

ಶ್ರೀವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಕರಾವಲಮ್ಬಸ್ತೋತ್ರಮ್

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{Hymn to Shri Venkatesha for the support of his hand}

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ಶ್ರೀ ಶೇಷಶೈಲ ಸುನಿಕೇತನ ದಿವ್ಯಮೂರ್ತೇ

ನಾರಾಯಣಾಚ್ಯುತ ಹರೇ ನಲಿನಾಯತಾಕ್ಷ |

ಲೀಲಾಕಟಾಕ್ಷ ಪರಿರಕ್ಷಿತ ಸರ್ವಲೋಕ

ಶ್ರೀ ವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಮ್ಬಮ್ || ೧ ||

O Shri Venkatesha, you who have your magnificent

abode on the Shesha Hills, you of the divine form,

Narayana, Achyuta, Hari, with eyes broad as

lotus petals, you who protect all the worlds

with a playful sidelong glance of your eyes,

give me the support of your hand. 1.}

ಬ್ರಹ್ಮಾದಿವಂದಿತಪದಾಮ್ಬುಜ ಶೃಂಗಪಾಣೇ

ಶ್ರೀಮತ್ಸುಧರ್ಶನ ಸುಶೋಭಿತ ದಿವ್ಯಹಸ್ತ |

ಕಾರುಣ್ಯಸಾಗರ ಶರಣ್ಯ ಸುಪುಣ್ಯಮೂರ್ತೇ

ಶ್ರೀ ವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಮ್ಬಮ್ || ೨ ||

O Shri Venkatesha, whose lotus-like feet

Brahma and other gods worship, you with the

conch in your hand, whose divine hand is well

adorned with the Sudarshana discus, you ocean of

mercy, the refuge of all, embodiment of purity,

give me the support of your hand. 2.]

ವೇದಾನ್ತ-ವೇದ್ಯ ಭವಸಾಗರ-ಕರ್ಣಧಾರ
ಶ್ರೀಪದ್ಮನಾಭ ಕಮಲಾರ್ಚಿತಪಾದಪದ್ಮ |
ಲೋಕೈಕ-ಪಾವನ ಪರಾತ್ಪರ ಪಾಪಹಾರಿನ್
ಶ್ರೀ ವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಮ್ಬಮ್ || ೩ ||

O Shri Venkatesha, who are to be comprehended
from the Upanishads, who are the pilot for all to
cross the ocean of worldly life, O Shri Padmanabha
whose lotus-like feet Laxmi worships, who alone
make the world a holy place, O you Vishnu who
remove all sins, give me the support of your hand. 3.]

ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀಪತೇ ನಿಗಮಲಕ್ಷ್ಯ ನಿಜಸ್ವರೂಪ
ಕಾಮಾದಿದೋಷ ಪರಿಹಾರಕ ಬೋಧದಾಯಿನ್ |
ದೈತ್ಯಾದಿಮರ್ದನ ಜನಾರ್ದನ ವಾಸುದೇವ
ಶ್ರೀ ವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಮ್ಬಮ್ || ೪ ||

O Shri Venkatesha, husband of Laxmi, whose innate
nature is the theme of the Vedas, you who impart
self-realization that takes away lust and other evils,
who put down the Asuras and others of ill intent,
O Janardana, Vasudeva, give me the support of your hand. 4.]

ತಾಪತ್ರಯಂ ಹರ ವಿಭೋ ರಭಸಾ ಮುರಾರೇ
ಸಂರಕ್ಷ ಮಾಂ ಕರುಣಯಾ ಸರಸೀರುಹಾಕ್ಷ |
ಮಚ್ಛಿಷ್ಯಮಿತ್ಯನುದಿನಂ ಪರಿರಕ್ಷ ವಿಷ್ಣೋ
ಶ್ರೀ ವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಮ್ಬಮ್ || ೫ ||

O Shri Venkatesha, rid me fast of the three
miseries (of spiritual, material, and supernatural
origin) that afflict man, all-powerful Murare, in
your compassion, you with eyes like the lotus,
protect me; and, O Vishnu, considering me your
disciple, protect me every day; and give me
the support of your hand. 5.}

