Shri Guru Chandrakala Stuti

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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, who is 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 at the forefront of doing public good, bestow the (eternal) Bliss ever present inside.

(2)

What he accomplished in previous incarnations by killing those who behaved as Asuras, the Guru is now doing by way of cleaning up the evil thoughts using the weapons of words both pleasant and beneficial, 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 by Sanyasis, wise men of great learning and even royalty as the teacher of the universe, and one who has cast away all grief and ocean of compassion by Sanyasis. (5)

I always worship that teacher of the universe, from whose mouth emerged, for pointing out clearly the Truth for the welfare of all beings, (analytical) texts, (prakarana) upadhesas and Stotras of Bhagavan, (which works are) happily 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, be here, sit comfortably, what is news now, good, 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 incarnate, by following the beneficial path laid down by whom people in samsara rolling in multiple miseries attained superior Bliss for over two thousand five hundred years. (8)

May that one 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 installing the Shrichakra, adorning the Sarvajna Peetham and merging (in Parabrahman, all) at Kanchi, removes sins accumulated earlier and bestows all good. (10)

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

संसारमथ्य-टहलमतयादवसचा:
ईष्या-पराभचरणादि-कृकृत्यविधा।
यस्य प्रपद्य चरणाशु विपदस्तरस्यनि
शास्त्रसं मे गुरुवरो हयदि सत्त्रधताम्।। 12।।

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 or malevolent actions of others like Aabhichara etc., cross the dangers, be ever present in my heart. (12)

लोको-खःखः निवेदर परिवर्तमानः
कारण्य-लेश-रहितैरकृतोपकारः।
यत्यादपूजनमुपैिम ममातथायम्
इत्येक-एव शरणं स भवेत् प्रसनाः।। 13।।

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 my only refuge and pleased with me. (13)

अज्ञान-कृत्य-सुट्टीकृत-वन्धमोक्षः
कामादिर्पद्धतनाद वियुमामिययोगः।
भत्तवासितैदूर्तममभयं चतुपादात
बालस्य मेघपि कृपया स शुभं करोतु।। 14।।

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 etc., bestow auspiciousness on this child that is me also. (14)

कौशादयो मधि पुनःपुनहिथिता थे
पुण्यस्य लेयःसमपहुँचुदीरते ते।
यस्वेनेन नितरां स्मृतिदसवधूता:
ते संसूतेदिभिजमुक्तवानाथितोस्मिः।। 15।।
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 (realizing that) I am (only) a child, 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)

I take refuge in the great Guru Sankara, who bestows Gnana on those who, knowing the mantra “O Guru! (I) surrender! surrender to him, who purifies them of their past karmas of all births, recognizing their humility, and leads them to the oldest 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 kalas of moon) is to be meditated upon by his devotees for activating his memory. (18)

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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