

śrī nr̥simha-kavaca stotram



अन्तराष्ट्रीय कृष्ण भावनामृत संघ : संस्थापक आचार्य - श्रीकृष्णकृपाश्रीमूर्ती नित्य लीला प्रविष्ट ॐ विष्णुपाद परमहंस
परिव्रजकाचार्य अष्टोत्तर शत श्रीश्रीमद् श्रील अमय चरणारविन्द भक्तिवेदान्त स्वामि प्रभुपाद



Prayer to Lord Nrsimha

*tava kara-kamala-vare nakham adbhuta-srngam
dalita-hiranyakasipu-tanu-bhrngam
keshava dhrta-narahari-rupa jaya jagadisa hare*

"O Keshava! O Lord of the universe! O Lord Hari, who have assumed the form of half-man, half-lion! All glories to You! Just as one can easily crush a wasp between one's fingernails, so in the same way the body of the wasp like demon Hiranyakashipu has been ripped apart by the wonderful pointed nails on Your beautiful lotus hands."

"The fourth incarnation is Nṛsiṃhadeva. Nṛsiṃhadeva appeared to save Prahlāda Mahārāja, who was five-years-old boy and he was being tortured by his atheistic father. So He appeared from the pillar of the palace as a half-man, half-lion. Because this Hiranyakaśipu took benediction from Brahmā that he'll not be killed by any man or any animal. So the Lord appeared neither man nor animal. This is the difference between the Lord's intelligence and our intelligence. We are thinking that we can cheat the Lord by our intelligence, but the Lord is more intelligent than us. This Hiranyakaśipu wanted to cheat Brahmā by indirect definition. First of all he wanted to become immortal. Brahmā said, "That is not possible because even I am not immortal. Nobody in this material world is immortal. That is not possible." So Hiranyakaśipu, the demon... The demons are very intelligent. He thought that "Round about way I shall become immortal." He prayed to Brahmā that "Please give me the benediction that I shall not be killed by any man or any animal." Brahmā said, "Yes, that is all right." "I shall not be killed in the sky, on the water or on land." Brahmā said, "Oh yes." "I shall not be killed by any man-made weapons." "That's all right." In this way he utilized his intelligence in so many ways just to come to the conclusion of being immortal. But the Lord is so cunning that He kept intact all the benediction given by Brahmā, still he was killed. He said that "I'll not be killed either during daytime or night." Brahmā said "Yes." So he was killed just in the evening, just in the junction of day and night. You cannot say it is day or night. He took the benediction that "I shall not be killed in the sky, on the water, on the land." So he was killed on His lap. He took the benediction that "I shall not be killed by any man-made or any God-made weapons." That was given, "All right." So he was killed by the nails. In this way, all the benedictions were kept intact, still he was killed. Similarly, we may make plan, we may make very advancement in scientific knowledge, but the killing process of nature will be there. Nobody can escape. By our intelligence we cannot escape. The four principles of material existence means birth, death, old age and disease. We can manufacture many medicines, many weapons, many means, many methods, but you cannot escape these four principles of material existence, however great you may be. That was proved by Hiranyakaśipu. Hiranyakaśipu was one of the stalwart materialistic and he wanted to live forever, enjoy, but he also could not live. Everything was finished" (A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. 18th February 1970. Class on Sri Varaha-dwadasi purporting the Dasavatara-stotra - Ten main incarnations of the Lor. Los Angeles.)

(1)

*sri narada uvaca,
indradi deva vrndesa tatesvara jagat pate,
mahavisnor nrsimhasya kavacam bruhi me prabho
yasya prapathanad vidvan trilokya vijayi bhavet*

"Sri Narad Muni said: my dear father and lord, master of the Universe, lord of the multitude of demigods headed by Indra, kindly tell me the kavaca mantra of Lord Nrsimha, the incarnation of Visnu. O master, reading this kavaca aloud, a learned man will become victorious throughout the three worlds."

(2)

*sri brahmovaca,
srnu narada vaksyami putra srestha tapodhana
kavacam narasimhasya trailokya vijayabhidam*

"Lord Brahma said: My dear Narad, please hear me. O best of my sons, who are rich in austerity, I shall speak this kavaca of Lord Narasimha, which gives victory over the three worlds."

(3)

*yasya prapathanad vagmi trailokya vijayi bhavet
srastham jagatam vatsa pathanad dharanad yatah*

"My dear boy, by recitation of this kavaca an eloquent person will become victorious throughout the three worlds. It is by reciting this and meditating deeply on it that I (lord Brahma) am the creator of all these planetary systems."

(4)

*laksmir jagat trayam pati samharta ca mahesvarah
pathanad dharanad deva babhuvus ca digisvarah*

"It is by reciting and meditating upon this that Laksmi maintains the three worlds, and Lord Siva destroys them. Also the demigods in this way became controllers of the different directions."

