
.. narasiMha kavacha ..

॥ नरसिंह कवच ॥

॥ अथ श्री नृसिंहकवचस्तोत्रम् ॥

नृसिंहकवचं वक्ष्ये प्रह्लादेनोदितं पुरा ।

सर्वरक्षकरं पुण्यं सर्वोपद्रवनाशनम् ॥ १ ॥

I shall now recite the Narasinha-kavacha, formerly spoken by Prahlada MahArAja . It is most pious, vanquishes all kinds of impediments, and provides one all protection .

सर्वं सम्पत्करं चैव स्वर्गमोक्षप्रदायकम् ।

ध्यात्वा नृसिंहं देवेशं हेमसिंहासनस्थितम् ॥ २ ॥

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

विवृतास्यं त्रिनयनं शरदिन्दुसमप्रभम् ।

लक्ष्म्यालिङ्गितवामाङ्गम् विभूतिभिरुपाश्रितम् ॥ ३ ॥

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

चतुर्भुजं कोमलाङ्गं स्वर्णकुण्डलशोभितम् ।

सरोजशोभितोरस्कं रत्नकेयूरमुद्रितम् ॥ ४ ॥

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 .

तप्त काञ्चनसंकाशं पीतनिर्मलवाससम् ।

इन्द्रादिसुरमौलिष्ठः स्फुरन्माणिक्यदीप्तिभिः ॥ ५ ॥

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 .

विरजितपदद्वन्द्वम् च शङ्खचक्रादिहेतिभिः ।

गरुत्मत्मा च विनयात् स्तूयमानम् मुदान्वितम् ॥ ६ ॥

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

स्व हृत्कमलसंवासं कृत्वा तु कवचं पठेत् ।

नृसिंहो मे शिरः पातु लोकरक्षार्थसम्भवः ॥ ७ ॥

Having seated Lord Narasinhadeva upon the lotus of one's heart, one should recite the following mantra: May Lord Narasinha, who protects

all the planetary systems, protect my head .

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

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 Narasinha, whose eyes are the sun, and fire, protect my eyes .

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

May Lord Nrihari, 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 .

सर्वं विद्याधिपः पातु नृसिंहो रसनं मम ।
वक्त्रं पात्विन्दुवदनं सदा प्रह्लादवन्दितः ॥ १० ॥

May Lord Narasinha, 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 PrahlAda MahArAja protect my face .

नृसिंहः पातु मे कण्ठं स्कन्धौ भूभृदनन्तकृत् ।
दिव्यास्त्रशोभितभुजः नृसिंहः पातु मे भुजौ ॥ ११ ॥

May Lord Narasinha 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 .

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

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 .

मध्यं पातु हिरण्याक्ष वक्षःकुक्षिविदारणः ।
नाभिं मे पातु नृहरिः स्वनाभिब्रह्मसस्तुतः ॥ १३ ॥

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

ब्रह्माण्ड कोटयः कव्यां यस्यासौ पातु मे कटिम् ।
गुह्यं मे पातु गुह्यानां मन्त्राणां गुह्यरूपदृक् ॥ १४ ॥

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 .

ऊरू मनोभवः पातु जानुनी नररूपदृक् ।
जङ्घे पातु धराभर हर्ता योऽसौ नृकेशरी ॥ १५ ॥

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 .

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

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 .

महोग्रः पूर्वतः पातु महावीराग्रजोऽग्निः ।
महाविष्णुर्दक्षिणे तु महाज्वलस्तु नैर्ऋतः ॥ १७ ॥

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 Visnu protect me from the south, and may that person of blazing luster protect me from the southwest .

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

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 Narasinha protect me from the northwest, which is predominated by VAyu, and may He whose form is in itself the supreme ornament protect me from the north, where Soma resides .

ईशान्यां पातु भद्रो मे सर्वमङ्गलदायकः ।
संसारभयतः पातु मृत्योर्मृत्युर्नृकेशई ॥ १९ ॥

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 .

इदं नृसिंहकवचं प्रह्लादमुखमण्डितम् ।
भक्तिमान् यः पठेन्नित्यं सर्वपापैः प्रमुच्यते ॥ २० ॥

This Narasinha-kavacha has been ornamented by issuing from the mouth of PrahLAda MahArAja . A devotee who reads this becomes freed from all sins .

पुत्रवान् धनवान् लोके दीर्घायुरुपजायते ।
कामयते यं यं कामं तं तं प्राप्नोत्यसंशयम् ॥ २१ ॥

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

सर्वत्र जयमाप्नोति सर्वत्र विजयी भवेत् ।
भूम्यन्तरीक्षदिव्यानां ग्रहाणां विनिवारणम् ॥ २२ ॥

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 .

वृश्चिकोरगसम्भूत विषापहरणं परम् ।
ब्रह्मराक्षसयक्षाणां दूरोत्सारणकारणम् ॥ २३ ॥

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

भुजेवा तलपात्रे वा कवचं लिखितं शुभम् ।
करमूले धृतं येन सिध्येयुः कर्मसिद्धयः ॥ २४ ॥

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 .

देवासुर मनुष्येषु स्वं स्वमेव जयं लभेत् ।
एकसन्ध्यं त्रिसन्ध्यं वा यः पठेन्नियतो नरः ॥ २५ ॥

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

सर्वं मङ्गलमाङ्गल्यं भुक्तिं मुक्तिं च विन्दति ।
द्वात्रिंशतिसहस्राणि पठेत् शुद्धात्मनां नृणाम् ॥ २६ ॥

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 .

कवचस्यास्य मन्त्रस्य मन्त्रसिद्धिः प्रजायते ।
अनेन मन्त्रराजेन कृत्वा भस्माभिर्मन्त्रानाम् ॥ २७ ॥

This Kavacha-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 .

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

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

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

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

गर्जन्तं गार्जयन्तं निजभुजपतलं स्फोटयन्तं हतन्तं
रूप्यन्तं तापयन्तं दिवि भुवि दितिजं क्षेपयन्तं क्षिपन्तम् ।

ऋन्दन्तं रोषयन्तं दिशि दिशि सततं संहरन्तं भरन्तं
वीक्षन्तं पूर्णयन्तं करनिकरशतैर्दिव्यसिंहं नमामि ॥ ३० ॥

Lord Narasinha 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 demonic descendants of Diti, both on this earth planet and in the higher planets, and He throws them down and scatters them . He shouts 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 ॥

Thus ends the Narasinha-kavacha as it is described by PrahLAda MahArAja in the BrahmANDa PurANa .

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