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आवर्तपुर्यां जनिं प्रपद्ये पाण्ड्येशदेशे विद्धुं प्रपद्ये ।
शोणायलप्रस्थथरं प्रपद्ये भिक्षुं तपःकलेशसुं प्रपद्ये ॥ १ ॥

आब्रह्मकीटान्तसमं प्रपद्ये जितारिषडूर्गमहं प्रपद्ये ।
सर्वज्ञातासारभृतं प्रपद्ये निस्सीमकारुण्यनिधिं प्रपद्ये ॥ २ ॥

अस्मात्प्रपञ्चादधिकं प्रपद्ये विश्वाघिकोक्तोर्विषयं प्रपद्ये ।
कालत्राडत्राडभयापनुत्यै कृतान्तशिक्षाकृतिनं प्रपद्ये ॥ ३ ॥

विनेतुमार्तिं विषयाध्वज्यां विज्ञानमूर्तिं दधत् प्रपद्ये ।
कन्दर्पदर्पज्वरवारणाय कामारिवीलावतारं प्रपद्ये ॥ ४ ॥

आजन्मवर्णितिनं प्रपद्ये कुण्डलीभृतं दण्डधरं प्रपद्ये ।
ब्रह्मासनध्यानरतं प्रपद्ये ब्रह्मात्मभूयं यतिनं प्रपद्ये ॥ ५ ॥

डरं प्रपद्ये विजरं प्रपद्ये स्वतन्त्रतायाः सदनं प्रपद्ये ।
अमेयसामर्थ्यवहं प्रपद्ये विशुद्धविज्ञानिवरं प्रपद्ये ॥ ६ ॥

दौर्भाग्य तापत्रय कर्म मोह सन्तापहन्तारमहं प्रपद्ये ।
यथार्थसङ्कल्पमपेतपापमवाप्त कामं विशुच्यं प्रपद्ये ॥ ७ ॥

मनः प्रसादं भजतां ददानं मुग्धस्मितोल्वासिमुष्णं प्रपद्ये ।
व्यथामशेषां व्यपनीय मोदप्रदेन नाम्ना रमणं प्रपद्ये ॥ ८ ॥

शिवं प्रपद्ये शिवदं प्रपद्ये गुरुं प्रपद्ये गुणिनं प्रपद्ये ।
मदीयलृत्पद्मजुषं प्रपद्ये शरण्यामीशं शरणां प्रपद्ये ॥ ९ ॥

प्रपत्तिं रमणस्यैतां तन्वतां तत्त्वदर्शिनः
तत्कृतुन्यायरसिकाः तत्तादृशकृत्वाप्तये ॥ १० ॥

॥ इति श्रीजगदीश शास्त्री विरचितं प्रपत्यष्टकं सम्पूर्णम् ॥

Prapatti Ashtakam Eight Verses of Surrender

by Sri Jagadisa Sastri - Arunachala

Composed in praise of Ramana Maharshi, just at the eleventh hour when Jagadisha Shastri had been diagnosed with terminal stomach cancer.

It is said that Maharshi was so moved that he saved him then to live for a further 38 years.

Jagadeeswara Sastri (1894-1983) was a distinguished Sanskrit scholar, associated with Sri Ramana for four decades. A.R.Natarajan records that in 1945 Sastri got a terminal illness (stomach cancer) which did not respond to the best medical treatment. Sastri invoked Sri Ramana's grace, who had in some mysterious way a soft corner for him. A natural poet, Sastri surrendered to Sri Ramana composing eight exquisite pieces of poetry called Prapatti Ashtakam through which he poured out his heart. Sri Ramana was so moved that he saved him and pulled him out of the jaws of death, and blessed him with a long life for a further 38 years.

Prapatti Ashtakam Eight Verses of Surrender

1. To Him born in Tiruchuli, I surrender;
to Him who sported in Pandya country, I surrender;
to the dweller on Arunachala slopes, I surrender;
to the bhikshu unaffected by the rigors of tapas, I surrender.
2. To Him who is alike to all, from the Creator to the worm, I surrender;
to the subduer of the six passions, I surrender;
to the bearer of the essence of Knowledge, I surrender;
to the store of unbounded mercy, I surrender.
3. To Him who surpasses the universe, I surrender;
to Him whom the Vedas say to be the universe and more, I surrender;

to the chastiser of death in order to be rid of fear of the
all-devouring alligator Time, I surrender.

4. To the embodiment of Knowledge, who conquers the pain
of sensual life, I surrender;
to the enemy of Kama, come down in sport, to prevent the fevers
caused by proud Cupid, I surrender.
5. To the strictly life-long celibate, I surrender;
to the holder of kamandalu and staff, I surrender;
to Him that rests in dhyana on Brahmasana, I surrender;
to the Hermit at one with Brahman, I surrender.
6. To Hara, I surrender;
to the never-decaying, I surrender;
to the abode of independence, I surrender;
to Him of immeasurable skill, I surrender;
to the foremost of spotless knowers, I surrender.
7. To the dispeller of fever caused by ill luck, threefold ills,
delusion, and karma, I surrender;
to Him of true resolve, no taint, perfect contentment
and bliss, I surrender.
8. To the face of gentle smile that brings peace to the devotees, I surrender;
to RAMANA (Blessing), so named because, removing all pain,
He brings in joy, I surrender.
9. To Siva the bestower of bliss, the Master, the store of
all virtues, I surrender;
to the indweller of my heart-lotus, I surrender;
to the refuge and Lord, I surrender.
10. May all others also wisely surrender to Ramana,
in order to gain His qualities by His blessings.

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