(5)

*brahma mantra myam vaksye bhutadi vinivarakam
yasya prasada durvasas trailokya vijayi munih
pathanad dharanad yasya sasta ca krodha bhairavah*

"I shall speak this essence of all Vedic mantras, which wards off all kinds of ghosts and hobgoblins. By its grace the sage Durvasa became victorious throughout the three worlds, commanding respect and most fearful in his anger."

(6)

*trailokya vijayasyasa kavacasya prajapatih
rsis chandas ca gayatri nrsimho devata vibhuh*

"For this kavaca, which is directly perceived as giving victory over the three worlds, I (Brahma) am the Rsi, Gayatri is the metre, and the all powerful Nrsimhadev is the Deity."

(7+ 8)

ksraum bijam me sirah pati candra varno maha manuh
"ugram viram maha visnum jvalantam sarvatomukham
nrsimham bhisanam bhadram mrtyu mrtyum namamy aham "
dva trimsad aksaro mantrō mantra rajah sura drumah

"One should place Lord Nrsimha's mantra bija, ksraum, on one's head, thinking, 'May my head be protected by the moon coloured one, who is the greatest among humans. My obeisances unto the ferocious and powerful, the great Visnu, the fiery one, who's faces are on all sides, the fearful one, Nrsimha, who causes the death of even death personified, (or who can overcome death).' One should place this mantra, composed of thirty two syllables, upon his head. It is the king of all mantras. It is like a wish fulfilling tree for the demigods and devotees."

(9)

kantham patu dhruvam ksraum hrd bhagavate caksusi mama
narasimhaya ca jvala maline patu mastakam

"One should also place *ksraum* firmly upon his neck for protection. Placing the word *bhagavate* upon his heart, *narasimhaya* upon his two eyes, and *jvala maline* on the top of his head, one meditates upon the different parts of this narasimha mantra protecting the different parts of his body."

(10)

dipta damstraya ca tatha agni netraya ca nasikam
sarva rakso ghnaya sarva bhuta vinasanaya ca

"One should place on his nose the syllables *dipta damstraya agni netraya sarva rakso ghnaya sarva bhuta vinasanaya*. (Obeisances unto Him, whose teeth are blazing, whose eyes are fire, and who destroys all ghosts and raksasas.)"

(11)

sarva jvara vinasaya daha daha paca dvayam
raksa raksa sarva mantra svaha patu mukham mama

"Meditation on the protection of one's face, one should place there the syllables *sarva jvara vinasaya daha daha paca paca raksa raksa. ksraum ugram viram maha visnum jvalanatam sarvatomukham nrsimham bhisanam bhadram mrtyu mrtyum namamy aham. ksraum bhagavate narasimhya jvalamaline dipta damstrayagni netraya sarva rakso ghnaya sarva bhuta vinasanaya svaha*. (Unto He who vanquishes all fevers, oblations. Burn and burn, cook and cook, protect protect. My obeisances unto the ferocious and powerful, the great Visnu, the fiery one whose faces are on all sides, the fearful one, Nrsimha, who causes the death of even death personified, or who can overcome even death. Unto the Personality of Godhead Narasimha, garlanded with blazing energy, whose teeth are glowing and

whose eyes are fiery, who kills all raksasas and demons and annihilates the ghosts, to You my oblations)"

(12)

*taradi ramacandraya namah payad gudam mama
klim payat pani yugmam ca taram namah padam tatah
narayanaya parsvam ca am hrim kraum ksraum ca hum phat*

"Meditating on the protection of one's rectum, one should first sip water for purification and chant *om ramacandraya namah*. Sipping water again one should place the bija mantra *klim* on both of his hands together. Thereafter one should place *om namah* on his feet and *narayanaya* on his side, as well as the bija mantras *am hrim kraum ksraum hum phat*."

(13)

*varaksarah katim patu om namah bhagavate padam
vasudevaya ca prstham klim krsnaya uru dvaram*

"Praying for the protection of one's waist, one should place there the varaksara *om*. One should place the syllables *om namo bhagavate* upon his feet, *vasudevaya* on his back, and *klim krsnaya* upon his two thighs."

(14)

*klim krsnaya sada patu januni ca manuttamah
klim glaum klim syamalangaya namah payat pada dvaram*

"Upon his knees, one should place the mantra *klim krsnaya*, thinking that the Lord may always protect me in His form as the best of human beings. Then one should sip water for purification and place the mantra *klim glaum klim syamalangaya namah* upon his feet."

(15)

ksraum narasimhaya ksraum ca sarvangam me sadavatu

"One should meditate upon the constant protection of the body, placing the mantra *ksraum narasimhaya ksraum* upon all his limbs."

(16)

*iti te kathitam vatsa sarva mantraugha vighram
tava snehan myakhyatam pravaktavyam na kasyacit*

"Lord Brahma continued: My dear boy, thus I have told you the embodiment of the potencies of all mantras. Because of your great affection I have explained it to you, although it is not to be spoken to just anyone."

