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Composed in praise of Ramana Maharshi, just at the eleventh hour when Jagadisha Shastri had been diagnosed with terminal stomach cancer.
It is said that Maharshi was so moved that he saved him then to live for a further 38 years.

Jagadeeswara Sastri (1894-1983) was a distinguished Sanskrit scholar, associated with Sri Ramana for four decades. A.R.Natarajan records that in 1945 Sastri got a terminal illness (stomach cancer) which did not respond to the best medical treatment. Sastri invoked Sri Ramana’s grace, who had in some mysterious way a soft corner for him. A natural poet, Sastri surrendered to Sri Ramana composing eight exquisite pieces of poetry called Prapatti Ashtakam through which he poured out his heart. Sri Ramana was so moved that he saved him and pulled him out of the jaws of death, and blessed him with a long life for a further 38 years.

**Prapatti Ashtakam**

**Eight Verses of Surrender**

1. To Him born in Tiruchuli, I surrender;
   to Him who sported in Pandya country, I surrender;
   to the dweller on Arunachala slopes, I surrender;
   to the bhikshu unaffected by the rigors of tapas, I surrender.

2. To Him who is alike to all, from the Creator to the worm, I surrender;
   to the subduer of the six passions, I surrender;
   to the bearer of the essence of Knowledge, I surrender;
   to the store of unbounded mercy, I surrender.

3. To Him who surpasses the universe, I surrender;
   to Him whom the Vedas say to be the universe and more, I surrender;
   to the chastiser of death in order to be rid of fear of the all-devouring alligator Time, I surrender.

4. To the embodiment of Knowledge, who conquers the pain of sensual life, I surrender;
   to the enemy of Kama, come down in sport, to prevent the fevers caused by proud Cupid, I surrender.

5. To the strictly life-long celibate, I surrender;
   to the holder of kamandalu and staff, I surrender;
to Him that rests in dhyana on Brahmasana, I surrender;
to the Hermit at one with Brahman, I surrender.
6. To Hara, I surrender;
to the never-decaying, I surrender;
to the abode of independence, I surrender;
to Him of immeasurable skill, I surrender;
to the foremost of spotless knowers, I surrender.
7. To the dispeller of fever caused by ill luck, threefold ills,
delusion, and karma, I surrender;
to Him of true resolve, no taint, perfect contentment
and bliss, I surrender.
8. To the face of gentle smile that brings peace to the devotees, I surrender;
to RAMANA (Blessing), so named because, removing all pain,
He brings in joy, I surrender.
9. To Siva the bestower of bliss, the Master, the store of
all virtues, I surrender;
to the indweller of my heart-lotus, I surrender;
to the refuge and Lord, I surrender.
10. May all others also wisely surrender to Ramana,
in order to gain His qualities by His blessings.

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