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शिव चालीसा

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दोहा

जय गणेश गिरिजासुवन मंगल मूल सुजान।
कहत अयोध्यादास तुम देउ अभय वर्दान॥

Salutation to Girija’s son, Ganesha, who is the source of all well being as well as of wisdom. Ayodhya Adasa entreats you to bless him with fearlessness.

जय गिरिजापति दीनदयाला। सदा करत सन्तन प्रतिपाला॥
भाल चन्द्रमा सोहत नीके। कानन कुण्डल नाग फनी के॥

Glory to Girija’s consort Shiva, who is compassionate to the destitute who always provides protection to the saintly, the moon on whose forehead sheds its beautiful lustre and in whose ears are the pendants of the cobra hood.

अंग गौर शिर गंग बहाये। मुण्डमाल तन क्षार लगाये॥
वस्त्र खाल बाघम्बर सोहे। छवि को देखि नाग मन मोहे॥

Of your complexion, O Lord, you are fair and wear a garland of skulls. From your locks streams the Ganga; your body, elegantly attired in tiger skin, is all smeared with ashes. Your loveliness enchanting to beholders charms even serpents and ascetics.

मैना मातु कि हवे दुःखारी। वाम अंग सोहत छवि न्यारी॥
कर त्रिशूल सोहत छवि भारी। करत सदा शान्त अश्वकारी॥

The beloved daughter of Maina, Parvati, seated on your left, presents a sight of incomparable loveliness. The trident in your hand, which has always slaughtered its adversaries, looks exceedingly beautiful.
NandI, your bull and vehicle, looks glorious like the lotus amid a lake. So winsome are KArttikeya, ShyAmA (Parvati) and Ganesha (the chief of Shiva’s henchmen) that their beauty beggars description.

Whenever, O Lord, the gods appealed to you came to their rescue and delivered them from trouble. When the demon TARaka began to cause havoc, the celestials invoked you to challenge the fiend.

By waging a war against the demon, Tripura you had the kindness to save all, and when, O PurAri, Bhagiratha underwent a severe penance, you rewarded him with the fruit of it.

Your devotees, who never tire of hymning your glories, declare that none among the beneficent equals you in generosity. Although the Vedas glorify your name, you are nonetheless inexpressible and eternal, so that none can fathom your mystery.
प्रकटे उदधि मंथन में ज्वाला । जरत सुरासुर भए विहाला ॥
कीन्ह दया तहे करी सहाई । नीतुकेठ तब नाम कहाई ॥

Great flames of poisonous fire leapt from the ocean when it was churned the panic-stricken gods and demons that were engulfed in flames began to be burnt alive. Then, showing your gracious compassion, you came to their rescue (by gulping down the venom) and assumed the name of Nilkantha thereafter.

पूजन रामचंद्र जब कीन्हाँ । जीत के लंक विभीषण दीन्द्रा ॥
सहस कमल में हो रहे धारी । कीन्ह परीक्षा तवहि त्रिपुरारी ॥

Pleased with RAma’s deep devotion you enabled him to conquer Lanka and crown Vibhishana its king. When Vishnu desirous of propitiating you, offered an oblation of a thousand lotuses, then, O Purari, you subjected him to a grueling test.

एक कमल प्रभु राकळे जोई । कमल नयन पूजन चढ़े सोई ॥
कठिन भक्ति देखी प्रभु शंकर । भये प्रसन्न दिए इच्छित वर ॥

You had, O Lord, concealed one of the oblatory lotuses, but, undeterred, Vishnu offered his own lotus-eye in place of the missing flower. Observing his unflinching devotion, you were exceedingly pleased and granted him the boon he desired most.

जय जय जय अनंत अविनाशी । करत कृपा सबके घट वासी ॥
हुष सकल मिटे मोहि सतावँ । भ्रमत रहीं मोहि चैन न आवँ ॥

Glory, glory, all glory to you, O infinite and eternal Lord! Compassionate to every creature, you dwell in the inmost hearts of all (Show me also your customary kindness) Throng of the wicked torment me every day, deluding me so utterly that I never have any peace of mind.

