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A;Thulasi

Thulasi kadhira (song in Malayalam)

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(I took it from the post of Smt Gita Kalyan. Thanks to her

துளசிக்கதிர் துள்ளியெடுத்து
கண்ணன்னொரு மாலயக்காய்
பொட்டாத்த நூலில் கெட்டி
என்னெனும் சார்த்தான் ஞான்.
கண்ணா கண்ணா, கண்ணா கண்ணா!!

Thulasi kadhira nulli yeduthu,
Kannannu oru malakkai jnan,
Pottatha nooil ketti,
Yennennum charthum jnan

After clipping with my nails flowers of Thulasi,
For making a garland to Lord Krishna,
I will tie them in an unbreakable thread,
And make him wear forever

கார்வரணன் தன்னுடெ மேனி
காயாம்பூ பூ விரிச்சு
காணும்போள் கண்ணினெந்தொரு
ஆனந்தம் பரவேசம்.(கண்ணா கண்ணா)!!

Kar varnan thannude meni ,
Kayampoo poo virichu,
Kanumpol kanninentoru,
Aanandham Paravesam

The body of Krishna which is like black cloud.,
After spreading flowers of Kayampoo(iron wood tree)
When we see it, What a joy,
And ecstasy for the eye

சந்தத்தில் கண்ணெழுதி
சந்தனப் பொட்டு சார்த்தி
பொன்மயில்பீலி குத்திய
கண்ணா நீ விளயாடு.(கண்ணா கண்ணா)!!

Chandathil Kannezhuthi,

Chandana pottu charthi,
Pon mayil peeli kuthiya,
Kanna nee vilayadu

After prettily decorating your eyes,
After drawing a sandal paste Tilak,
After decorating with feather of golden peacock,
Oh Krishna , you play

புல்லாங்குழலாதி ஊதி
பூவாலிப் பசுக்களும்
புல்லேறெ உள்ளிடத்தில்
மேய்க்குவான் நீ போகூ.
(குளசிக்கதிர் சார்த்தாம் ஞான்).

Pullankuzhal oothi oothi,
Poo vaali pasukkalum,
Pul yere ulidathil,
Meykkuvaan nee poku

With playing, playing your flute,
You take the cows with golden tail,
To the places where there is large grass,
For making them graze ,

Thulasi Pattu

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(From my cousin sister Subba Lakshmi (Subby) , I understand that my maternal grand mother Smt Subbalakshmi called as Ammu by her family members and as Ammu athai by the entire Ayalore(near Paghath) village.While going bath and coming back, I have heard her singing "Hari, Hari" which I have translated then my sister Subby told me that my grand mother also used to sing daily this song. From her memory, she wrote it to me in Malayalam , this song. Remember my grand mother never taught my sister but she used to mutter in typical Palakkad twang,I could not make head or tail out of the prayer. I forgot about it. Today I found it in one of my pen drives. I decided to guess words and do a free lance translation . In the last line my Pattammai mentions about Mayuranadhar , the deity of Mayiladu thurai Shiva temple. If any of you know this song, please do correct me..Dedicated to my Pattiyammai with million thanks to my sister)

1.THulasi darasanam , papa vinasanam,
Kattu vadam . kundalam , Karai thirumangalyam,
Muthodu mookuthiyum , mulai mel padakkavum,
Aththai yellam Panni poondu kitta vanthaale

The sight of Thulasi removes all sins
Making thick chain , ear globes and old Mangalyam,
With nose drops with pearls, and dollars falling on her breasts ,
And wearing them she came near me

2.KOortha mukthale , maan mizhiyale ,
Kurayellam theerkka vantha devi saranam saranam,
Vedaranyam darithavale, kandar oppikka vanthavale .
Muttathu ummai tozhuthen, thappathu ummai tozhuthen ,

Oh goddess with sharp fave ,Oh Goddess with deer eyes ,
I surrender to you who has come to end all my worries,
Oh Goddess who wears the forest of Vedas,
Who has come to see me so that all those who see me appreciate me,
I saluted you without missing, I have saluted you always

THavarathu ummai THozhuthen,
Muthanincha muzham kaalai tozhuthen,
Kadanchedutha kanamkakai tozhuthen,
Ila vaazhai thandu poal iru thudayum tozhuthen

Without failing I saluted you ,
I saluted your knees wearing pearls ,
I saluted your well made ankle,
I saluted your thighs which were like tender banana stem.

AAdai udukkum arayai tozhuthen,
Amrutham pozhiyum thoppilai tozhuthen,
Kadakam aniyum kayyai tozhuthen,
THiruvabharanam podum kazhuthai tozhuthen

I saluted her hips where she wears sari,
I saluted her belly button which rains nectar,
I saluted her hands where she wears the bangle
I saluted her neck where she wears divine ornaments

Kathilitta maniyai THozhuthen,
Muthozhukum vaayai tozhuthen,
Pavizham padhicha Pallai tozhuthen,
Kili padhicha mookai tozhuthen

I saluted the gem that she wore in her ears.,
I saluted her mouth from where pearls ebb out,
I saluted her teeth embedded with corals,
I saluted her nose where a parrot was drawn.