(17)

*guru pujam vidhayatha grhniyat kavacam tatah
sarva punya yuto bhutva sarva siddhi yuto bhavet*

"Having performed worship of the spiritual master, one may accept this kavaca. Having become enriched in his pious activities he will attain all perfections."

(18)

*satam astottaram caiva purascarya vidhih smrtah
havanadin dasamsena krtva sadhaka sattamah*

"Performing the ritualistic ceremonies of purification (purascarya) one hundred and eight times is equal to one tenth the effect received by that best of devotees who chants this kavaca."

(19)

*tatas tu siddha kavacah punyatma madanopaman
sparddham uddhuya bhavane laksmir vani vaset tatah*

"Laksmi, the Goddess of fortune, and Sarasvati, the Goddess of speech and learning, reside in the home of that fortunate soul who has become perfected by this kavaca, giving up the intoxication of competing with others for supremacy."

(20)

*puspanjalyastakam dattva mulenaiva pathet sakrt
api varsa sahasranam pujayah phalam apnuyat*

"Simply offering eight times puspajali and reading only once the original version, one attains the result of even a thousand years of worship."

(21)

*bhurje vilkhya gutikam svarnastham dharayed yadi
kanthe va daksine bahau narasimho bhavet svayam*

"If one write this down on a leaf or bark of a tree and keeps it within a golden capsule on his neck or right arm, Lord Nrsimhadeva will be personally present."

(22)

*yosid vama bhuje caiva puruso daksine kare
vibhryat kavacam punyam sarva siddhi yuto bhavet*

"A woman may keep it on her left arm, a man on the right hand. Certainly this most auspicious kavaca brings all perfection to the bearer."

(23)

*kaka vandhya ca ya nari mrta vatsa ca ya bhavet
janma vandhya nasta putra bahu putravati bhavet*

"A woman who is totally barren, or who bears only one child, or whose sons are lost or dead may become possessed of many sons."

(24)

*kavacasya prasadena jivan mukto bhaven narah
trilokyam ksobhayaty eva trailokya vijayi bhavet*

"By the grace of this kavaca, a man becomes jivan mukta, liberated soul even within this life time. He is able to move the whole universe, and certainly becomes victorious throughout the three worlds."

(25)

*bhuta preta pisacas ca raksasa danava ca ye
tam drstva prapalayante desad desantaram dhruvam*

"Certainly bhutas, pretas, pisacas, raksasas, and danavas all immediately flee from the country and go to another upon seeing it."

(26)

*yasmin gehe ca kavacam grame va yadi tisthati
tam desantu parityajya prayanti catidurantah*

"In the home or even the same village where this kavaca exists, all such demoniac creatures, once having understood its presence, give up that place and go far away."

Thus ends the Sri Nrsimha kavaca, of the Trailokya vijay in the samhita of Brahma.

Prayers to Lord Narasimhadeva

*om namo bhagavate naraṣimhāya namas tejas-tejase avir-avirbhava
vajra-nakha vajra-damstra karmasayan randhaya randhaya tamo grasa
grasa om svaha, abhayam atmani bhuyistha om ksraum*

"I offer my respectful obeisanes unto Lord Nrsimhadeva, the source of all power. O my Lord who possesses nails and teeth just like thunderbolts, kindly vanquish our demonlike desires for fruitive activity in the material world. Please appear in our hearts and drive away our ignorance so that by Your mercy we may become fearless in the struggle for existence in this material world."

*svasty astu khalah prasidatam
dhyayantu bhutani sivam mitho dhiya
manas ca bhadram bhajatad adhoksaje
avesyatam no matir apy ahaituki*

"May there be good fortune throughout the universe, and may all envious persons be pacified. May all living entities become calm by practicing bhakti-yoga, for by accepting devotional service they will think of each other's welfare. Therefore let us engage in the service of the Supreme transcendence, Lord Krsna, and always remain absorbed in thought of Him."

*dhanvatrir bhagavan patv apathyad
dvandvad bhayad rsabho nirjitatma
yajnas ca lokad avataj janantad
balo ganat krodha-vasad ahindrah*

"May the Supreme Personality of Godhead in His incarnation as Dhanvatari relieve me from undesirable eatables and protect me from physical illness. May Lord Rsabhadeva, who conquered His inner and outer senses, protect me from fear produced by the duality of heat and cold. May Yajna protect me from

defamation and harm from the populace, and may Lord Balaram as Sesa protect me from envious serpents.”

*tvam eva mantram tvam eva raksa
tvam ausadham anuttamam
trividhad api duhkhan mam
pracodaya jagat-pate*

“You are the Vedic mantras. You are my protection. You are final medicine. O master of the three worlds, please protect me from the three sufferings! ”

*brahman prapadye tvam visno
saranagata-vatsala
tada suddho maha-matir
bhava-dukha-vinirgatah*

“O Lord Visnu, O great one, O Lord affectionate to Your surrenderd devotees, I surrender to You. Please make me pure. Please make me generous at heart. Please free me from the sufferings of this world.”

