

श्री कृष्णाष्टकम्

॥ śrī kṛṣṇāṣṭakam ॥



वसुदेव सुतं देवं कंस चाणूरमर्दनम् ।

देवकी परमानन्दं कृष्णं वन्दे जगद्गुरुम् ॥ १ ॥

vasudeva sutam devam kamsa canuramardanam ।

devakī paramānandam kṛṣṇam vande jagadgurum ॥ 1 ॥

vasudeva sutam -- son of Vasudeva; devam -- the divine; kamsa canuramardanam -- killer of kamsa and canūra; devakī paramānandam -- one who gives great joy to Devakī; kṛṣṇam -- to Kṛṣṇa; vande -- praise, salutations; jagadgurum -- to the guru of the universe;

I offer my obeisance's to Lord Kṛṣṇa, the beloved son of Vasudeva, who killed the great demons Kamsa and Cānūra, who is the source of great joy to Mother Devakī; and who is indeed a world teacher and spiritual master of the universe. (1)

अतसीपुष्प सङ्काशं हारनूपुर शोभितम् ।

रत्नकङ्कण केयूरं कृष्णं वन्दे जगद्गुरुम् ॥ २ ॥

atasīpuṣpa saṅkāśam hāranūpura śobhitam ।

ratnakaṅkaṇa keyūram kṛṣṇam vande jagadgurum ॥ 2 ॥

atasīpuṣpa saṅkāśam -- brilliant with the atasī flower; hāranūpura śobhitam -- shining with garland and anklet ; ratnakaṅkaṇa keyūram -- jewelled bangle and upper arm bracelet; kṛṣṇam -- to Kṛṣṇa; vande -- praise, salutations; jagadgurum -- to the guru of the universe;

I salute Lord Kṛṣṇa, the Universal Teacher, who is decorated with garlands of Atasī flowers, who shines with jewels around his neck, wearing anklets and bracelets. (2)

कुटिलालक संयुक्तं पूर्णं चन्द्रनिभाननम् ।
विलसत्कुण्डल धरं कृष्णं वन्दे जगद्गुरुम् ॥ ३ ॥

kuṭilālaka saṁyuktaṁ pūrṇa candranibhānanam ।
vilasatkuṇḍala dharaṁ kṛṣṇaṁ vande jagadgurum ॥ 3 ॥

kuṭilālaka saṁyuktaṁ -- one with curly hair; pūrṇa candranibhānanam -- one whose face is like the full moon; vilasatkuṇḍala dharaṁ -- wearing playful ear ornament; kṛṣṇaṁ -- to Kṛṣṇa; vande -- praise, salutations; jagadgurum -- to the guru of the universe;

I salute Lord Kṛṣṇa, the Universal Teacher. His transcendental face, which shines like the full moon, is decorated with curling locks of black hair and beautiful ear-rings. (3)

मन्दार गन्धसंयुक्तं चारुहासं चतुर्भुजम् ।
बर्हि पिञ्छाव चूडाङ्गं कृष्णं वन्दे जगद्गुरुम् ॥ ४ ॥

mandāra gandhasaṁyuktaṁ cāruhāsaṁ caturbhujam ।
barhi piñchāva cūḍāṅgaṁ kṛṣṇaṁ vande jagadgurum ॥ 4 ॥

mandāra gandhasaṁyuktaṁ -- one with fragrant sandalwood paste; cāruhāsaṁ -- one with lovely smile; caturbhujam -- one with four hands; barhi piñchāva cūḍāṅgaṁ -- one who has peacock feather on his head; kṛṣṇaṁ -- to Kṛṣṇa; vande -- praise, salutations; jagadgurum -- to the guru of the universe;

I salute Lord Kṛṣṇa, the Universal Teacher, whose body is anointed with fragrant sandalwood paste, who lovingly smiles, who wears on the top of His head the peacock feather and who has four arms. (4)

उत्पुल्ल पद्म पत्राक्षं नीलजीमूत सन्निभम् ।
यादवानां शिरोरत्नं कृष्णं वन्दे जगद्गुरुम् ॥ ५ ॥
utpulla padma patrākṣaṁ nīlajīmūta sannibham ।
yādavānāṁ śīroratnaṁ kṛṣṇaṁ vande jagadgurum ॥ 5 ॥

utpulla padma patrākṣaṁ -- One whose eyes are like the full blown lotus; nīlajīmūta sannibham -- whose (body) is like the dark (waterladen) cloud; yādavānāṁ śīroratnaṁ -- one who is the crest jewel of the yadava clan; kṛṣṇaṁ -- to Kṛṣṇa; vande -- praise, salutations; jagadgurum -- to the guru of the universe;

