
Shri LaxmI DvAdashanama or Bhadralakshmi Stotram or Laxmihridaya

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ಶ್ರೀತುಲಾಕಾವೇರೀಮಾಹಾತ್ಮ್ಯೇ ದ್ವಾವಿಂಶೇಽಧ್ಯಾಯೇ ಶ್ರೀಕೃಷ್ಣೇನ
ಅರ್ಜುನಾಯೋಪದಿಷ್ಟಂ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀಕೃದಯಸ್ತೋತ್ರಂ .

ಶ್ರೀದೇವೀ ಪ್ರಥಮಂ ನಾಮ ದ್ವಿತೀಯಂ ಅಮೃತೋದ್ಭವಾ .

ತೃತೀಯಂ ಕಮಲಾ ಪ್ರೋಕ್ತಾ ಚತುರ್ಥಂ ಚಂದ್ರಶೋಭನಾ .. 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.

ಪಂಚಮಂ ವಿಷ್ಣುಪತ್ನೀ ಚ ಷಷ್ಠಂ ಶ್ರೀವೈಷ್ಣವೀ ತಥಾ .

ಸಪ್ತಮಂತು ವರಾರೋಹಾ ಅಷ್ಟಮಂ ಹರಿವಲ್ಲಭಾ .. 2..

This verse gives the next four names as Vishnupatni - the
consort of Vishnu, Shrivaisnavi - 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.

ನವಮಂ ಶಾರ್ಙ್ಗಣೀ ಪ್ರೋಕ್ತಾ ದಶಮಂ ದೇವದೇವಿಕಾ .

ಏಕಾದಶಂ ಮಹಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀಃ ದ್ವಾದಶಂ ಲೋಕಸುಂದರೀ .. 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.

ಶ್ರೀಃ ಪದ್ಮಾ ಕಮಲಾ ಮುಕುಂದಮಹಿಷೀ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ತ್ರಿಲೋಕೇಶ್ವರೀ

ಮಾ ಕ್ಷೀರಾಭಿಸುತಾ ವಿರಿಂಚಿಜನನೀ ವಿದ್ಯಾ ಸರೋಜಾಸನಾ .

ಸರ್ವಾಭೀಷ್ಟಫಲಪ್ರದೇತಿ ಸತತಂ ನಾಮಾನಿ ಯೇ ದ್ವಾದಶ ಪ್ರಾತಃ

ಶುದ್ಧತರಾಃ ಪರಂತ್ಯಭಿಮತಾನ್ ಸರ್ವಾನ್ ಲಭಂತೇ ಶುಭಾನ್ .. 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 bhadralakshmi or sankshiptalakshmi or bhadrastotra,

ಭದ್ರಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀಸ್ತವಂ ನಿತ್ಯಂ ಪುಣ್ಯಮೇತಚ್ಛುಭಾವಹಂ .

ಕಾಲೇ ಸ್ನಾತ್ವಾಪಿ ಕಾವೇರ್ಯಾಂ ಜಪ ಶ್ರೀವೃಕ್ಷಸನ್ನಿಧೌ ..

.. ಇತಿ ಶ್ರೀಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ದ್ವಾದಶನಾಮಸ್ತೋತ್ರಂ ಅಥವಾ

ಶ್ರೀಭದ್ರಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀಸ್ತವಂ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣಂ ..

As a proper reference, this occurs in tulAkAverImAhAtmya.

ಇತ್ಯೇತತ್ ಗೋಷ್ಠತಿ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ತಂ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀಹೃದಯಮುತ್ತಮಂ .

ತೌಲಾ ಸ್ನಾತ್ವಾ ತು ಕಾವೇರ್ಯಾಂ ಜಪೇತ್ ಶ್ರೀವೃಕ್ಷಸನ್ನಿಧೌ ..

ತೌಲಾ ಸಹ್ಯೋದ್ಭವಾ ತೀರ್ಥೇ ಶ್ರೀರಂಗೇ ಸ್ನಾನಮಾಚರನ್ .

ಜಪೇತ್ ತತ್ಕಮಲಾಸ್ತೋತ್ರಂ ಸರ್ವಾನ್ ಕಾಮಾನ್ ಅವಾಪ್ನುಯಾತ್ ..

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.

ಯೇ ಯಥಾ ಮಾಂ ಪ್ರಪದ್ಯಂತೇ ತಾಂಸ್ತಥೈವ ಭಜಾಮ್ಯಹಂ .

ಮಮ ವತ್ಸ್ಯಾನುವರ್ತಂತೇ ಮನುಷ್ಯಾಃ ಪಾರ್ಥ ಸರ್ವಶಃ ..

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 ಪಂಚಯಜ್ಞಾಃ. 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 (ನಾಮಾವಲಿಃ) says She is verily the Supreme Being and calls Her as ಬ್ರಹ್ಮವಿಷ್ಣುಶಿವಾತ್ಮಿಕಾ 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).

ತೇಷಾಂ ಸತತಯುಕ್ತಾನಾಂ ಭಜತಾಂ ಪ್ರೀತಿಪೂರ್ವಕಂ .
ದದಾಮಿ ಬುದ್ಧಿಯೋಗಂ ತಂ ಯೇನ ಮಾಮುಪಯಾಂತಿ ತೇ .. 10..
ತೇಷಾಮೇವಾನುಕಂಪಾರ್ಥಂ ಅಹಮಜ್ಞಾನಜಂ ತಮಃ .
ನಾಶಯಾಮ್ಯಾತ್ಮಭಾವಸ್ಥಃ ಜ್ಞಾನದೀಪೇನ ಭಾಸ್ವತಾ .. 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 compaasion 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 (ನಾಮಾವಲಿಃ) 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.


ಅನ್ಯೇಶಾನಾ ತ್ವಮಸಿ ಜಗತಃ ಸಂಶ್ರಯಂತೀ ಮುಕುಂದಂ
ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀಃ ಪದ್ಮಾ ಜಲಧಿತನಯಾ ವಿಷ್ಣುಪತ್ನೀಂದಿರೇತಿ .
ಯನ್ನಾಮಾನಿ ಶ್ರುತಿಪರಿಪಣಾನ್ಯೇವಮಾವರ್ತಯಂತೋ
ನಾವರ್ತಂತೇ ದುರಿತ-ಪವನ-ಪ್ರೇರಿತೇ ಜನ್ಮ ಚಕ್ರೇ ..


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.

ಇತಿ ಶ್ರೀತುಲಾಕಾವೇರೀಮಾಹಾತ್ಮ್ಯೇ ದ್ವಾವಿಂಶೇಽಧ್ಯಾಯೇ ಶ್ರೀಕೃಷ್ಣೇನ
ಅರ್ಜುನಾಯೋಪದಿಷ್ಟಂ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀಹೃದಯ ಸ್ತೋತ್ರಂ .

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