ॐ नमो भगवते श्रीमहा नृषिंहाय
दंष्ट्रा करालवदनाय
घोर रूपाय वज्र नखाय
ज्वाला मालिने मम विघ्नान् पच पच
मम भयान् भिन्दि भिन्दि
मम शत्रून् विद्रावय विद्रावय मम
सर्व रिष्टान् प्रभान्जय प्रभान्जय
छत छत हन हन छिन्दि छिन्दि
मम सर्वा भीष्टान् पूरय पूरय
मं रक्ष रक्ष हुम् फट् स्वाहा

*om namo bhagavate śrī mahā-nṛṣimhāya
damṣṭrā karālavadanāya
ghora-rūpāya vajra-nakhāya
jvālā māline mama vighnān paca paca
mama bhayān bhindi bhindi
mama śatrun vidrāvaya vidrāvaya mama
sarva riṣṭān prabhānjaya prabhānjaya
chata chata, hana hana, chindi chindi
mama sarvā-bhīṣṭān pūraya pūraya maṁ
rakṣa rakṣa hum phaṭ svāhā*

**O Nṛsimhadeva, whose form is terrible,
by sharp and long teeth, very fearful to see,
with strong large nails, garlanded by flames –
destroy, destroy my obstacles,
and kick out, kick out my fear.
Scatter, scatter my enemies.
Destroy, destroy my karma.
Flash, flash !
Kill, kill!
Cut, cut!
Ever fulfill all my desires
To serve You.
Safeguard, safeguard me
And all around me!**

(1)

नृसिंहकवचं वक्ष्ये प्रह्लादेनोदितं पुरा ।
सर्वरक्षकरं पुण्यं सर्वोपद्रवनाशनम् ॥१॥

*nṛsimha-kavacaṁ vakṣye
prahlādenoditaṁ purā
sarva-rakṣa-karaṁ puṇyaṁ
sarvopadrava-nāśanam*

I shall now recite the Nṛsimha-kavaca, formerly spoken by Prahlāda Mahārāja. It is most pious, vanquishes all kinds of impediments, and provides one all protection.

(2)

सर्व सम्पत्करं चैव स्वर्गमोक्षप्रदायकम् ।
ध्यात्वा नृसिंहं देवेशं हेमसिंहासनस्थितम् ॥२॥

*sarva-sampat-karam caiva
svarga-mokṣa-pradāyakam
dhyātvā nṛsimhaṁ deveśam
hema-siṁhāsana-sthitam*

It bestows upon one all opulences and can give one elevation to the heavenly planets or liberation. One should meditate on Lord Nṛsimha, Lord of the universe, seated upon a golden throne.

(3)
विवृतास्यं त्रिनयनं शरदिन्दुसमप्रभम् ।
लक्ष्म्यालिङ्गितवामाङ्गम् विभूतिभिरुपाश्रितम् ॥ ३ ॥

*vivṛtāsyam tri-nayanam
śarad-indu-sama-prabham
lakṣmyāliṅgita-vāmāṅgam
vibhūtibhir upāśritam*

His mouth is wide open, He has three eyes, and He is as radiant as the autumn moon. He is embraced by Lakṣmidevī on his left side, and His form is the shelter of all opulences, both material and spiritual.

(4)
चतुर्भुजं कोमलाङ्गं स्वर्णकुण्डलशोभितम् ।
सरोजशोबितोरस्कं रत्नकेयूरमुद्रितम् ॥ ४ ॥

*catur-bhujaṁ komalāṅgaṁ
svarṇa-kuṇḍala-śobhitam
saroja-śobitoraskaṁ
ratna-keyūra-mudritam*

The Lord has four arms, and His limbs are very soft. He is decorated with golden earrings. His chest is resplendent like the lotus flower, and His arms are decorated with jewel-studded ornaments.

(5)
तप्त काञ्चनसन्काशं पीतनिर्मलवाससम् ।
इन्द्रादिसुरमौलिष्ठः स्फुरन्माणिक्यदीप्तिभिः ॥ ५ ॥

*tapta-kāñcana-sankāśam
pīta-nirmala-vāsasam
indrādi-sura-mauliṣṭhaḥ
sphuran māṇikya-dīptibhiḥ*

He is dressed in a spotless yellow garment, which exactly resembles molten gold. He is the original cause of existence, beyond the mundane sphere, for the great demigods headed by Indra. He appears bedecked with rubies which are blazingly effulgent.

(6)
विरजितपदद्वन्द्वम् शङ्खचक्रदिहेतिभिः ।
गरुत्मता च विनयात् स्तुयमानम् मुदान्वितम् ॥ ६ ॥

*virājita-pada-dvandvaṁ
śaṅkha-cakrādi-hetibhiḥ
garutmatā ca vinayāt
stūyamānaṁ mudānvitam*

His two feet are very attractive, and He is armed with various weapons such as the conch, disc, etc. Garuḍa joyfully offers prayers with great reverence.