I salute Lord Kṛṣṇa, the Universal Teacher, whose beautiful eyes resembling the fully blown lotus flowers, whose body has the colour of dark blue rain clouds, and who is the crest jewel of the Yadava clan. (5)

रुक्मिणी केळिसंयुक्तं पीताम्बर सुशोभितम् ।

अवाप्त तुलसीगन्धं कृष्णं वन्दे जगद्गुरुम् ॥ ६ ॥

rukmiṇī keḷisaṁyuktaṁ pītāmbara suśobhitam ।
avāpta tulasīgandham kṛṣṇaṁ vande jagadgurum ॥ 6 ॥

rukmiṇī keḷisaṁyuktaṁ -- one with the sportive Rukmini; pītāmbara suśobhitam -- one who wears yellow silk garments; avāpta tulasīgandham -- one who is attracted by the scent of Tulasi; kṛṣṇaṁ -- to Kṛṣṇa; vande -- praise, salutations; jagadgurum -- to the guru of the universe;

I salute Lord Kṛṣṇa, the Universal Teacher, who is engaged in sportive play with Rukmiṇī, who is dressed in yellow silk garments and who is attracted by the scent of Tulasi. (6)

गोपिकानां कुचद्वन्द्व कुङ्कुमाङ्कित वक्त्रसम् ।

श्रीनिकेतं महेष्वासं कृष्णं वन्दे जगद्गुरुम् ॥ ७ ॥

gopikānām kucadvandva kuṅkumāṅkita vakśasam ।
śrīniketaṁ maheṣvāsaṁ kṛṣṇaṁ vande jagadgurum ॥ 7 ॥

gopikānām kucadvandva kuṅkumāṅkita vakśasam -- one whose body is smeared with kuṅkum from the love-play of the gopis; śrīniketaṁ -- one in whom Lakshmi resides; maheṣvāsaṁ -- who is the life breath of Shiva; kṛṣṇaṁ -- to Kṛṣṇa; vande -- praise, salutations; jagadgurum -- to the guru of the universe;

I salute Lord Kṛṣṇa, the Universal Teacher, the beloved of the gopikas, whose body is smeared with kuṅkum from the love-play of the gopis; who always lives with Lakshmi and who is the life breath of Shiva. (7)

श्रीवत्साङ्कं महोरस्कं वनमाला विराजितम् ।

शंख चक्रधरं देवं कृष्णं वन्दे जगद्गुरुम् ॥ ८ ॥

śrīvatsāṅkaṁ mahoraskaṁ vanamālā virājitam ।
śaṅkha cakradharaṁ devaṁ kṛṣṇaṁ vande jagadgurum ॥ 8 ॥

śrīvatsāṅkaṁ -- One who has the birth mark srivatsa; mahoraskaṁ -- one who has broad chest; vanamālā virājitam -- one who has garland of wild flowers; śaṅkha cakradharaṁ devaṁ -- the divine god who bears shanka and chakram; kṛṣṇaṁ -- to Kṛṣṇa; vande -- praise, salutations; jagadgurum -- to the guru of the universe;

I salute Lord Kṛṣṇa, the Universal Teacher, who has a broad chest with the śrīvatsā mark, who is decorated with the Vanamālā garland of forest flowers and who holds a conch and a discus. (8)

Phala Sruti (Result of hearing Krishnastakam)

कृष्णाष्टकमिदं पुण्यं प्रातरुत्थाय यः पठेत् ।
कोटि जन्म कृतं पापं सद्य एव विनश्यति ॥

kr̥ṣṇāṣṭakamidam puṇyam prātarutthāya yaḥ paṭhet ।
koṭi janma kṛtam pāpam sadya eva vinaśyati ॥

kr̥ṣṇāṣṭakamidam -- this kr̥ṣṇāṣṭakam; puṇyam -- holy; prātarutthāya yaḥ paṭhet -- to one who studies waking up in the morning; koṭi janma kṛtam pāpam -- sins done in crores of lives; sadya eva vinaśyati -- will be destroyed just by the thought.

He who always prays to Lord Kṛṣṇa with these eight verses every morning, his crores (millions) of past sins are destroyed and he receives all Devotion.

॥ इति श्री कृष्णाष्टकम् सम्पूर्णम् ॥

॥ iti śrī kr̥ṣṇāṣṭakam sampūrṇam ॥

Thus Ends the Hymn śrī kr̥ṣṇāṣṭakam
- eight prayers in glorification of Lord Kṛṣṇa -

