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Hymn to Shri Venkatesha for the support of his hand

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ಶ್ರೀಶೇಷಶೈಲಸುನಿಕೇತನ ದಿವ್ಯಮೂರ್ತೇ  
ನಾರಾಯಣಾಚ್ಯುತ ಹರೇ ನಲಿನಾಯತಾಕ್ಷ .  
ಲೀಲಾಕಟಾಕ್ಷಪರಿರಕ್ಷಿತಸರ್ವಲೋಕ  
ಶ್ರೀವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಂಬಂ .. 1..

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.

ಬ್ರಹ್ಮಾದಿವಂದಿತಪದಾಂಬುಜ ಶಂಖಪಾಣೇ  
ಶ್ರೀಮತ್ಪದಾರ್ಪನಸುಶೋಭಿತದಿವ್ಯಹಸ್ತ .  
ಕಾರುಣ್ಯಸಾಗರ ಶರಣ್ಯ ಸುಪುಣ್ಯಮೂರ್ತೇ  
ಶ್ರೀವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಂಬಂ .. 2..

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.

ವೇದಾಂತ-ವೇದ್ಯ ಭವಸಾಗರ-ಕರ್ಣಧಾರ  
ಶ್ರೀಪದ್ಮನಾಭ ಕಮಲಾರ್ಚಿತಪಾದಪದ್ಮ .  
ಲೋಕೈಕ-ಪಾವನ ಪರಾತ್ಪರ ಪಾಪಹಾರಿನ್  
ಶ್ರೀವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಂಬಂ .. 3..

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.

ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀಪತೇ ನಿಗಮಲಕ್ಷ್ಯ ನಿಜಸ್ವರೂಪ  
ಕಾಮಾದಿದೋಷಪರಿಹಾರಕ ಬೋಧದಾಯಿನ್ .  
ದೈತ್ಯಾದಿಮರ್ದನ ಜನಾರ್ದನ ವಾಸುದೇವ (ದೈತ್ಯಾರಿಮರ್ದನ)  
ಶ್ರೀವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಂಬಂ .. 4..

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.

ತಾಪತ್ರಯಂ ಹರ ವಿಭೋ ರಭಸಾನ್ಮುರಾರೇ  
ಸಂರಕ್ಷ ಮಾಂ ಕರುಣಯಾ ಸರಸೀರುಹಾಕ್ಷ .  
ಮಚ್ಛಿಷ್ಯಮಿತ್ಯನುದಿನಂ ಪರಿರಕ್ಷ ವಿಷ್ಣೋ (ಮಚ್ಛಿಷ್ಯಮಪ್ಯನುದಿನಂ)  
ಶ್ರೀವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಂಬಂ .. 5..

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.

ಶ್ರೀಜಾತರೂಪನವರತ್ನಲಸತ್ಕಿರೀಟ-  
ಕಸ್ತೂರಿಕಾತಿಲಕಶೋಭಿಲಲಾಟದೇಶ .  
ರಾಕೇಂದುಬಿಂಬವದನಾಂಬುಜ ವಾರಿಜಾಕ್ಷ  
ಶ್ರೀವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಂಬಂ .. 6..

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.

ವಂದಾರುಲೋಕ-ವರದಾನ-ವಚೋವಿಲಾಸ  
ರತ್ನಾಡ್ಯಹಾರಪರಿಶೋಭಿತಕಂಬುಕಂಠ .  
ಕೇಯೂರರತ್ನ ಸುವಿಭಾಸಿ-ದಿಗಂತರಾಲ  
ಶ್ರೀವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಂಬಂ .. 7..

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.

ದಿವ್ಯಾಂಗದಾಂಕಿತಭುಜದ್ವಯ ಮಂಗಲಾತ್ಮನ್  
ಕೇಯೂರಭೂಷಣ ಸುಶೋಭಿತದೀರ್ಘಬಾಹೋ .  
ನಾಗೇಂದ್ರ-ಕಂಕಣಕರದ್ವಯಕಾಮದಾಯಿನ್  
ಶ್ರೀವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಂಬಂ .. 8..

