



RUNNING TRANSLATION OF VERSES IN PRAYER TO DURGA

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The Devas said, “Salutations to the blessed Mother Devi, the great Devi; salutations again and again to Prakriti, the auspicious; salutations, salutations! Prostrations to the dreadful, the eternal, the pure, the effulgent Devi. Prostrations to Durga, the Essence, the Doer of everything here, the most beautiful among the beautiful, the most dreadful among the dreadful, salutations, salutations! Prostrations to that Devi who is called Vishnumaya among all creatures. Prostrations, prostrations! Again and again salutations to Her who is called among all beings as Consciousness, as Intellect, as Sleep, as Hunger, as Shadow, as Power, as Thirst, as Forbearance, as Caste, as Shyness, as Peace, as Faith, as Beauty, as Prosperity, as Effort, as Memory, as Mercy, as Contentment, as Mother, as Delusion, and who is called among beings as the Sustainer of all, to Her let our salutations be! May that Devi bestow blessings upon us, the helpless Devas!”

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DURGA SUKTAM

Prayers to the Cosmic Power

Durga Suktam

namo devyai mahādevyai śivāyai satataṃ namaḥ
namaḥ prakṛtyai bhadrāyai niyatāḥ praṇatāḥ sma tām
raudrāyai namo nityāyai gauryai dhātryai namo namaḥ
jyotsnāyai cendurūpiṇyai sukhāyai satataṃ namaḥ
kalyāṇyai praṇatā vṛddhyai siddhyai kurmo namo namaḥ
nairṛtyai bhūbhṛtām lakṣmyai śarvāṇyai te namo namaḥ
durgāyai durgapārāyai sārāyai sarvakāriṇyai
khyātyai tathaiva kṛṣṇāyai dhūmrāyai satataṃ namaḥ
atisaumyātiraudrāyai natāstasyai namo namaḥ
namo jagatpratiṣṭhāyai devyai kṛtyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu viṣṇumāyeti śabditā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu cetanetyabhidhīyate
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu buddhirūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu nidrārūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu kṣudhārūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu chāyārūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu śaktirūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu tṛṣṇārūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu kṣāntirūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu jātirūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu lajjārūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ

yā devī sarvabhūteṣu śāntirūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu śraddhārūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu kāntirūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu lakṣmīrūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu vṛttirūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu smṛtirūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu dayārūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu tuṣṭirūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu mātrrūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
yā devī sarvabhūteṣu bhrāntirūpeṇa saṁsthitā
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
indriyāṇāmadhiṣṭhātrī bhūtānām cākhileṣu yā
bhūteṣu satataṃ tasyai vyāptyai devyai namo namaḥ
citrūpeṇa yā kṛtsnametad vyāpya sthitā jagat
namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namaḥ
stutā suraiḥ pūrvamabhiṣṭasamśrayā-
ttathā surendreṇa diṇeṣu sevitā
karotu sā naḥ śubhaheturīśvarī
śubhāni bhadrāṇyabhihantu cāpadaḥ
yā sāmpratam coddhatadaityatāpitai-
rasmābhiriśā ca surairnamasyate
yā ca smṛtā tatkṣaṇameva hanti naḥ
sarvāpado bhaktivinamramūrtibhiḥ

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