

ŚRĪMAD ACYUTĀṢṬAKAM

अच्युताच्युत हरे परमात्मन् राम कृष्ण पुरुषोत्तम विष्णो ।
वासुदेव भगवन्निरुद्ध श्रीपते शमय दुःखमशेषम् ॥ १ ॥

acyutācyuta hare paramātman
rāma kṛṣṇa puruṣottama viṣṇo,
vāsudeva bhagavannaniruddha
śrīpate śamaya duḥkhamaśeṣam.

Oh, the Unlapsing Lord, the Unswerving Being, Hari, the Supreme Self, the handsome Śrīrāma, the dark-blue Kṛṣṇa, the Best Puruṣa, the All-pervading God, the One enveloping all and residing in all, Bhagavān possessing the six essential characteristics, the Unabated and Unobstructed Lord, the Lord of Goddess Śrī, may You ward off all our sufferings and pains.

विश्वमङ्गल विभो जगदीश नन्दनन्दन नृसिंह नरेन्द्र ।
मुक्तिदायक मुकुन्द मुरारे श्रीपते शमय दुःखमशेषम् ॥ २ ॥

viśvamaṅgala vibho jagadīśa
nandanandana nṛsīmha narendra,
muktidāyaka mukunda murāre
śrīpate śamaya duḥkhamaśeṣam.

Oh, the most benevolent and auspicious Lord of the universe, the All-pervasive Being, the Sole Controller of the world, the endearing child of

Nandagopa, the Lord Who took the descent of Man-
lion form, the Greatest Nara (i.e., Śrīrāma), the
Supreme Being Who confers Mukti, Mukunda, the
destroyer of Mura, Lord Śrīpati, may You ward off all
our sufferings and pains.

रामचन्द्र रघुनायक देव दीननाथ दुरितक्षयकारिन् ।
यादवेन्द्र यदुभूषण यज्ञ श्रीपते शमय दुःखमशेषम् ॥ ३ ॥

rāmacandra raghunāyaka deva
dīnanātha duritakṣayakārin,
yādavendra yadubhūṣaṇa yajña
śrīpate śamaya duḥkhamaśeṣam.

Oh Rāmacandra, Scion of Raghu's family, the
Almighty, the one God approached by all the poor
and destitute, the Lord Who eradicates sins, the
Supreme Monarch and beautiful adornment of Yadu's
race, the embodiment of yajña, Lord Śrīpati, may
You ward off all our sufferings and pains.

देवकीतनय दुःखदवाग्ने राधिकारमण रम्यसुमूर्ते ।
दुःखमोचन दयार्णव नाथ श्रीपते शमय दुःखमशेषम् ॥ ४ ॥

devakītanaya duḥkhadavāgne
rādhikā-ramaṇa ramya-sumūrte,
duḥkhamocana dayārṇava nātha
śrīpate śamaya duḥkhamaśeṣam.

Oh, the son of Devakī, the Forest-fire that
devours (all our) miseries, the endearing Lord of

Goddess Rādhā, the God of enchanting and bewitching form, the destroyer of agonies, the Ocean of mercy, the Overlord, Śrīpati, may You ward off all our sufferings and pains.

गोपिकावदनचन्द्रचकोर नित्य निर्गुण निरञ्जन जिष्णो ।
पूर्णरूप जय शङ्कर सर्व* श्रीपते शमय दुःखमशेषम् ॥५॥

gopikā-vadana-candra-cakora
nitya nirguṇa nirañjana jiṣṇo,
pūrṇarūpa jaya śaṅkara sarva (śarva)
śrīpate śamaya duḥkhamaśeṣam.

Oh, Lord, Śrīpati, the Eternal Being, the One above all limiting characteristics, the Lord of Kārmic bondage, the victorious Sovereign, the Imperishable and Undiminishing Lord, the embodiment of Victory, the Well-wisher of all, the All-supporting and All-cognising Lord, Oh Cakora-bird (in relation) to moon-faces of Gopikās, may You ward off all our sufferings and pains.

गोकुलेश गिरिधारण धीर यामुनाच्छतखेलन वीर ।
नारदादिमुनिवन्दितपाद श्रीपते शमय दुःखमशेषम् ॥६॥

gokuleśa giridhāraṇa dhīra
yāmunāccha-taṭa-khelana vīra,
nāradādīmuni-vandita-pāda
śrīpate śamaya duḥkhamaśeṣam.

* शर्व

Oh, the one Lord of Gokula, the One Who lifted up the Govardhana hill, the courageous Lord, the Valorous Warrior who sported on the pure banks of the river Yamunā, the Lord Śrīpati Whose feet are adored by great sages like Nārada, may You ward off all our sufferings and pains.

द्वारकाधिप दुरन्तगुणाब्धे प्राणनाथ परिपूर्ण भवारे ।
ज्ञानगम्य गुणसागर ब्रह्मन् श्रीपते शमय दुःखमशेषम् ॥७॥

dvārakādhipa durantaguṇābdhe
prāṇanātha paripūrṇa bhavāre,
jñānagamya guṇasāgara brahman
śrīpate śamaya duḥkhamaśeṣam.

Oh, the Emperor of Dvāraka, the repository of all merits in abundance like the unfathomable ocean, the Sole Lord of all selfs the only One Who is ever complete and full, the Destroyer of samsāra, the Lord Who is attainable only through jñāna (Supreme Wisdom), the ocean of virtues, the Supreme Brahman, Lord Śrīpati, may You ward off all our sufferings and pains.

दुष्टनिर्दलन देव दयालो पद्मनाभ धरणीधर धर्मिन् ।
रावणान्तक रमेश मुरारे श्रीपते शमय दुःखमशेषम् ॥८॥

duṣṭanirdalana deva dayālo
padmanābha dharaṇīdhara dharmin,
rāvaṇāntaka rameśa murāre
śrīpate śamaya duḥkhamaśeṣam.

Oh, Lord Śrīpati, the Vanquisher of the wicked, the Supreme Being of great splendour, the Merciful Lord, the One from Whose Lotus-navel (sprang up Brahmā), the Lord Who lifted the earth (through His avatāra as the Great Boar), the embodiment of Dharma, the Slayer of Rāvaṇa, Lord of Goddess Ramā, the Foe of Mura, may You ward off all our sufferings and pains.

अच्युताष्टकमिदं रमणीयं निर्मितं भवभयं विनिहन्तुम् ।

यः पठेद्विषयवृत्तिनिवृत्ति-जन्मदुःखमखिलं स जहाति ॥ ९ ॥

acyutāṣṭakamīdaṃ ramaṇīyaṃ
nirmitaṃ bhavabhayaṃ vinihantum,
yaḥ paṭhed- viṣaya- vṛttinivṛttir-
janmaduḥkhamakhilaṃ sa jahāti.

This beautiful Acyutāṣṭaka is composed for the removal of the fear of saṃsāra. Whoever reads this hymn, with (a mind) detached from worldly objects, will relieve himself from all the afflictions of birth (and death).