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಾತರೂಪನವರತ್ನ ಲಸತ್ಕಿರೀಟ-
ಕಸ್ತೂರಿಕಾತಿಲಕಶೋಭಿಲಲಾಟದೇಶ |
ರಾಕೇನ್ದ್ರಬಿಮ್ಬ ವದನಾಮ್ಬುಜ ವಾರಿಜಾಕ್ಷ
ಶ್ರೀ ವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಮ್ಬಮ್ || ೬ ||

O Shri Venkatesha, with the golden crown
glittering with the nine kinds of gems, with
your forehead adorned with the marking done
with the musk, you with the lotus-like face
resembling the moon at the full and eyes
like the lotus, give me the support of your hand. 6.}

ವನ್ನಾರುಲೋಕ-ವರದಾನ-ವಚೋವಿಲಾಸ
ರತ್ನಾಡ್ಯಹಾರ ಪರಿಶೋಭಿತ ಕಮ್ಮುಕಣ್ಣ |
ಕೇಯೂರರತ್ನ ಸುವಿಭಾಸಿ-ದಿಗಂತರಾಲ
ಶ್ರೀ ವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಮ್ಬಮ್ || ೭ ||

O Shri Venkatesha, whose gracious words bestow
the boons sought by the crowd praising your glories,
whose conch-like neck is adorned with a necklace

studded with precious stones, the bright gems on
whose shoulder ornament illumine the horizons of
the compass, give me the support of your hand. 7.}

ದಿವ್ಯಾಙ್ಗದಾಙ್ಕಿತ ಭುಜದ್ವಯ ಮಙ್ಗಲಾತ್ಮನ್
ಕೇಯೂರಭೂಷಣ ಸುಶೋಭಿತ ದೀರ್ಘಬಾಹೋ |
ನಾಗೇಂದ್ರ-ಕಚ್ಚುಣ ಕರದ್ವಯ ಕಾಮದಾಯಿನ್
ಶ್ರೀ ವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಮ್ಬಮ್ || ೮ ||

O Shri Venkatesha, you who have your upper
arms bedecked with bracelets, who are the spirit of
auspiciousness, who are adorned with shoulder ornaments,
who have the lords of the serpents for wristbands on
both your hands, who give (your devotees) all they
desire, give me the support of your hand. 8.}

ಸ್ವಾಮಿನ್ ಜಗದ್ಧರಣವಾರಿಧಿಮಧ್ಯಮಗ್ನ
ಮಾಮುದ್ಧಾರಯ ಕೃಪಯಾ ಕರುಣಾಪಯೋಧೇ |
ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀಂಶ್ಚ ದೇಹಿ ಮಮ ಧರ್ಮ ಸಮೃದ್ಧಿಹೇತುಂ
ಶ್ರೀ ವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಮ್ಬಮ್ || ೯ ||

O Shri Venkatesha, Lord, who support the
universe, ocean of compassion, I
pray, in your mercy, lift me up who am sunk in
the middle of the sea (of mundane pursuits);
also bestow on me the auspicious outlook which
is the basis for the accumulation of spiritual
merit, and give me the support of your hand. 9.}

ದಿವ್ಯಾಬ್ಧರಾಗಪರಿಚರ್ಚಿತ ಕೋಮಲಾಬ್ಧ
ಪೀತಾಮ್ಬರಾವೃತತನೋ ತರುಣಾರ್ಕ ಭಾಸ
ಸತ್ಯಾಂಜ ನಾಭ ಪರಿಧಾನ ಸುಪತ್ತು ಬದ್ಧ
ಶ್ರೀ ವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಮ್ಬಮ್ || ೧೦ ||

O Shri Venkatesha, whose handsome body is smeared
with a heavenly (coloring) powder and is covered with
a yellow cloth, whose brightness is like that of the
morning sun, who have Brahma (the Creator) in your navel,
and whose waist is tied with a cloth, give me the
support of your hand. 10.]

