायिन्
श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करवलयम्भम् ॥ ८ ॥

O Shri Venkatesha, you who have your upper
arms bedecked with bracelets, who are the spirit of
auspiciousness, who are adorned with shoulder ornaments,
who have the lords of the serpents for wristbands on
both your hands, who give (your devotees) all they
desire, give me the support of your hand. 8.

स्वामिन् जगद्दरुण वारिधिमध्यमग्न
मामुद्धारय कृपया करुणामयोधे ।
लक्ष्मीञ्च देहि मम धर्म समृद्धिहेतुं (देहि विपुलामृणवारुणाय)
श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करवलयम्भम् ॥ ९ ॥

O Shri Venkatesha, Lord, who support the
universe, ocean of compassion, I
pray, in your mercy, lift me up who am sunk in

the middle of the sea (of mundane pursuits);
also bestow on me the auspicious outlook which
is the basis for the accumulation of spiritual
merit, and give me the support of your hand. 9.

दिव्याङ्गरागपरिचरितकोमलाङ्ग
पीताम्बरावृततनो तरुणार्क भास
सत्यांयनाभपरिधान सुपत्तुभन्ध (सुपट्ट)
श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करवलम्बम् ॥ १० ॥

O Shri Venkatesha, whose handsome body is smeared
with a heavenly (coloring) powder and is covered with
a yellow cloth, whose brightness is like that of the
morning sun, who have Brahma (the Creator) in your navel,
and whose waist is tied with a cloth, give me the
support of your hand. 10.

रत्नाढ्यदामसुनिभङ्ग-कटि-प्रदेश
माण्डिष्यदर्पणसुसन्निभजानुदेश ।
जङ्घाद्रयेन परिमोक्षितसर्वलोक
श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करवलम्बम् ॥ ११ ॥

O Shri Venkatesha, who have your waist well-secured
with a band studded with gems, whose knees resemble mirrors
wrought of the ruby, who captivate the entire world by (the
beauty of) your feet, give me the support of your hand. 12.

लोकैकपावन-सरित्परिशोभिताङ्घ्रे (पावन लसत्परिशोभिताङ्घ्रे)
त्वत्पाददर्शनं दिने च ममाद्यमीश । (दिनेशमहाप्रसादात्)
उर्ध्वं तमश्च सकलं लयमाप भूमन्
श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम देहि करवलम्बम् ॥ १२ ॥

O Shri Venkatesha, whose feet are lustrous with
the river (Ganga) that purifies the universe, the
day I had sight of your feet, my sins and the
(spiritual) darkness in my heart were all
dissolved away, O sovereign Lord; give me the
support of your hand. 12.

कामादि-वैरि-निवडोऽभ्युत मे प्रयातः (निवडोऽप्रियता)

दारिद्र्यमध्यपगतं सकलं दयालो ।

दीनं च मां समवलोक्य दयार्द्रदृष्ट्या

श्रीवेङ्कटेश मम दैखि करवलम्बम् ॥ १३ ॥

O Shri Venkatesha, when you looked me over while I was in distress, with eyes full of compassion, all the enemies (to spiritual progress), lust, and other evil passions departed from me, and, merciful One, all my poverty vanished; give me the support of your hand. 13.

श्रीवेङ्कटेशपदपङ्कजषट्पदेन

श्रीमन्सिंहयतिना रचितं जगत्याम् ।

अेतत्पठन्ति मनुजाः पुरुषोत्तमस्य

ते प्राप्नुवन्ति परमां पदवीं मुरारेः ॥ १४ ॥


These verses were composed by the sannyasin Shriman Nrisinha, who was like a honey-bee hovering over the lotus feet of Shri Venkatesha. Those mortals who recite them will attain to the supreme world of Visnu. 14.

॥ एति श्री शङ्गेरि जगद्गुरुणा श्री नृसिंह भारति
स्वामिना रचितं श्रीवेङ्कटेश करवलम्ब स्तोत्रं सम्पूर्णम् ॥


Thus completes the Shri Venkatesha
Karavalamba Stotram composed by Shri
Nrisinha Bharati Svami, the Jagadguru of Sringeri.

Note: Among the 36 Jagadgurus, starting with Adi Shankaracharya, who have adorned the Shringeri Muth since it was founded twelve centuries ago, eight have had the name Nrisinha (Narasinha) Bharati. We do not know which of the eight is the author of this beautiful hymn.

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