(7)
स्व हृत्कमलसंवासं कृत्वा तु कवचं पठेत् ।
नृसिंहो मे शिरः पातु लोकरक्षार्थसम्भवः ॥ ७ ॥

*sva-hṛt-kamala-samvāsaṁ
kṛtvā tu kavacaṁ pathet
nṛsiṁho me śiraḥ pātu
loka-rakṣārtha-sambhavaḥ*

Having seated Lord Nṛsiṁhadeva upon the lotus of one's heart, one should recite the following mantra: May Lord Nṛsiṁha, who protects all the planetary systems, protect my head.

(8)
सर्वगेऽपि स्तम्भवासः फलं मे रक्षतु ध्वनिम् ।
नृसिंहो मे दृशौ पातु सोमसूर्याग्निलोचनः ॥ ८ ॥

*sarvago 'pi stambha-vāsaḥ
phalaṁ me rakṣatu dhvanim
nṛsiṁho me dr̥śau pātu
soma-sūryāgni-locanaḥ*

Although the Lord is all-pervading, He hid Himself within a pillar. May He protect my speech and the results of my activities. May Lord Nṛsiṁha, whose eyes are the sun, and fire, protect my eyes.

(9)
स्मृतं मे पातु नृहरिः मुनिवार्यस्तुतिप्रियः ।
नासं मे सिंहनाशस्तु मुखं लक्ष्मीमुखप्रियः ॥ ९ ॥

*smṛtaṁ me pātu nṛhariḥ
muni-vārya-stuti-priyaḥ
nāsaṁ me siṁha-nāśas tu
mukhaṁ lakṣmī-mukha-priyaḥ*

May Lord Nṛhari, who is pleased by the prayers offered by the best of sages, protect my memory. May He who has the nose of a lion protect my nose, and may He whose face is very dear to the goddess of fortune protect my mouth.

(10)
सर्व विद्याधिपः पातु नृसिंहो रसनं मम ।
वक्त्रं पात्विन्दुवदनं सदा प्रह्लादवन्दितः ॥ १० ॥

*sarva-vidyādhipaḥ pātu
nṛsiṁho rasanam mama
vaktraṁ pātv indu-vadanam
sadā prahlāda-vanditaḥ*

May Lord Nṛsiṁha, who is the knower of all sciences, protect my sense of taste. May He whose face is beautiful as the full moon and who is offered prayers by Prahlāda Mahārāja protect my face.

(11)
नृसिंहः पातु मे कण्ठं स्कन्धौ भूभृदनन्तकृत् ।
दिव्यास्त्रशोभितभुजः नृसिंहः पातु मे भुजौ ॥ ११ ॥

*nṛsiṁhah pātu me kaṇṭhaṁ
skandhau bhū-bhṛd ananta-kṛt
divyāstra-śobhita-bhujah
nṛsiṁhah pātu me bhujau*

May Lord Nṛsiṁha protect my throat. He is the sustainer of the earth and the performer of unlimitedly wonderful activities. May He protect my shoulders. His arms are resplendent with transcendental weapons. May He protect my shoulders.

(12)
करौ मे देववरदो नृसिंहः पातु सर्वतः ।
हृदयं योगि साध्यश्च निवासं पातु मे हरिः ॥ १२ ॥

*karau me deva-varado
nṛsimhaḥ pātu sarvataḥ
hṛdayam yogi-sādhyas ca
nivāsam pātu me hariḥ*

May the Lord, who bestows benedictions upon the demigods, protect my hands, and may He protect me from all sides. May He who is achieved by the perfect yogis protect my heart, and may Lord Hari protect my dwelling place.

(13)

मध्यं पातु हिरण्याक्ष वक्षःकुक्षिविदारणः ।

नाभिं मे पातु नृहरिः स्वनाभिब्रह्मसंस्तुतः ॥ १३ ॥

*madhyam pātu hiranyākṣa-
vakṣaḥ-kukṣi-vidāraṇaḥ
nābhiṁ me pātu nṛhariḥ
sva-nābhi-brahma-saṁstutaḥ*

May He who ripped apart the chest and abdomen of the great demon Hiranyākṣa protect my waist, and may Lord Nṛhari protect my navel. He is offered prayers by Lord Brahmā, who has sprung from his own navel.

(14)

ब्रह्माण्ड कोटयः कत्यां यस्यासौ पातु मे कटिम् ।

गुह्यं मे पातु गुह्यानां मन्त्राणां गुह्यरूपदृक् ॥ १४ ॥

*brahmāṇḍa-koṭayaḥ katyām
yasyāsau pātu me kaṭim
guhyaṁ me pātu guhyānām
mantrānām guhya-rūpa-dṛk*

May He on whose hips rest all the universes protect my hips. May the Lord protect my private parts. He is the knower of all mantras and all mysteries, but He Himself is not visible.

