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Hymn to Shri Venkatesha for the support of his hand

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श्री शेषशैल सुनिकेतन दिव्यमूर्ते
नारायणाच्युत हरे नलिनायताक्ष ।
लीलाकटाक्ष परिरक्षित सर्वलोक
श्री वेङ्कटेश 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 शङ्खपाणे
श्रीमत्सुदर्शन सुशोभित दिव्यहस्त ।
कारुण्यसागर शरण्य सुपुण्यमूर्ते
श्री वेङ्कटेश 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-वेद्य भवसागर-कर्णधार
श्रीपद्मनाभ कमलार्चितपादपद्म ।
लोकैक-पावन परात्पर पापहारिन्
श्री वेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥ 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
कामादिदोष परिहारक बोधदायिन् ।
दैत्यादिमर्दन जनार्दन वासुदेव
श्री वेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥ 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 रभसा मुरारे
संरक्ष मां करुणया सरसीरुहाक्ष ।
मच्छिष्यमित्यनुदिनं परिरक्ष विष्णो
श्री वेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥ 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.

श्री जातरूपनवरत्न लसत्किरीट-
कस्तूरिकातिलकशोभिललाटदेश ।
राकेन्दुबिम्ब वदनाम्बुज वारिजाक्ष
श्री वेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥ 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-वचोविलास
रत्नाढ्यहार परिशोभित कम्बुकण्ठ ।
केयूररत्न सुविभासि-दिगन्तराल

श्री वेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥ 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.

दिव्याङ्गदाङ्कित भुजद्वय मङ्गलात्मन्
केयूरभूषण सुशोभित दीर्घबाहो ।

नागेन्द्र-कङ्कण करद्वय कामदायिन्

श्री वेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥ 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 जगद्धरणवारिधिमध्यमग्न

मामुद्धारय कृपया करुणापयोधे ।

लक्ष्मींश्च देहि मम धर्म समृद्धिहेतुं

श्री वेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥ 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.

दिव्याङ्गरागपरिचर्चित कोमलाङ्ग

पीताम्बरावृततनो तरुणार्क भास

सत्यांच नाभ परिधान सुपत्तु बन्ध

श्री वेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥ 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.

रत्नाढ्यदाम सुनिबद्ध-कटि-प्रदेश

माणिक्यदर्पण सुसन्निभ जानुदेश ।

जङ्घाद्वयेन परिमोहित सर्वलोक

श्री वेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥ 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-सरित्परिशोभिताङ्गे

त्वत्पाददर्शन दिने च ममाघमीश ।

हार्दं तमश्च सकलं लयमाप भूमन्

श्री वेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥ 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-निवहोच्युत मे प्रयातः

दारिद्र्यमप्यपगतं सकलं दयालो ।

दीनं च मां समवलोक्य दयाद्रं दृष्ट्या

श्री वेङ्कटेश मम देहि करावलम्बम् ॥ 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.

श्री वेङ्कटेश पदपङ्कज षट्पदेन

श्रीमन्नृसिंहयतिना रचितं जगत्याम् ।

ये तत्पठन्ति 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.

॥ इति श्री शृङ्गेरि जगद्गुरुणा श्री नृसिंह भारति
स्वामिना रचितं श्री वेङ्कटेश करावलम्ब स्तोत्रं सम्पूर्णम् ॥

Thus is complete 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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