Viratam poal irukkum nethriyayum thozhuthen,
Nethiyillita kasthuri pottum thozhuthen
Vaari mudicha mudiyai thozhuthen,
Mudichai nokki chuzhiyum thozhuthen

I saluted her forehead which was like bamboo,
I saluted her musk thilaka put on her forehead,
I saluted her hair which was well tied,
After seeing her tied hair , I saluted her whorls also

Chuzhiyin keez irukkum chempaka malayum thozhuthen
Chithum chelampum , chelampodu paadavum,,
Anthikku munne azhakaka purapettal amman,
AAkunna palamrutham oottiye,oravore kelai,

I also saluted the champaka garland which was below the whorl,
The goddess started with toe rings and anklets on her legs,
Before the dusk in a very pretty manner,Oh relations ,
Who have offered her the cooked nectar like milk rice.

Yippadikku thannai thanum kaathu ,
THannodu moovarayum kaathu koduthale,
Aanaal iruvarai chernthaa; , ilam pennaga, ilam kannaga
Uthamamaana ekadasi poorva thirunaal .

Like this apart from protecting herself,
She also protected the holy trinity,
But then she joined with twi, as a young girl, as a young darling,
On the day previous to the very holy Ekadasi day

Mangalamaana navarathri, velli kizhamai jnayathi kizhamai,
Ravau orukkaa, pagal orukkaa chonna perkku ,
SAnthanathai koduthu, sampathayum koduthu,
THanthen thanthen yenpal thaayaar thulasi amman,
Appadiye aagattum yenbar parama purushan

To those who chant this once in the morning and once in the evening,
During the auspicious Navarathi , Fridays and Sundays,
Mother Thulasi would give children , would grant prosperity,
And Say, I will give and I will give ,
And the divine God would say so be it.

THiruvadi rendum inge inge ,
THiruvulla cherchayum inge inge,
Antha muzhi maalayum inge inge
Anbulla koodalum inge inge,

Both divine feet are here , here,
The joining together of divine hearts is here , here
That eyes and that garland is here, here,
The joining of loving hearts is here, here

THiru thulasi , srimath thulasi,
Azhakiya parimalamaana thulasiyin,
Mahimai araar ARiyathaanaalum ,
AAzhiyin maaril amarnthu urayum Vishnu arivaar

Even if no one knows the greatness,
Of the divine thulasi, The thulasi leading to prosperity,
Which is pretty and has a pleasant scent,
Lord Vishnu who sits on the heart of ocean knows

THirumaathum thirupasavum chernthu urangum sri Krishna,
Theemthavudan varungal Sri Krishna,
Appothu angu nalla sakrathaarkku naan poo parikka ponen,
Pollatha sakrathaarkku poonthottam kaaka vanthen,

Oh Krishna who sleeps with the divine lady and divine cow ,
AS soon as it is over , Please come Krishna,
At that time I went to pluck good flowers to Lord Vishnu,
I went to protect the garden of mischievous Vishnu

Pacha pasumpaal Kudicheer namaskaram
Param jyothi naamam daricheer Namaskaram
Ichippavarkku inbam kodutheer , Namaskaram,
Yeppothu paarapen ezhunthudeer Namaskaram.

You drank pure cow's milk without heating it , Salutations
You took the name of divine flame , Salutations,
You gave joy to those who desired it , Salutations,
When I will see you , please get up, Salutations

Kaattilem karayilem thulasi kandu yeduthom,
Oru kai manneduthu anachu .
Oru sombu jalameduthu nanaichal

WE searched in all forests and land and found out a THulasi,
WE hugged a fist of Mud to it ,
And if we take a pot of water and water it

Brahma chari nanaichaal ,
Brahmchariketha kannigayai koduppen

If a bachelor waters it,
I will give a maid suitable to him

Kannigayi nanaichaal ,
Kanigaikku yetha Bharthavai koduppen

Snthanathai koduthu, sampathayum koduppen,

If a maid waters,
I would give a husband suitable to her
I will give her children and riches

Vaazhkiraval nanaichal ,
Manjalai koduthu mangalyathayum koduppen,

If a married woman waters me ,
I will give her turmeric and Mangalya

Kan illathavan nanaichal ,
Kanakalai koduthu,
Inime varaatha varathai koduppen

If a blind person waters me
I will give him eyes,
And give a boon to him that it will not come again

