

Sri Sivastakam

(Eight prayers glorifying Lord Siva, spoken by Sriman Mahaprabhu. Recorded in Murari Gupta's "Sri Caitanya Carita Mahakavya")

1)

*namo namaste tri-daśeśvarāya
bhūtādi nāthāya mṛdāya nityam
gaṅgā-taraṅgotthita-bāla-candra-
cūḍāya gaurī-nayanotsavāya*

"I repeatedly offer my obeisances unto you, the controller of the thirty primal demigods; unto you, the original father of all created beings; unto you, whose character is gracious; unto you, whose head is crested by the sickle moon arisen from the waves of the Ganga and unto you, who are a festival for the eyes of the fair goddess Gauri."

2)

*sutapta cāmīkara-candra-nīla-
padma-pravālāmbuda-kānti-vastraiḥ
sa nṛtya-raṅgeṣṭa-vara-pradāya
kaivalya-nāthāya vṛṣa-dhvajāya*

"I offer my obeisances unto you, who are dressed in garments resembling molten gold, the moon, blue lotuses, coral, and dark rainclouds; unto you, who bestow the most desirable boons on your devotees by means of your delightful dancing; unto you, who are the master of the impersonalists and unto you, whose flag bears the image of the bull."

3)

*sudhamśu-sūryāgni-vilocanena
tamo-bhīde te jagataḥ śivāya
sahasra-śubhrāmśu-sahasra-raśmi-
sahasra-saṅjit-tvara-tejase'stu*

"I offer my obeisances unto you, who dispells darkness with your three eyes - the moon, the sun and fire; unto you, who causes auspiciousness for all the living entities of the universe and unto you, whose potency easily defeats that of thousands of moons and suns."

4)

*nāgeśa-ratnojvala-vigrahāya
śārdūla-carmāmśuka-divya-tejase
sahasra-patropari samsthitāya
varāṅgadā-mukta-bhujā-dvayāya*

"I offer my obeisances unto you, whose form is brilliantly illuminated by the jewels of Ananta, the king of snakes; unto you, who are clothed by a tiger-skin and thus radiate divine effulgence; unto you, who sits upon a thousand-petalled lotus and unto you, whose two arms are adorned by lustrous bangles."

5)

*su-nūpurā-rāñjita-pāda-padma
kṣarat-sudha-bhr̥tya-sukha-pradāya
vicitra-ratnaugha-vibhūṣitāya
premānam evādyā harau videhi*

"I offer my obeisances unto you, who brings happiness to your servitors, as you pour on them the liquid nectar from your two reddish lotus feet, which ring with charming anklebells. Obeisances unto you, who is adorned with an abundance of gems - please endow me with pure love for Lord Hari."

6)

*śrī rāma govinda mukunda śaure
śrī kṛṣṇa nārāyaṇa vāsudeva
ity-ādi nāmāmṛta-pāna-matta-
bhr̥ṅgādhi-pāyākhila-dukha-hantre*

" 'O Shri Rama, O Govinda, O Mukunda, O shauri, O Shri krsna, O Narayana, O Vaasudeva!' I offer my obeisances unto you, Lord Shiva, the monarch of intoxicated bee-like devotees, maddened by drinking the nectar of these and other holy names of the Lord. Obeisances unto you, the destroyer of all grief."

7)

*śrī nāradādyaiḥ satataṁ sugopya-
jijñāsītā-yāsu vara-pradāya
tebhyo harer bhakti-sukha-pradāya
śivāya sarva-gurave namo namaḥ*

" I offer my respectful obeisances again and again unto you, who is forever enquired of confidentially by Shri Narada and other sages; unto you, who also grants favors to them very quickly; unto you, who bestows the happiness of Hari-bhakti; unto you, who creates auspiciousness and unto you, who is the guru of everyone."

8)

*śrī gaurī-netrosava-maṅgalāya
tat-prāna-nāthāya rasa-pradāya
sadā samutkaṅṭha-govinda-līlā-
gāna-praviṇāya namo'stu tubhyam*

"I offer my obeisances unto you, who are a festival of auspiciousness for the eyes of Goddess Gauri; unto you, who is the monarch of her life-breath; unto you, who

is capable of bestowing transcendental rasa and unto you, who is expert in forever singing songs of the pastimes of Lord Govinda with great longing."

9)

*etat śivasyāṣṭakam adbhutaṁ mahat
śṛṇvan hari-prema labheta śīghram
jñānam ca vijñānam apūrva-vaibhavam
yo bhāva-pūrṇaḥ paramaṁ samādaram*

" A person, filled with loving feelings, who hears with rapt attention this wonderful eight-fold prayer to Lord Shiva, can quickly gain Sri Hari-prema as well as transcendental knowledge, the realisation of that knowledge, and unprecedented powers."