आहि आहि में नाथ पुकारो । यह अवसर मोहि आन उवारो ॥
ले त्रिबुल श्रद्धु को मारो । संकट से मोहि आन उवारो ॥
Hearken, my Lord, I call you for help save me! Make haste and be my protector. Bring your trident, slaughter my enemies and rescue me from my burning woe.

मात पिता भ्राता सब कोई। संकट में पूछत नहिं कोई॥
स्वामी एक है आस तुम्हारी। आय हरदु मम संकट भारी॥

My parents, brother, and other kinsfolk have turned a blind eye to me in my distress. You are O Lord my only hope now, come at once and set me free from this crisis.

धन निर्धन को देत सदा ही। जो कोई जांचे सो फळ पाही।॥
अस्तुति केवल विधि करों तुम्हारी। क्षमहु नाथ अब चूक हमारी॥

You always bestow wealth on the impecunious and let him have whatever he fentreats you for. I wonder how one should sing your praises and glorify you. Please, O Lord, forgive me my sins and transgressions.

शंकर हो संकट के नाशन। मंगल कारण विद्ध विनाशन॥
योगी यति मूनि ध्यान लगावें। शारद नारद शीत नवावें॥

You are the dispeller of all crisis, O Shankara, destroyer of all obstacles and source and cause of all well being. All yogins, ascetics and hermits meditate on you and even Saraswati and NArađa do you obeisance.

नमो नमो जय नमः शिवाय। सुर ब्रह्मादिक पार न पाय॥
जो यह पाठ करे मन लाई। ता पर होत हैं शमभु सहाई॥

Homage, homage, all homage and glory to you, O Shiva, you are beyond the comprehension of Brahma, gods, and the like. O Shambhu, you are gracious to him who recites this text with full concentration of mind.

रनियां जो कोई हो अधिकारी। पाठ करे सो पावन हारी॥
पुत्र होन की इच्छा जोई। निश्चय शिव प्रसाद तेहि होई॥

Even he who is weighted with debt sheds his sin if he chants this hymn (those under heavy debt are transgressors of a sacred law which forbids one to be...
a borrower or a debtor.) When blessed by Shiva, even a sonless person, who desires an issue, begets a son.

He who invites a learned priest and with full concentration offers fire oblation, regularly observing the vow of trayodashi (The thirteenth day of a lunar fortnight) is completely rid of all afflictions.

He who offers incense, light and naivedya (eatables presented to a deity) and chants this text in the presence of Shiva’s image is rid of all sins, however grievous they may be, committed in his present and past lives and ultimately he has his abode in Shiva’s own (celestial) realm.

Says AyodhyAdAsa: You are now my only hope, O Lord; being omniscient, you know all our troubles; as one full of loving kindness, may you ever relieve me of my distress!

दोहा

नित नेम उठि प्रातःहिं पाठ करो चालीस ॥
तुम मेरी मनकामना पूर्ण करो जगदीश ॥
अथ त्रिगुण आरती शिवजी की
जय शिव ओंकारा हर जय शिव ओंकारा
ब्रह्मा विष्णु सदाशिव अर्थांगी धारा ॥ टेक ॥
एकानन चतुरानन पंचानन राजे
हंसानन गरुडानन वृषवाहन साजे ॥ जय ॥
दो भुज चार चतुभुज दस भुज अति सोहे
तीनों रूप निरंकात्र त्रिधनुष जन मोहे ॥ जय ॥
अक्षमाला बनमाला रुण्डमाला धारी
चंदन मृगमद सोहे भाले शशिधारी ॥ जय॥
श्रेतांवर पीतांवर बाघंवर अंगे
सनकादिक गरुडादिक भूतादिक संगे ॥ जय॥
कर मध्ये सुकमण्डल चक त्रिशूल धर्ता
जगकर्ता जगभरता जगसंहारकर्ता ॥ जय॥
ब्रह्मा विष्णु सदाशिव जानत अविवेका
प्रणवाक्षर ॐ मध्ये ये तीनों एका ॥ जय॥
काशी में विश्वनाथ विराजत नन्दो बहाँचारी
नित उठि भोग लगावत महिमा अति भारी ॥ जय॥
त्रिगुण स्वामी की आरती जो कोई नर गावे
कहत शिवानंद स्वामी मनवाछित फल पावे ॥ जय॥

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