Kaattilem karaelem , thulasi kandeduthu,
THiru muzhukku muzhugi thiru manchanam
Yeduthom aannal
Yeathatha vaikundathukku yeniyai vaippen,
Vaadatha vaikundathukku varathai koduppen,
Mayir yezhaku oru lokam perum,
Annale Vallale Mayooraanadhane , Shivame

If you found out Thulasi in the forest as well as land,
Then take bath and pour water over the plant(do abhisheka)
I would provide you stair case for Vaikunta that cannot be reached,
I would give you boon for reaching never fading Vaikunta
Even one hair of you then would become equal to the world,
Oh Lord, Oh charitable gd, Oh God Mayuranadha, Oh Shiva

Shubham

Thulasi Ashtotharam

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(Story of Thulasi:-Thulasi (ocimum sanctum) is possibly the holiest plant for the Hindus. There is a story in Devi Bhagavatam about her. Long long ago Lord Vishnu had three wives viz Lakshmi, Saraswathi and Ganga.(I have verified this in several sources) One day Ganga looked at Lord Vishnu with lot of passion, when the other two were present. A big quarrel erupted between them. When Saraswathi attacked Ganga, Lakshmi tried to separate them. Saraswathi got infuriated and cursed Lakshmi that she should be born as a plant in earth. Ganga cursed Saraswathi, that she should become a river and Saraswathi in turn cursed Ganga that she should become an ever flowing river. Lakshmi, who was loved a lot by Lord Vishnu, told her, "Please do not worry. You would be first born as a daughter of a very pious soul called Dharma Dwaja and later marry an Asura called Shanka Chooda, who would be one of my incarnations. Later you would come and join me in Vaikunta, after becoming the holy plant Thulasi." There was a great king called Rudra Savarni, in his clan was born a great king called Vrusha dwaja. Vrusha Dwaja was a very great devotee of Lord Shiva. Because of this he banned worship of all other Gods except Lord Shiva in his kingdom. Due to non worship of Goddess Lakshmi during the Kanya (October-November) month, there was a great famine in his country. Apart from that Lord Surya, who was also not worshipped, cursed the king that he would become a wretch. This infuriated Lord Shiva. He sent his Trident against Lord Surya. Lord Surya, afraid of Shiva's trident ran to his father Kashyapa Prajapathi for help. Since he was not in a position to help, both of them approached Lord Brahma. He also expressed his helplessness to protect Lord Surya and all of them together went to meet Lord Vishnu. Lord Shiva also came there. Then Lord Vishnu pointed out that since the time of Deva's was very much different, thousands of years have passed in the earth and Vrusha Dwaja was no more. He requested Lord Shiva to take back his trident. Then Lord Vishnu told them that in the clan of Vrusha Dwaja, two kings viz Dharma Dwaja and, Kusa Dwaja were remaining and both of them were doing extreme penance to Goddess Lakshmi, so that she would bless their kingdom. Goddess Lakshmi appeared before them and blessed them saying that she would be born as daughter to them and with this their country would become fertile and rich. Kusa dwaja married a lady called Malawathi and a daughter Veda Vathi was born to them. When Veda Vathi was doing Thapas (penance), Ravana tried to rape her. She cursed Ravana that, if he touches any lady without their consent his head will break in to thousand pieces. She then jumped in to the sacrificial fire and died. Ravana took the ashes of the fire, put them in a box and threw it in the sea. This box was swept ashore in the kingdom of Mithila and was found by Janaka. Vedavathi was in side the box in the form of a girl child. She was called Sita, who later became the wife of Lord Rama. Dharma dwaja married a lady called Madhavi and Goddess Lakshmi was born to them as a girl child. Since she was an incomparable beauty, they called her Thula Si (Incomparable one). Thulasi grew up in to lass as soon as she was born and left her kingdom and started doing Thapas in Bhadrinath with a wish to marry Lord Vishnu. She did Thapas in the middle of fire all round her in summer and under water in winter. She did Thapas for twenty four thousand years eating only fruits. Another thirty six thousand years eating only leaves, another forty four thousand years eating only air and the last ten thousand years without eating any thing. Lord Brahma, appeared before her and asked her what she wanted. She told him that she wanted to become the wife of Lord Vishnu. Lord Brahma told her, "Hey Thulasi, Lord Sudhama who was a part of Lord Krishna is now born as an Asura called Shanka Chooda. He is a part incarnation of Lord Vishnu. You would first become his wife. Later you would become the wife of Lord Narayana. While going back , a part of you would remain in this world as a holy plant called Thulasi. Any worship which does not include worship with the leaves of Thulasi, would be incomplete and would not be accepted by Gods." Shanka Chooda at that time had pleased Lord Brahma by his Thapas and was given a Vishnu kavacha(armour) and a boon that unless the armour is removed from his body and till his wife loses her virtue(Pathivruthya) , no body can kill him, Shanka Chooda requested Thulasi to marry him and both were married. They lead an extremely happy life. This time Shanka Chooda started giving trouble to the Devas. Devas accompanied by Lord Shiva approached Lord Vishnu for a solution. Lord Vishnu gave his spear to Lord Shiva so that he can break the Vishnu Kavacha , which Shanka Chooda was wearing. When Lord Shiva and Shanka Chooda were engaged in a fierce battle, and Lord Vishnu assumed the form of Shanka Chooda and went to Shanka Chooda's palace. When they entered the bed room Thulasi started suspecting Lord Vishnu. Then Lord Vishnu took his real form and told her, "Lakshmi, you have been doing great penance to marry me. By Now Shanka Chooda would have been killed by Lord Shiva and it is time for you to leave this body and come as Lakshmi to Vaikunta and be with me. Your body which you leave here will become a great river called Gandaki and your hair would transform itself in to a holy plant Thulasi. This plant would become the holiest among plants." Lord Vishnu and goddess Lakshmi returned to Vaikunta.)

