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1. Lodge in the lotus of your heart the Lord of Guruvayur whose face wears a gentle smile that resembles a bunch of jasmine flowers, who is the cause of the happiness of the house of Nandagopa, and who removes the sufferings of devotees who chant even a little bit of the accounts of His sacred life.

2. Lodge in the lotus of your heart the Lord of Guruvayur whose divine splendour is like that of a dark rainbearing cloud, who enjoys the company of children who indulge in childish pranks, and who is eager to protect even those who bow before Him with evil intention.

3. Lodge in the lotus of your heart the Lord of Guruvayur who killed Kamsa in a fight, whose flow of compassion removes all

the sufferings of worldly existence and bestows peace of mind, and who eradicates the fear of diseases such as arthritis caused by the imbalance of body fluids.

4. Lodge in the lotus of your heart the Lord of Guruvayur who hastens to protect devotees who make offerings to Him for the eradication of sufferings, who protects those who are overwhelmed by grief, as one protects a child, and the splendour of whose body defeats that of the black bee.

5. Lodge in the lotus of your heart the Lord of Guruvayur whose face shines with a charming smile which removes the suffering and anger caused by past sins and gives devotees mental solace, and who removes the fear in their minds that they may suffer from various diseases.

6. Lodge in the lotus of your heart the Lord of Guruvayur who assumed the form of a shepherd boy to remove all evils, who shines with ornaments which beat the brilliance of hundreds of suns, and who confers worldly enjoyments as well as liberation on those who have intense devotion. పాపకదురాపమతితాపహరశోభ-స్వాపఘనమామతదుమాపతిసమేతమ్ । దూనతరదీనసుఖదానకృతదీష్ఠం వాతపురనాథమిమమాతను హృదబ్జే ॥ ల॥

7. Lodge in the lotus of your heart the Lord of Guruvayur who cannot be attained by sinners, who removes suffering just as the rainbearing cloud removes heat (by pouring down rain), who is by the side of Lord Parameswara, and who is eager to bestow happiness on those who are undergoing acute mental agony.

8. Lodge in the lotus of your heart the Lord of Guruvayur who is happy to shower His grace on those who worship Him, whose feet confer blessings on all creatures including the gods, and who is eager to bestow liberation from cruel transmigratory existence.

9. Lodge in the lotus of your heart the Lord of Guruvayur who is pleased with this hymn of eight stanzas composed by devotee Ganapati which confers happiness, who bestows His grace on all and who has no beginning or end.

This hymn was composed by Mahaamahopaadhyaaya

Brahmasri Ganapathi Sastrigal, a disciple of the great devotee

scholar Mannargudi Brahmasri Raju Sastrigal, when he was

worshipping the Lord at the Guruvayur temple.

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