

SRI GURU KARTIKEYA STUTI

श्री गुरु कार्तिकेय स्तुति

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1. निराकाराकारं भवभयहरं सुन्दरवरं
सुराणां दातारं दितिसुतभयाद् रक्षणं परम् ।
मनुष्याणां हर्तुं निरलस सदा तापत्रिविधात्
सदा सुब्रह्मण्यं भज सुमनसा कार्तिक गुरुम् ॥

Worship always with devoted mind Subrahmanya, known as Guru Kartikeya, who is essentially formless, who robs the fear of samsara (cycle of births and deaths), who is the most handsome, who offered supreme protection to Devas from the fear of Asuras (sons of Diti), and who always removes the three types of misery of humans fervently.

The three types of human miseries (Tapatraya) are: Adidaivic- from natural occurrences like floods; Adibhoutic- from other living beings; Adhyatmic- from one's own mind.

2. निराभासो देवो भवति च सदोद्भासनपरः
सुभक्तानां शुद्धे हृदयविवरे नित्य सरले ।
अहोरात्रः तस्मात् विषयविभवात् शक्तिरहितः
सदा सुब्रह्मण्यं भज सुमनसा कार्तिक गुरुम् ॥

Subrahmanya cannot be visualized with the fleshy eyes. He is the Deva, who ever shines with supreme brilliance in the pure heart-cavity of good and straightforward devotees. Hence detach yourself day and night from mundane glories, which rob you of power, and worship always with devoted mind Subrahmanya, known as Guru Kartikeya.

3. न सा ऋद्धिः सिद्धिः सुखयति विना शक्तिनिचयः
यतः शक्तो दैत्यो वशयति सुरान् वीर्यरहितान् ।
अतो देवाः क्लिष्टाः शरणं-उपयान्त्येव बलिनं
सदा सुब्रह्मण्यं भज सुमनसा कार्तिक गुरुम् ॥

The powerful Asura tormented the Devas devoid of strength, whom the prosperity and powers (of Swarga) could not delight in the absence of energy. The tormented Devas took refuge in Subrahmanya, the strong force. Worship always with devoted mind Subrahmanya, known as Guru Kartikeya.

4. कलौ काले दुष्टे कलिमलगते भीति परमे
सदा तप्ता लोका निरतिशय दुःखैः परिवृताः ।
बलं वीर्यं विद्यामतिरपि च शक्तिः सहभुवं
सदा सुब्रह्मण्यं भज सुमनसा कार्तिक गुरुम् ॥

In this wicked, impurity-ridden and supremely fearful Kali yuga, the worlds are always roasted in unsurpassed miseries. Worship always with devoted mind Subrahmanya, known as Guru Kartikeya, the very form of strength, valour, knowledge, intellect and power.

5. गुणे ज्येष्ठः श्रेष्ठापि सकल सुशास्त्रः सुविदितः
अतः सेनाध्यक्षो भवति सुरकल्याण-मनसा ।
स आचार्यो भूत्वा निरवधि-सुसंपालयतु नः
सदा सुब्रह्मण्यं भज सुमनसा कार्तिक गुरुम् ॥

Subrahmanya is the best among Devas in merit as well as mastery of Sastras; hence he became the commander-in-chief of Devas with a mind of benediction. May he be the Acharya of all of us and protect us in all ways. Worship always with devoted mind Subrahmanya, known as Guru Kartikeya.

6. महात्यागी ज्ञानी शिवसुतनयो नित्य विरजो
जगद्रक्षाकामो बहुविधप्रयासे प्रयतवान् ।
अलक्षोऽज्ञानः सन् चिरवसति लोकेऽविदितवत्
सदा सुब्रह्मण्यं भज सुमनसा कार्तिक गुरुम् ॥

Subrahmanya is a great renouncer and wise master; he is the coveted son of Siva and is ever free from impurity. He is engaged in many kinds of efforts with the desire of protecting the world. He is ever present in this world, but unseen and unknown to the ignorant and wicked people. Hence worship always with devoted mind Subrahmanya, known as Guru Kartikeya.

7. वयं शिष्याः सर्वे तपसि निरताः शुद्धहृदयाः
परं मोहग्रस्ता अविदिततया सारग्रहणे ।
अतोऽस्माकं श्रेयः कुरुत सदयो यच्छिवमयः
सदा सुब्रह्मण्यं भज सुमनसा कार्तिक गुरुम् ॥

Subrahmanya, we are all your disciples and we are engaged in penance with pure hearts. But we are deluded owing to lack of discrimination in absorbing the right essence. Hence o embodiment of auspiciousness! kindly do what is in our best interest with compassion. Worship always with devoted mind Subrahmanya, known as Guru Kartikeya.

8. न विद्या- संयुक्ता न च गुण गरिम्णापि सहिताः

यथा बालो मूढो विकलवचसा वेदयति वै ।

वयं तादृक् मुग्धा विगलित हृदा याम शरणं

महात्मानं वन्दे त्रिभुवनपतिं कार्तिक गुरुम् ॥

We do not possess knowledge, or weighty qualities. Just as the ignorant child expresses his wish in imperfect words, we, the ignorant people, take refuge in you with broken heart and worship you, Guru Kartikeya, the lord of three worlds.

9. निराकाराखण्डो निधिसम तपस नांजनयुतः

स यत सभ्योऽस्यासीत् चरणगिरिनाम्ना परिचितः ।

यथा योग्यं स्तोत्रं विगलितमिदं तस्य हृदयात्

सदापाठे निष्ठो विमलमतियुक्तः प्रभवति ॥

This stotra has emerged from the heart of one, who is known as Charanagiri, member of 'Taponidhi Akhada Sri Niranjana' (assembly of persons, whose complete wealth is austerity and who are free from blemish). The intellect of one, who chants this stotra always, is purified.

"शिवमस्तु सर्वेषां सर्वत्र च"

May all be blessed with auspiciousness always at all places.