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Śiva uvāca

devi tvam bhaktasulabhe sarvakārya vidhāyini
kalau hi kāryasiddhyartham upāyam brūhi yatnatah

Devi uvāca

śrṇu dev pravakṣyāmi kalay sarvaṣṭasādhanam
mayā tavaiva snehenāpyambāstutiḥ prakāśyate
om asya śrīdurgāsaptaślokī stotramahāmantrasya
nārāyaṇa ṛṣiḥ anuṣṭupchandāḥ
śrīmahākālīmāhālakṣmīmāhāsarasvatyo devatāḥ
śrī durgapṛītyartham saptaślokīdurgāpāṭhe viniyogaḥ

om jñānināmapi cetāmsi devī bhagavati hi sā
balādākṛṣya mohāya mahāmāyā prayacchati

(1)

durge smṛtā harasi bhītimaśeṣajantoḥ
svasthaiḥ smṛtā matimatīva śubhām dadāsi
dāridryaduḥkhabhayahāriṇi kā tvadanyā
sarvopakāra karaṇāya sadā "rdracittā

(2)

sarvamaṅgalamāṅgalye śive sarvārthasādhike
śaraṇye tryambake gauri nārāyaṇi namo'stu te

(3)

śaraṇāgatadinārta paritrāṇaparāyaṇe
sarvasyārtihare devi nārāyaṇi namo'stu te

(4)

sarvasvarūpe sarveśe sarvaśakti samanvite
bhayebhyastrāhi no devī durge devī namo'stu te

(5)

rogānaśeṣānapahaṁsi tuṣṭā ruṣṭā tu kāmān sakalānabhīṣṭān
tvāmāśrītānām na vipannarāṇām tvāmāśrītā hyāśrayatām prayānti (6)

sarvābādhāpraśamanam trailokyasyākhileśvari
evameva tvayā kāryam asmadvairivināśanam

(7)

Om namaḥ chaṇḍikāyai

Meaning

Śiva asked:

O Divine Mother! You are easily accessible to your devotees. Tell us an easy way to accomplish success in all undertakings in the kāli age.

The Mother replied:

Lord, I shall reveal the 'Prayer to the Mother' which enables one to attain success in all undertakings. This mantra or prayer was 'seen' by Nārāyaṇa. It has Māhākali, Māhālakshmi and Māhāsarsasvati as deities. (It is recited for their propitiation.)

1. It is the Divine mother who spreads the veil of illusion over the hearts of even the wise men.
2. O Mother Durga! You rob us of our fear when we contemplate you. You bestow wisdom on us. You are the cosmic benefactress. Who else can remove our poverty, sorrow and fear?
3. Salutations to Nārāyaṇi who is supreme auspiciousness, the bestower of success and the refuge of all.
4. Salutations to Nārāyaṇi who is devoted to the redemption of everyone who takes refuge in her.
5. Mother! You are all these names and forms. You are the supreme controller and omnipotent. Free us from fear.
6. You destroy all our diseases when you are pleased. You destroy our desires. He who resorts to you comes to no grief.
7. Mother, this is our only prayer; may no one in all the worlds experience pain or sorrow. Save us from our (inner) enemies.

Om Tat Sat