(15)

ऊरु मनोभवः पातु जानुनी नररूपदृक् ।

जङ्घे पातु धराभर हर्ता योऽसौ नृकेशरी ॥ १५ ॥

*ūrū manobhavaḥ pātu
jānuni nara-rūpa-dṛk
jaṅghe pātu dharā-bhara-
hartā yo 'sau nṛ-keśarī*

May He who is the original Cupid protect my thighs. May He who exhibits a human-like form protect my knees. May the remover of the burden of the earth, who appears in a form which is half-man and half-lion, protect my calves.

(16)

सुर राज्यप्रदः पातु पादौ मे नृहरीश्वरः ।
सहस्रशीर्षापुरुषः पातु मे सर्वशस्तनुम् ॥ १६ ॥

*sura-rājya-pradaḥ pātu
pādau me nṛhariśvaraḥ
sahasra-śirṣā-puruṣaḥ
pātu me sarvaśas tanum*

May the bestower of heavenly opulence protect my feet. He is the Supreme Controller in the form of a man and lion combined. May the thousand-headed Supreme enjoyer protect my body from all sides and in all respects.

(17)

महोग्रः पूर्वतः पातु महावीराग्रजोऽग्नितः ।
महाविष्णुर्दक्षिणे तु महाज्वलस्तु नैऋतः ॥ १७ ॥

*mahograḥ pūrvataḥ pātu
mahā-virāgrajo 'gnitaḥ
mahā-viṣṇur dakṣiṇe tu
mahā-jvalas tu nairṛtaḥ*

May that most ferocious personality protect me from the east. May He who is superior to the greatest heroes protect me from the southeast, which is presided over by Agni. May the Supreme Viṣṇu protect me from the south, and may that person of blazing luster protect me from the southwest.

(18)

पश्चिमे पातु सर्वेशो दिशि मे सर्वतोमुखः ।
नृसिंहः पातु वायव्यां सौम्यां भूषणविग्रहः ॥ १८ ॥

*pāścime pātu sarveśo
diṣi me sarvatomukhaḥ
nṛsiṃhaḥ pātu vāyavyām
saumyām bhūṣaṇa-vigrahaḥ*

May the Lord of everything protect me from the west. His faces are everywhere, so please may He protect me from this direction. May Lord Nṛsiṃha protect me from the northwest, which is predominated by Vāyu, and may He whose form is in itself the supreme ornament protect me from the north, where Soma resides.

(19)

ईशान्यां पातु भद्रो मे सर्वमङ्गलदायकः ।

संसारभयतः पातु मृत्योर् मृत्युर् नृकेशरी ॥ १९ ॥

*īśānyām pātu bhadro me
sarva-maṅgala-dāyakaḥ
saṁsāra-bhayataḥ pātu
mṛtyor mṛtyur nṛ-keśarī*

May the all-auspicious Lord, who Himself bestows all-auspiciousness, protect from the northeast, the direction of the sun-god, and may He who is death personified protect me from fear of death and rotation in this material world.

(20)

इदं नृसिंहकवचं प्रह्लाद मुखमण्डितम् ।

भक्तिमान् यः पठेनैत्यं सर्वपापैः प्रमुच्यते ॥ २० ॥

*idaṁ nṛsiṁha-kavacaṁ
prahlāda-mukha-maṇḍitam
bhaktimān yaḥ pathenaityaṁ
sarva-pāpaiḥ pramucyate*

This Nṛsiṁha-kavaca has been ornamented by issuing from the mouth of Prahlāda Mahārāja. A devotee who reads this becomes freed from all sins.

(21)

पुत्रवान् धनवान् लोके दीर्घायुरुपजायते ।

कामयते यं यं कामं तं तं प्राप्नोत्यसंशयम् ॥ २१ ॥

*putravān dhanavān loke
dīrghāyur upajāyate
kāmayate yaṁ yaṁ kāmaṁ
taṁ taṁ prāpnoty asaṁśayam*

Whatever one desires in this world he can attain without doubt. One can have wealth, many sons, and a long life.

(22)

सर्वत्र जयमाप्नोति सर्वत्र विजयी भवेत् ।

भूम्यन्तरीक्षदिव्यानां ग्रहाणां विनिवारणम् ॥ २२ ॥

*sarvatra jayam āpnoti
sarvatra vijayī bhavet
bhūmy antarikṣa-divyānām
grahānām vinivāraṇam*

He becomes victorious who desires victory, and indeed becomes a conqueror. He wards off the influence of all planets, earthly, heavenly, and everything in between.

(23)

वृश्चिकोरगसम्भूत विषापहरणं परम् ।

ब्रह्मराक्षसयक्षाणां दूरोत्सारणकारणम् ॥ २३ ॥

*vṛścikoraga-sambhūta-
viṣāpaharaṇam param
brahma-rākṣasa-yakṣānām
dūrotsāraṇa-kāraṇam*

This is the supreme remedy for the poisonous effects of serpents and scorpions, and Brahma-rākṣasa ghosts and Yakṣas are driven away.

