I worship Guru, who is extolled by Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, whose abode is in Kanchi city, who loves to perform Puja of Shiva and who bestows peace. (1)

May Guru, Visvesvara, the lord of the universe, who, at the prayer of Devas, Brahma and Vishnu, abandoned the yoga of silence at the foot of the banyan tree, and proceeded ahead for doing public good, bestow the (eternal) Bliss ever present inside. (2)

What he accomplished in previous incarnations by killing those who behaved as Asuras, Guru is now doing by way of cleaning up the evil thoughts of persons using the weapons of words of love and wellbeing, thus protecting the entire world. May that Guru be in front of me with eyes overflowing with compassion. (3)

May Guru, who, though himself being beyond the body, appearing in a beautiful form adorned with Vibhuti, looks with compassion at ignorant people who have deviated from the right path, and while fulfilling the desires of devotees through the meditation on Narayana, destroys their evils like delusion, haughtiness etc., bestow the highest Bliss. (4)
I worship that Guru, the bestower of auspiciousness, who is praised in Stotras as the teacher of the universe, and one who has cast away all grief and ocean of compassion by Sanyasis, wise men of great learning and even royalty. (5)

I always worship that teacher of the universe, from whose mouth emerged, for the welfare of all beings and for pointing out clearly the Truth, works of Teachings and Stotras of Bhagavan, which works are cheerfully studied by all people. (6)

May Guru's different forms shown with movements of eyebrows, hands and fingers and, to top it all, his gentle smile, conveying "come, sit, be comfortable, what is news now, may everything be auspicious, don't fear, don't do like that", be bestowers of happiness. (7)

I seek with devotion you, that primal Deva, by following the beneficial path laid down by whom, people in samsara rolling in multiple miseries for over two thousand five hundred years, attained superior Bliss. (8)
May that protector Sankara Guru, who assumed various bodies (of Guru Parampara) owing to the limitations of human life and shouldered Dharma by adopting different efforts to suit varying times, protect me from all directions. (9)

I pray to that Guru, the memory of whose sacred story of purifying the earth (with his peregrinations) and of merging in Parabrahman in Kanchi after establishing Srichakra and adorning the Sarvagna Peetham there, removes sins accumulated earlier and bestows all good. (10)

I take refuge in that form of Parabrahman, by the Puja, Stotra and prostration of whom, are pleased seers like Vasishtha, son of Brahma, who are masters in instructing the knowledge of the Supreme, and the consorts of Saraswati, Lakshmi and Parvati with their sons and attendant Devatas. (11)

May that great Guru, by seeking whose feet, those who are miserable being caught firmly in the midst of Samsara, and those who suffer from jealousy, Aabhichara prayoga etc. of others, cross the dangers, be ever present in my heart. (12)
May that Guru, whose feet I seek to worship, convinced that he is my protector and
only refuge, after having been thrown hither and thither by miseries arising in this
world, and not receiving any help from people with no sympathy, be pleased with
me. (13)

May that Guru, by whose grace devotees attained liberation from bondage firmed
up by acts of ignorance, and union with Gnana by destruction of arrogance in lust
eetc., bestow auspiciousness on this little me also. (14)

I have taken refuge in that best healer of samsara, by serving whom, anger etc.
which rise in me again and again and seek to take away whatever little merit I might
have accumulated, would entirely be driven away. (15)

When I fall at the Padukas of the Guru, nurtured by the compassionate sight of the
Guru, may I attain quickly that Paramatma, who is directly experienced by groups of
some very determined persons through the power of control of mind with great
effort. (16)

"देहः प्रप्तः" इति मन्त्रविदः प्रपन्नान।
उद्भोध सर्वजननेषु कृत्वा विशोध।
बुद्धवा च तद्विनिधित्वां प्रतानं नयन्तरं
आकाशायांवर्षक्रंश्चत्रयेः।।१७॥

May the Guru, whose feet I seek to worship, convinced that he is my protector and
only refuge, after having been thrown hither and thither by miseries arising in this
world, and not receiving any help from people with no sympathy, be pleased with
me. (13)
I take refuge in the great Guru Sankara, who bestows Gnana on those who, knowing the mantra "Guru is to be approached for succour", surrender to him, who purifies them of their past karmas of all births, recognizing their humility, and leads them to Space (Paramatma who is subtle as Space). (17)

When time and place are not favourable (for Darshan of Guru), this Guru Chandrakala Stuti (of sixteen verses like the digits of moon) is to be meditated upon by his devotees for activating his memory.

Thus ends Guru Chandrakala Stuti composed by Sriramana Sarma, the recipient of grace of Kanchi Kamakoti Peethadhipati, residing in the Sannidhi of Sadasiva Brahmendra (in Nerur), with prostrations to Srimad Appayya Dikshitendra. (This Stuti follows the pattern of his Durga Chandrakala Stuti).

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