

॥ नर्मदाष्टकम् ॥
NARMADĀṢṬAKAM

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सबिन्दुसिन्धुसुखलत्तरङ्गभङ्गरञ्जितं
द्विषत्सु पापजातजातकादिवारिसंयुतम् ।
कृतान्तदूतकालभूतभीतिहारिवर्मदे
त्वदीयपादपङ्कजं नमामि देवि नर्मदे ॥

Oh! Goddess Narmada! The bestower of an armour that removes the fright due to the dreadful beings, the messengers of Yama! I salute the pair of your lotus feet that is dyed by the broken waves formed of the trickling waters ejected from the elephants' trunk and that is endowed with the water that is a collection of different kinds of sins of the enemies.

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त्वदम्बुलीनदीनमीनदिव्यसम्प्रदायकं
कलौ मलौघभारहारिसर्वतीर्थनायकम् ।
सुमत्स्यकच्छनक्रचक्रचक्रवाकशर्मदे
त्वदीयपादपङ्कजं नमामि देवि नर्मदे ॥

Oh! Goddess Narmada! One that delights the fish, tortoises, crocodiles and circular (flock) of ruddy geese! I bow to the pair of your lotus feet which bestows divinity on the poor fish getting immersed in your waters and that which is the lord of all the sacred waters that removes the burden of sins and blemishes in Kaliyuga.

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महागभीरनीरपूरपापधूतभूतलं
ध्वनत्समस्तपातकारिदारितापदाचलम् ।
जगल्लये महाभये मृकण्डुसूनुहर्म्यदे
त्वदीयपादपङ्कजं नमामि देवि नर्मदे ॥

Oh! Goddess Narmada! One that gave the mansion to the son of (sage) Mrkandu when the most frightful deluge of the world took place! I make obeisance to the pair of your lotus feet that cleanses the earth of all the sins with its deep waters and that which breaks the mountains (in the form of the) calamities and all the enemies (in the form of the) sins by its sound.

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गतं तदैव मे भयं त्वदम्बु वीक्षितं यदा
मृकण्डुसूनुशौनकासुरारिसेवितं सदा ।
पुनर्भवाब्धिजन्मजम्भवाब्धिदुःखवर्मदे
त्वदीयपादपङ्कजं नमामि देवि नर्मदे ॥

Oh! Goddess Narmada! The bestower of an armour against the grief (in the form of) the ocean of mundane existence that is produced by the ocean of rebirth! My fear has gone as soon as I have seen your waters. I bow to the pair of your lotus feet that is always served by the son of (sage) Mrkandu, Saunaka and Lord Vishnu, the foe of the demons.

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अलक्ष्यलक्षकिन्नरामरासुरादिपूजितं
सुलक्षनीरतीरधीरपक्षिलक्षकूजितम् ।
वसिष्ठशिष्टपिप्पलादिकर्दमादिशर्मदे
त्वदीयपादपङ्कजं नमामि देवि नर्मदे ॥

Oh! Goddess Narmada! The bestower of delight on (sage) Vasistha and the distinguished Pippala, Kardama and others! I salute the pair of your lotus feet that is worshipped by lakhs of unseen Kinnaras, celestials and demons and others, and that is having the loud sounds of lakhs of birds on the clear waters and banks.

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सनत्कुमारनाचिकेतकश्यपात्रिषट्पदै -
धृतं स्वकीयमानसेषु नारदादिषट्पदैः
रवीन्दुरन्तिदेवदेवराजकर्मशर्मदे
त्वदीयपादपङ्कजं नमामि देवि नर्मदे ॥

Oh! Goddess Narmada! The bestower of delight on the acts of the Sun, Moon, Rantideva and the Lord of the celestials! I bow to (the pair of) your lotus feet that is held in their hearts by the bees such as (the sages) Sanatkumara, Naciketa, Kasyapa and Atri as well as Narada and others.

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अलक्षलक्षलक्षपापलक्षसारसायुधं
ततस्तु जीवजन्तुतन्तुभुक्तिमुक्तिदायकम् ।
विरिञ्चिविष्णुशङ्करस्वकीयधामवर्मदे
त्वदीयपादपङ्कजं नमामि देवि नर्मदे ॥

Oh! Goddess Narmada! The giver of armours to the bodies of Brahma, Vishnu and Sankara! I pay obeisance to the pair of your lotus feet that is weapon in the form of lakhs of cranes for lakhs of unnoticeable and noticeable sins, and then that yields enjoyment and emancipation for the offspring of living beings.

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अहो धृतं स्वनं श्रुतं महेशिकेशजातटे
किरातसूतबाडवेषु पण्डिते शटे नटे ।
दुरन्तपापतापहारि सर्वजन्तुशर्मदे
त्वदीयपादपङ्कजं नमामि देवि नर्मदे ॥

Oh! Goddess Narmada! One that delights all the beings!
One that removes the endless sins and miseries! The Learned!
The Deceitful! The Dancer! Oh! Wonderful! the practising sound
is heard on the banks of the (river) that flows from the hair of
Goddess Mahesi and among the fires of the hunters and the
charioteers; I bow at your pair of lotuslike feet.

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इदं तु नर्मदाष्टकं त्रिकालमेव ये सदा
पठन्ति ते निरन्तरं न यान्ति दुर्गतिं कदा ।
सुलभ्यदेहदुर्लभं महेशधामगौरवं
पुनर्भवा नरा न वे विलोकयन्ति शैरवम् ॥

Those reading this octad on Narmada in the three periods
of a day always would never get misfortune. (They would get)
easily a body difficult to be obtained and the honour at the
abode of Lord Siva. Such men would not get rebirth and would
not go to hell.



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