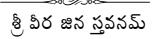
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ఓం హ్రీం శ్రీమహావీరాయ నమః । జయ జీనేన్స్ల । కీర్త్యా భువి భాసితయా, పీరత్వం గుణ సముచ్ఛ్రయా భాసితయా । భాసోదుసభాసితయా, సోమ ఇవ వ్యోమ్ని కున్దశోభాసితయా ॥ ೧॥ O Vira.

On earth, you are resplendent in the attributes of your form and soul, In the sky, you are like the Kunda flower, lustrous as the moon itself.

తవ జినశాసనవిభవో జయతి కలావపి గుణానుశాసనవిభవః । దోషక-శాసనవిభవః స్తువన్తి చైనం ప్రభాకృశాసన-విభవః ॥ ೨॥ O Jina,

Your teachings, which destroy the transmigration of eligible souls,

Retain their capacity to describe reality even in this era.

Your splendour is enough to put false teachings in the shade.

Your chief disciples praise this capacity of teaching.

అనవద్యః స్యాద్వాదస్తవ దృష్టేస్తా-విరోధతః స్యాద్వాదః । ఇతో న స్యాద్వాదో సద్వితయ-విరోధాన్మునీశ్వరా-స్యాద్వాదః ॥ उ॥ O lord of monks,

Your teachings, being governed by integrated perception, are flawless. The teachings of others, bereft of integrated perception, are flawed.

త్వమసి సురాసురమహితో గ్రస్థిక-సత్త్వాశయ-ప్రమాణాహితః । లోకత్రయ పరమహితోనావరణ-జ్యోతిరుజ్జ్వలద్ధామహితః ॥ ౪॥

You are worshipped by celestial beings and demons alike,

But not by deluded beings who cannot think beyond their biases.

You are supremely beneficial to all three worlds,

As you are enlightened by the flame of omniscience.

సఖ్యానామభిరుచితం దధాసి దునభుసనం శ్రీయా చారుచితమ్ Ι మగ్నం స్వస్యాం రుచితం జయసి చ మృగలాఞ్ఛనం స్వకాన్హ్యా రుచితమ్ Ⅱ メⅡ Your qualities are your ornaments and the eight auspicious signs add to your glory. Engrossed in your true self, you put the luminescence of the moon to shame.

త్వం జినగతమదమాయస్త్రవ భావానాం ముముక్షుకామద మాయః । శ్రేయాన్ శ్రీమదమాయస్త్వయా సమాదేశి సప్రయామదమాయః ॥ ६॥ O Jina,

You fulfil the wishes of those who desire liberation.

Your omniscience is worshipable because is free of vanity and deceit.

You are exalted because you teach the path of purification.

గిరిభిత్యవదానవతః శ్రీమత ఇవ ద<u>ని</u>నః స్రవద్దానవతః । తవ శమావాదానవతో గతమూర్జితమపగత-ప్రమాదానవతః ॥ ८॥

Just as rutting elephants, capable of making way through mountains, Find an obstruction-free passage to wander,

Similarly, as the protector of scriptures that teach us to do away with our flaws,

And because you are full of forgiveness, your travels are unimpeded.

బహుగుణసమ్పదా సకలం పరమతపి మధురవచనవిన్యా ససకలమ్ I నయభక్త్యవతం సకలం తవ దేవ మతం సమన్హభద్రం సకలమ్ II రా II O Lord,

Even though the teachings of other religions are articulate and pleasing to the ear,

They are lacking in all good qualities.

But your teachings are adorned by the jewels of integrated perception and non-one-sidedness,

And are the greatest good for all.

Manish Modi

ఇతి ఆచార్య సమ \underline{x} భద్రవిరచితం శ్రీ వీర జిన \underline{x} వనం సమ్పూర్ణమ్ ।

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Meaning if the word ford (n):

శ్రీ వీర జిన <u>స</u>్తవనమ్

a shallow place in a river or stream allowing one to walk or drive across.

synonyms: crossing place, crossing, causeway

Fordmaker : తీర్థజ్కర tIrthankara

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