(24)

भुजेवा तलपात्रे वा कवचं लिखितं शुभम् ।

करमूले धृतं येन सिध्येयुः कर्मसिद्धयः ॥ २४ ॥

*bhuje vā tala-pātre vā
kavacaṁ likhitaṁ śubham
kara-mūle dhṛtaṁ yena
sidhyeyuḥ karma-siddhayaḥ*

One may write this most auspicious prayer on his arm, or inscribe it on a palm-leaf and attach it to his wrist, and all his activities will become perfect.

(25)

देवासुर मनुष्येषु स्वं स्वमेव जयं लभेत् ।

एकसन्ध्यं त्रिसन्ध्यं वा यः पठेन्नियतो नरः ॥ २५ ॥

*devāsura-manuṣyeṣu
svaṁ svam eva jayaṁ labhet
eka-sandhyaṁ tri-sandhyaṁ vā
yaḥ paṭhen niyato naraḥ*

One who regularly chants this prayer, whether once or thrice (daily), he becomes victorious whether among demigods, demons, or human beings.

(26)
सर्वं मङ्गलमङ्गल्यं भुक्तिं मुक्तिं च विन्दति ।
द्वात्रिंशतिसहस्राणि पठेत् शुद्धात्मनां नृणाम् ॥ २६ ॥

*sarva-maṅgala-maṅgalyaṁ
bhuktiṁ muktiṁ ca vindati
dvā-triṁśati-sahasrāṇi
pathet śuddhātmanām nṛṇām*

One who with purified heart recites this prayer 32,000 times attains the most auspicious of all auspicious things, and material enjoyment and liberation are already understood to be available to such a person.

(27)
कवचस्यास्य मन्त्रस्य मन्त्रसिद्धिः प्रजायते ।
अनेन मन्त्रराजेन कृत्वा भस्माभिर्मन्त्रानाम् ॥ २७ ॥

*kavacasyāsyā mantrasya
mantra-siddhiḥ prajāyate
anena mantra-rājena
kṛtvā bhasmābhir mantrānām*

This Kavaca-mantra is the king of all mantras. One attains by it what would be attained by anointing oneself with ashes and chanting all other mantras.

(28)
तिलकं विन्यसेद्यस्तु तस्य ग्रहभयं हरेत् ।
त्रिवारं जपमानस्तु दत्तं वार्याभिमन्त्र्य च ॥ २८ ॥

*tilakaṁ vinyased yas tu
tasya graha-bhayaṁ haret
tri-vāraṁ japamānas tu
dattaṁ vāryābhimantrya ca*

Having marked ones body with tilaka, taking acamana with water, and reciting this mantra three times, one will find that the fear of all inauspicious planets is removed.

(29)
प्रसयेद् यो नरो मन्त्रं नृसिंहध्यानमाचरेत् ।
तस्य रोगः प्रणश्यन्ति ये च स्युः कुक्षिसम्भवाः ॥ २९ ॥

*prasayed yo naro mantram
nṛsimha-dhyānam ācāret
tasya rogaḥ praṇāśyanti
ye ca syuḥ kuḥṣi-sambhavāḥ*

That person who recites this mantra, meditating upon Lord Nṛsimhadeva, has all of his diseases vanquished, including those of the abdomen.

(30)

[chant this sloka three times]

गर्जन्तं गार्जयन्तं निजभुजपतलं स्फोटयन्तं हतन्तं
रूप्यन्तं तापयन्तं दिवि भुवि दितिजं क्षेपयन्तं क्षिपन्तम् ।
क्रन्दन्तं रोषयन्तं दिशि दिशि सततं संहरन्तं भरन्तं
वीक्षन्तं पूर्णयन्तं करनिकरशतैर्दिव्यसिंहं नमामि ॥ ३० ॥

*garjantaṁ gārjayantaṁ nija-bhuja-patalaṁ sphoṭayantaṁ hatantaṁ
rūpyantaṁ tāpayantaṁ divi bhuvi ditijaṁ kṣepayantaṁ kṣipantaṁ
krandantaṁ roṣayantaṁ diśi diśi satataṁ saṁharantaṁ bharantaṁ
vīkṣantaṁ pūrṇayantaṁ kara-nikara-śatair divya-siṁhaṁ namāmi*

Lord Nṛsimha roars loudly and causes others to roar. With His multitudes of arms He tears the demons asunder and kills them in this way. He is always seeking out and tormenting the demoniac descendants of Diti, both on this earth planet and in the higher planets, and He throws them down and scatters them. He cries with great anger as He destroys the demons in all directions, yet with His unlimited hands He sustains, protects, and nourishes the cosmic manifestation. I offer my respectful obeisances to the Lord, who has assumed the form of a transcendental lion.

