

Acyutāṣṭakam

अच्युतं केशवं रामनारायणं कृष्णदामोदरं वासुदेवं हरिम् ।

श्रीधरं माधवं गोपिकावल्लभं जानकीनायकं रामचन्द्रं भजे ॥ १

acyutaṁ keśavaṁ rāma nārāyaṇaṁ

kṛṣṇa-dāmodaraṁ vāsudevaṁ harim

śrīdharaṁ mādhabaṁ gopikā-vallabhaṁ

jānakī-nāyakaṁ rāmacandraṁ bhaje (1)

I adore Rāmacandra, Who is infallible, Who is Keśava, Rāma, Nārāyaṇa, Kṛṣṇa, Dāmodara, Vāsudeva, Hari, Śrīdhara, Mādhaba, Who is dear to Gopikā, and Who is the consort of Jānakī.

अच्युतं केशवं सत्यभामाधवं माधवं श्रीधरं राधिकाराधितम् ।

इन्दिरामन्दिरं चेतसा सुन्दरं देवकीनन्दनं नन्दजं सन्दधे ॥ २

acyutaṁ keśavaṁ satyabhāmādhavaṁ

mādhavaṁ śrīdharaṁ rādhikā-rādhitam

indirā-mandiraṁ cetasā sundaraṁ

devakī-nandanaṁ nandajaṁ sandadhe (2)

I offer a salute with my hands together to Keśava, Who is infallible, Who is the consort of Satyabhāmā (as Kṛṣṇa), Mādhaba, Śrīdhara, Who is longed-for by Rādhikā, Who is the temple of Lakṣmī (Indirā), Who is beautiful by thought, Who is dear to Devakī, and Who is dear to all.

विष्णवे जिष्णवे शङ्खिने चक्रिणे रुक्मिणिरागिणे जानकीजानये ।

वल्लवीवल्लभायार्चितायात्मने कंसविध्वंसिने वंशिने ते नमः ॥ ३

viṣṇave jiṣṇave śaṅkhine cakriṇe

rukmiṇī-rāgiṇe jānakī-jānaye

vallavī-vallabhāyārcitāyātmane

kaṁsa-vidhvaṁsine vaṁśine te namaḥ (3)

Salutations for Viṣṇu, Who conquers everyone, Who holds a conch-shell and a discus, Who is dear to Rukmiṇī (Kṛṣṇa), Who is the consort of Jānakī (Rāma), Who is dear to cowherdresses, Who is offered [in sacrifices], Who is the Ātman (soul), Who destroyed Kaṁsa, and Who plays the flute.

कृष्ण गोविन्द हे राम नारायण श्रीपते वासुदेवाजित श्रीनिधे ।

अच्युतानन्त हे माधवाधोक्षज द्वारकानायक द्रौपदीरक्षक ॥ ४

kr̥ṣṇa govinda he rāma nārāyaṇa

śrīpate vāsudevājita śrīnidhe

acyutānanta he mādhavādhokṣaja

dvārakānāyaka draupadī-rakṣaka (4)

O Kṛṣṇa! O Govinda! O Rāma! O Nārāyaṇa, Who is the consort of Lakṣmī! O Vāsudeva, Who attained the treasure of Lakṣmī! O Acyuta, Who is immeasurable! O Mādhava, O Adhokṣaja, Who is the leader of Dvārikā, and Who is the protector of Draupadī!

राक्षसक्षोभितः सीतया शोभितो दण्डकारण्यभूपुण्यताकारणः ।

लक्ष्मणेनान्वितो वानरैः सेवितोऽगस्त्यसम्पूजितो राघवः पातु माम् ॥ ५

rākṣasa-kṣobhitaḥ sītayā śobhitaḥ

daṇḍakāraṇyabhū-puṇyatā-kāraṇaḥ

lakṣmaṇe-nānvito vānaraiḥ sevitaḥ

agastya-sampūjito rāghavaḥ pātu mām (5)

May Rāghava — Who upset the demons, Who adorned Sītā, Who is Daṇḍaka-forest purification cause, Who is accompanied by Lakṣmaṇa, Who was served by monkeys, and Who is revered by Sage Agastya — protect me.

धेनुकारिष्टहाऽनिष्टकृद्वेषिणां केशिहा कंसहृद्वंशिकावादकः ।

पूतनाकोपकः सूरजाखेलनो बालगोपालकः पातु मां सर्वदा ॥ ६

dhenukāriṣṭahā'niṣṭa-kṛddveṣiṇām

keśihā kaṁsa-hṛd-vamśikā-vādaḥ

pūtanā-kopakaḥ sūrajā-khelanaḥ

bāla-gopālakāḥ pātu mām sarvadā (6)

May Baby Gopāla (Kṛṣṇa) — Who was unfavorable to Dhenukāśura and Ariṣṭāśura, Who destroyed Keśī, Who killed Kaṁsa, Who plays the flute, and Who got angry on Pūtanā, and Who Played on the bank of river Yamuna, the river born of the Sun god — always protect me.

विद्युदुद्योतवत्प्रस्फुरद्वाससं प्रावृडम्भोदवत्प्रोल्लसद्विग्रहम् ।

वन्यया मालया शोभितोरःस्थलं लोहिताङ्घ्रिद्वयं वारिजाक्षं भजे ॥ ७

vidyududyotavat-prasphurad-vāsasam

prāvṛḍambhodavat-prollasad-vigraham

vanyayā mālayā śobhitorahsthalam

lohitaṅghridvayam vārijākṣam bhaje (7)

I sing praise of Acyuta, Who is adorned by a lightening like shining yellow robe, Whose body is resplendent like a cloud of the rainy-season, Who is adorned by a wild-flower garland at His chest, Whose twin-feet are of copper-red color, and Who has lotus-like eyes.

कुञ्चितैः कुन्तलैर्भ्राजमानाननं रत्नमौलिं लसत्कुण्डलं गण्डयोः ।

हारकेयूरकं कङ्कणप्रोज्ज्वलं किङ्किणीमञ्जुलं श्यामलं तं भजे ॥ ८

kuñcitaiḥ kuntalair-bhrājamānānam

ratnamaulim lasatkuṇḍalam gaṇḍayoḥ

hārakeyūrakam kaṅkaṇa-projjvalam

kiṅkiṇīmañjulam śyāmalam tam bhaje (8)

I sing praise of that Śyāma, Whose face is adorned by falling locks of curly tresses, Who has jewels at forehead, Who has shining ear-rings on the cheeks, Who is adorned with a Keyūra (flower) garland, Who has a resplendent bracelet, and Who has a melodious anklet.

अच्युतस्याष्टकं यः पठेदिष्टदं प्रेमतः प्रत्यहं पूरुषः सस्पृहम् ।

वृत्ततः सुन्दरं वेद्यविश्वम्भरम् तस्य वश्यो हरिर्जायते सत्वरम् ॥ ९

acyutasyaṣṭakam yaḥ paṭhed-iṣṭadam

premataḥ pratyaham pūruṣaḥ sasprham |

vṛttataḥ sundaram vedyaśvambharam

tasya vaśyo harirjāyate satvaram (9)

Whoever recites the Acyutāṣṭakam as an offering to ista (Acyuta) with devotion, every day and with longing for the Pūruṣa (Supreme Being), the Acyutāṣṭakam which beautifully encircles the All-sustaining Being will quickly reach the abode of Hari by His will.