

॥ मीनाक्षीस्तोत्रम् ॥

MEENAKSHI STOTRAM

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श्रीविद्ये शिववामभागनिलये श्रीराजराजार्चिते

श्रीनाथादिगुरुस्वरूपविभवे चिन्तामणीपीठिके ।

श्रीवाणीगिरिजानुतांघ्रिकमले श्रीशाम्भवि श्रीशिवे

मध्याह्ने मलयध्वजाधिपसुते मां पाहि मीनाम्बिके ॥

May Goddess Meenakshi - who is Srividya, resides in the left part of Lord Siva, is worshipped by emperors and kings, assumes the form of Gurus like Srinatha, has Chintamani as her seat, has her lotus like feet saluted by Lakshmi, Sarasvati and Parvati, is the Sambhavi (beloved of Sambhu), is ever auspicious and is the slender waisted daughter of king Malayadhavaja - protect me.

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चक्रस्थेऽचपले चराचरजगन्नाथे जगत्पूजिते

आर्तालीवरदे नताभयकरे वक्षोजभारान्विते ।

विद्ये वेदकलापमौलिविदिते विद्युल्लताविग्रहे

मातः पूर्णसुधारसार्द्रहृदये मां पाहि मीनाम्बिके ॥

May Goddess Meenakshi - who resides in Srichakra, is steady, who is the goddess of the world of sentient and insentient beings, is worshipped by the world, blesses the afflicted, gives refuge to those who bow to her, is the embodiment of knowledge, is known through the Upanishads (the crest of vedic knowledge), has lustrous form like lightning, and the mother whose heart is wet with the nectar of compassion - protect me.

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कोटीराङ्गदरत्नकुण्डलधरे कोदण्डबाणाञ्जिते
कोकाकारकुचद्वयोपरिलसत्प्रालम्बिहाराञ्जिते ।
शिञ्जन्नूपुरपादसारसमणिश्रीपादुकालंकृते
मद्दारिद्र्यभुजङ्गगारुडखगे मां पाहि मीनाम्बिके ॥

May Goddess Meenakshi who wears entangled locks of hair, bracelets on the upper arms and gem - studded ear rings, bears (in her hand) bow and arrow, has her bosom adorned with long pearl necklace, has her feet adorned with gem - studded tinkling anklets, and is like Garuda in driving away the snake of poverty - protect me.

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ब्रह्मेशाच्युतगीयमानचरिते प्रेतासनान्तःस्थिते
पाशोदङ्कुशचापबाणकलिते बालेन्दुचूडाञ्जिते ।
बाले बालकुरङ्गलोलनयने बालार्ककोट्युज्ज्वले
मुद्राराधितदेवते मुनिनुते मां पाहि मीनाम्बिके ॥

May Goddess Meenakshi - whose prowess is sung by Brahma, Vishnu and Siva, who is seated on a corpse (*Isana phalaka*), wields the noose, goad, bow and arrow, has her crest adorned with the digit of moon, youthful, with eyes unsteady like that of young deer, shines with the splendour of countless rising suns is worshipped by *mudras* and bowed to by the sages - protect me.

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गन्धर्वाभरयक्षपन्नगनुते गङ्गाधरालिङ्गिते
गायत्रीगरुडासने कमलजे सुश्यामले सुस्थिते ।
खातीते खलदारुपावकशिखे खद्योतकोट्युज्ज्वले
मन्त्राराधितदेवते मुनिनुते मां पाहि मीनाम्बिके ॥

May the Goddess Meenakshi - who is worshipped by the Gandharvas, Yakshas and Nagas, is embraced by Siva, is the Gayathri, is seated on Garuda, is born of lotus, dark in complexion, well positioned, transcends the space, is the flames of fire that destroy the evil of woods, illuminates the world like crores of suns, is worshipped by *mantras* and by sages protect me.

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नादे नारतुम्बुराद्यविनुते नादान्तनादात्मिके
नित्ये नीललतात्मिके निरुपमे नीवारशूकोपमे ।
कान्ते कामकले कदम्बनिलये कामेश्वराङ्गस्थिते
मद्विद्ये मदभीष्टकल्पलतिके मां पाहि मीनाम्बिके ॥

May the Goddess Meenakshi - who is the embodiment of sound, is saluted by celestial bards like Narada and Tumbura is the final vibration and soul of sound, is eternal, appears like a blue creeper, is incomparable, is subtle like the edge of Nivara grains, is the beloved one, is the embodiment of *klim*, dwells in Kadamba forest, is seated on the lap of Kameswara (Siva), my knowledge and is the wish yielding creeper (Kalpalata) - protect me.

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वीणानादनिमीलितार्धनयने विस्रस्तचूलीभरे
ताम्बूलारुणपल्लवाधरयुते ताटङ्कहारान्विते ।
श्यामे चन्द्रकलावतंसकलिते कस्तूरिकाफालके
पूर्णे पूर्णकलाभिरामवदने मां पाहि मीनाम्बिके ॥

May Goddess Meenakshi, who with eyes half closed is engrossed in the music of lute has her crown slipping, has her lower lips reddened due to the chewing of betal leaves, is bejewelled with ear studs, is dark complexioned, is adorned by the digit of moon, has musk applied on the forehead, is the embodiment of fullness, and has the face charming like the full moon - protect me.

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शब्दब्रह्ममयी चराचरमयी ज्योतिर्मयी वाङ्मयी
नित्यानन्दमयी निरञ्जनमयी तत्त्वमयी चिन्मयी ।
तत्त्वातीतमयी परात्परमयी मायामयी श्रीमयी
सर्वैश्वर्यमयी सदाशिवमयी मां पाहि मीनाम्बिके ॥

May Goddess Meenakshi - who is the embodiment of *sabdabrahman*, is in the all movable and immovable creations of the world, the effulgent, the all permeating speech, eternal bliss, blemishless, the essence of knowledge, the consciousness, beyond all knowledge, the most supreme, the *maya* (illusion), the most beautiful, the possessor of all wealth and ever auspicious - protect me.