॥ इति श्रीब्रह्माण्डपुराणे प्रह्लादोक्तं श्रीनृसिंहकवचं सम्पूर्णम् ॥

iti śrī-brahmaṇḍa-purāṇe prahlādoktaṁ śrī-nṛsimha-kavacaṁ sampūrṇam.

Thus ends the Nṛsimha-kavaca as it is described by Prahlāda Mahārāja in the Brahmāṇḍa Purāṇa.

*ksraum bijam me sirah patu
candra-varno maha-manuh*

“One should place Lord Narasimhas’ bija-mantra ‘ksraum’ on ones’ head, thinking, “May my head be protected by the moon-coloured one, who is the greatest among all.””

*jaya nrsimho 'sri nrsimha
jaya jaya sri nrsimha
ugra viram mahavisnu
jvalantam sarvato mukham
nrsimham bhisanam bhadram
mrtyor mrtyum namay aham*

“My obeisances unto the ferocious and powerful, the great Visnu, the fiery one, whose faces are on all sides, the fearful Lord Nrsimha who causes the death of even personified (who can overcome even death). ”

*sri nrsimha jaya nrsimha
jaya jaya nrsimha
prahlada jaya padma
mukha-padma-bhrnga*

“All glories to Lord Nrsimhadeva, all glories, all glories to Lord Nrsimha, who is the Lord of Prahlada and a bumble bee of lotus mouth of Sri Laksmidevi.”

*vagisa yasya vadane laksmir yasya ca vaksasi
yasyaste hrdaye samvit tam nrsimha aham bhaje
sri nrsimha jaya nrsimha jaya jaya nrsimha
prahlada jaya padma mukha padma bhrnga*

“I worship Lord Nrsimhadeva, in whose mouth Sarasvatidevi resides and on His chest Laksmi, the goddess of fortune, the knowledge is situated in His heart. All glories, all glories to Lord Nrsimha, who is the Lord of Prahlada and a bumble bee of lotus mouth of Sri Laksmidevi ”

*om namo bhagavate tubhyam
purusaya mahatmane
haraye 'dbhuta-simhaya
brahmane paramatmane*

“O my Lord, full of all opulences, O Supreme soul, O Lord Hari in the form of wonderful lion, O Supreme Brahman, let me offer my respectful obeisances unto you.”

*ugra 'py anugra evayam
sva-bhaktanam nr-kesari
kesariva sva-potanam
anyesam ugra-vikramah*

“Although very ferocious, the lioness is very kind to her cubs. Similarly, although very ferocious to non-devotees like Hiranyakasipu, Lord Nrsimhadeva is very, very soft and kind to devotees like Prahlada Maharaja.”

*vidiksu diksurdhvam adah saman adi
antar bahir bhagavan narasimhah
prahapayal like-bhayam svaneha
sva-tejasa grasta-samasta-tejah*

“Prahlada Maharaja loudly chanted the Holy Name of Lord Nrsimhadeva. May Lord Nrsimhadeva, roaring for His devotee Prahlada Maharaja, protect us from fear of dangers created by stalwart leaders in all directions through poison, weapons, water, fire, air and so on. May the Lord cover their influence by His own transcendental influence. May Nrsimhadeva protect us in all directions and in all corners, above, below, within and without.”

*ajnanad athava jnanad
asubham yan maya krtam
ksantm arhasi tat sarvam
dasyenaiva grhana mam*

*sthitih seva gatir yatra
smrtis cinta stutir vacah
bhuyat sarvatmana visno
madiyah tvayi cestitam*

“Whatever inauspicious things I have done out of ignorance or unknowingly, please forgive that and accept me as your insignificant servant. Let my normal condition be service, let my movement be holy pilgrimage, let my thoughts be remembrance of you, let my words be glorification of you. O Visnu, let my activities, my whole body and soul be engaged in you.”

*aparadha sahasrani
kriyante har-nisam maya
daso ham iti mam matva
ksamasva madhusudana*

“Thousands of offenses are performed by me day and night, but thinking of me as a servant, kindly forgive those, O Madhusudana.”

*pratijna tava govinda
na me bhaktah pranasyati
iti samsmrtya samsmrtya
pranan somdhar ay amamyaham*

“O Govinda, you promise that your devotee will never perish. By remembering this over and over again I am able to retain my life air.”

If one commits any of the offenses (offenses in Deity worship) one must read at least one chapter of Bhagavad-gita. This is confirmed in the *Skanda-Purana*,

Avanti khanda. Similarly, there is another injunction stating that one who reads the thousand names of Visnu can be released from all offenses. In the same *Skanda-Purana*, Rev khanda, it is said that one who recites prayers to Tulasi or sows a Tulasi seed is free from all offences.

Similarly, one who worships Lord Visnu, whose four hands bear a conchshell, disc, lotus flower and club, can be relieved from the above offenses.

In the *Adi-varaha Purana* it is stated that a worshiper who has committed offences may fast for one day at the holy place known as Saukarava and bath in the Ganges.

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