ರತ್ನಾಡ್ಯದಾಮ ಸುನಿಬದ್ಧ-ಕಟಿ-ಪ್ರದೇಶ
ಮಾಣಿಕ್ಯದರ್ಪಣ ಸುಸನ್ನಿಭ ಜಾನುದೇಶ |
ಜಙ್ಘಾದ್ವಯೇನ ಪರಿಮೋಹಿತ ಸರ್ವಲೋಕ
ಶ್ರೀ ವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಮ್ಬಮ್ || ೧೧ ||

O Shri Venkatesha, who have your waist well-secured
with a band studded with gems, whose knees resemble mirrors
wrought of the ruby, who captivate the entire world by (the
beauty of) your feet, give me the support of your hand. 12.]

ಲೋಕೈಕಪಾವನ-ಸರಿತ್ವರಿಶೋಭಿತಾಜ್ಞೇ
ತ್ವತ್ಪಾದದರ್ಶನ ದಿನೇ ಚ ಮಮಾಘಮೀಶ |
ಹಾರ್ದಂ ತಮಶ್ಚ ಸಕಲಂ ಲಯಮಾಪ ಭೂಮನ್
ಶ್ರೀ ವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಮ್ಬಮ್ || ೧೨ ||

O Shri Venkatesha, whose feet are lustrous with

the river (Ganga) that purifies the universe, the
day I had sight of your feet, my sins and the
(spiritual) darkness in my heart were all
dissolved away, O sovereign Lord; give me the
support of your hand. 12.}

ಕಾಮಾದಿ-ವೈರಿ-ನಿವಹೋಚ್ಯುತ ಮೇ ಪ್ರಯಾತಃ
ದಾರಿದ್ರ್ಯಮಪ್ಯಪಗತಂ ಸಕಲಂ ದಯಾಲೋ ।
ದೀನಂ ಚ ಮಾಂ ಸಮವಲೋಕ್ಯ ದಯಾರ್ಥ ದೃಷ್ಟ್ವಾ
ಶ್ರೀ ವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಮಮ ದೇಹಿ ಕರಾವಲಪ್ಸುಮ್ ॥ ೧೩ ॥

O Shri Venkatesha, when you looked me over
while I was in distress, with eyes full of
compassion, all the enemies (to spiritual progress),
lust, and other evil passions departed from me,
and, merciful One, all my poverty vanished; give
me the support of your hand. 13.}

ಶ್ರೀ ವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಪದಪಚ್ಛಜ ಷಟ್ಪದೇನ
ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮೃಸಿಂಹಯತಿನಾ ರಚಿತಂ ಜಗತ್ಯಾಮ್ ।
ಯೇ ತತ್ಪಠಂತಿ ಮನುಜಾಃ ಪುರುಷೋತ್ತಮಸ್ಯ
ತೇ ಪ್ರಾಪ್ನುವಂತಿ ಪರಮಾಂ ಪದವೀಂ ಮುರಾರೇಃ ॥ ೧೪ ॥

These verses were composed by the sannyasin Shriman
Nrisinha, who was like a honey-bee hovering over the lotus
feet of Shri Venkatesha. Those mortals who recite them
will attain to the supreme world of Visnu. 14.}

॥ ಇತಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಶೃಂಗೇರಿ ಜಗದ್ಗುರುಣಾ ಶ್ರೀ ನೃಸಿಂಹ ಭಾರತಿ

ಸ್ವಾಮಿನಾ ರಚಿತಂ ಶ್ರೀ ವೇಂಕಟೇಶ ಕರಾವಲಂಬು ಸ್ತೋತ್ರಂ ಸಮ್ಪೂರ್ಣಮ್ ||

Thus is complete the Shri Venkatesha

Karavalamba Stotram composed by Shri

Nrisinha Bharati Svami, the Jagadguru of Sringeri.}

Note: Among the 36 Jagadgurus, starting with Adi Shankaracharya,

who have adorned the Shringeri Muth since it was

founded twelve centuries ago, eight have had the name

Nrisinha (Narasinha) Bharati. We do not know which

of the eight is the author of this beautiful hymn.}

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