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.

ಸ್ವಾಮಿನ್ ಜಗದ್ಧರಣ ವಾರಿಧಿಮಧ್ಯಮಗ್ನ  
ಮಾಮುದ್ಧಾರಯ ಕೃಪಯಾ ಕರುಣಾಪಯೋಧೇ .  
ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀರಂಜ್ಯ ದೇಹಿ ಮಮ ಧರ್ಮ ಸಮೃದ್ಧಿಹೇತುಂ (ದೇಹಿ ವಿಪುಲಾಮೃಣವಾರಣಾಯ)  
ಶ್ರೀವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಂಬಂ .. 9..

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.

ದಿವ್ಯಾಂಗರಾಗಪರಿಚರ್ಚಿತಕೋಮಲಾಂಗ  
ಪೀತಾಂಬರಾವೃತತನೋ ತರುಣಾರ್ಕ ಭಾಸ  
ಸತ್ಯಾಂಜನಾಭಪರಿಧಾನ ಸುಪತ್ತುಬಂಧ (ಸುಪಟ್ಟು)  
ಶ್ರೀವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಂಬಂ .. 10..

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.

ರತ್ನಾಡ್ಯದಾಮಸುನಿಬದ್ಧ-ಕಟಿ-ಪ್ರದೇಶ  
ಮಾಣಿಕ್ಯದರ್ಪಣಸುಸನ್ನಿಭಜಾನುದೇಶ .  
ಜಂಘಾದ್ವಯೇನ ಪರಿಮೋಹಿತಸರ್ವಲೋಕ  
ಶ್ರೀವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಂಬಂ .. 11..

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.

ಲೋಕೈಕಪಾವನ-ಸರಿತ್ವರಿಶೋಭಿತಾಂಘ್ರೇ (ಪಾವನ ಲಸತ್ವರಿಶೋಭಿತಾಂಘ್ರೇ)  
ತ್ವತ್ಪಾದದರ್ಶನ ದಿನೇ ಚ ಮಮಾಘಮೀಶ . (ದಿನೇಶಮಹಾಪ್ರಸಾದಾತ್)  
ಹಾರ್ದಂ ತಮಶ್ಚ ಸಕಲಂ ಲಯಮಾಪ ಭೂಮನ್  
ಶ್ರೀವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಂಬಂ .. 12..

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.

ಕಾಮಾದಿ-ವೈರಿ-ನಿವಹೋಚ್ಚುತ ಮೇ ಪ್ರಯಾತಃ (ನಿವಹೋಽಪ್ರಿಯತಾಂ)

ದಾರಿದ್ರ್ಯಮಪ್ಯಪಗತಂ ಸಕಲಂ ದಯಾಲೋ .  
ದೀನಂ ಚ ಮಾಂ ಸಮವಲೋಕ್ಯ ದಯಾರ್ಥದೃಷ್ಟ್ಯಾ  
ಶ್ರೀವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಂಬಂ .. 13..

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.

ಶ್ರೀವೇಂಕಟೇಶಪದಪಂಕಜಷಟ್ಪದೇನ  
ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮೃಸಿಂಹಯತಿನಾ ರಚಿತಂ ಜಗತ್ತ್ಯಾಂ .  
ಏತತ್ಪಠಂತಿ ಮನುಜಾಃ ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮಸ್ಯ  
ತೇ ಪ್ರಾಪ್ನುವಂತಿ ಪರಮಾಂ ಪದವೀಂ ಮುರಾರೇಃ .. 14..

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.

.. ಇತಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಶೃಂಗೇರಿ ಜಗದ್ಗುರುಣಾ ಶ್ರೀ ನೃಸಿಂಹ ಭಾರತಿ  
ಸ್ವಾಮಿನಾ ರಚಿತಂ ಶ್ರೀವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಕರಾವಲಂಬ ಸ್ತೋತ್ರಂ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣಂ ..  
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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