- 1.Om Sri Tulasyai Namah –Salutations to her who is holy
- 2.Om Nandinyai Namah –Salutations to her who adds joy
- 3.Om Devyai Namah –Salutations to her who is the Goddess
- 4.Om Shikhinyai Namah –Salutations to her who has reached the summit of knowledge
- 5.Om Dhariyai Namah –Salutations to her who lifts us all
- 6.Om Dhatriyai Namah –Salutations to her who is our mother
- 7.Om Savitryai Namah –Salutations to her who shines like sun
- 8.Om Satyasandhayai Namah –Salutations to her who is truthful
- 9.Om Kalaharinyai Namah –Salutations to her who makes time profitable
- 10.Om Gauryai Namah –Salutations to her who is Goddess Parvathi
- 11.Om Devagitiyai Namah –Salutations to her who is the song of the celestials
- 12.Om Dravyasyai Namah –Salutations to her who grants wealth
- 13.Om Padmiyai Namah –Salutations to her who is sacred
- 14.Om Sitaiyai Namah –Salutations to her who is Sita
- 15.Om Rukmiyai Namah –Salutations to her who is Rukmini
- 16.Om Priyabhuushanayai Namah –Salutations to her who wears ornaments she likes
- 17.Om Shreyasyai Namah –Salutations to her who has fame
- 18.Om Shriimatyai Namah –Salutations to her who is one blessed with auspiciousness
- 19.Om Manyayai Namah –Salutations to her who is respectable
- 20.Om Gauryai Namah –Salutations to her who is Gauri
- 21.Om Gautamarchitayai Namah –Salutations to her who is worshipped by Gauthama

22.Om Tretayai Namah –Salutations to her who saves
 23.Om Tripathagayai Namah –Salutations to her who has three flags
 24.Om Tripadayai Namah –Salutations to her who has three legs
 25.Om Trimuurtyai Namah–Salutations to her who is trinity of Gods
 26.Om Jagatrayayai Namah–Salutations to her who is the three worlds
 27.Om Trasiyai Namah –Salutations to her who is anxious
 28.Om Gaatrayai Namah –Salutations to her who is the body
 29.Om Gatriyayai Namah –Salutations to her who wears the girdle
 30.Om Garbha varinyai Namah–Salutations to her who gives boon of pregnancy
 31.Om Shobhanayai Namah–Salutations to her who is smart
 32.Om Samayai Namah–Salutations to her who is equal
 33.Om Dviradayai Namah –Salutations to her who is an elephant
 34.Om Aradyai Namah–Salutations to her who is half
 35.Om Yogyavidyayai Namah–Salutations to her who is knowledge of Yoga
 36.Om Mahavidyayai Namah–Salutations to her who is the great knowledge
 37.Om Guhyavidyayai Namah –Salutations to her who is the secret knowledge
 38.Om Kamaksyai Namah –Salutations to her who is Goddess Kamakshi
 39.Om Kulayai Namah –Salutations to her who is the resting place
 40.Om Shriyai Namah –Salutations to her who is wealth
 41.Om Bhuumyai Namah –Salutations to her who is earth
 42.Om Bhavitryai Namah –Salutations to her who makes it happen in future
 43.Om Savitryai Namah –Salutations to her who is Savitri
 44.Om Sara vedavidamvarayai Namah –Salutations to her who knows about essence of Vedas
 45.Om Shankhinyai Namah –Salutations to her who holds the conch
 46.Om Chakrinyai Namah –Salutations to her who holds the divine wheel
 47.Om Charinyai Namah –Salutations to her who keeps on moving
 48.Om Chapalekshanayai Namah –Salutations to her who has ever moving eyes
 49.Om Piitambarayai Namah –Salutations to her who wears the yellow silk
 50.Om Protasomayai Namah –Salutations to her who pervades the moon
 51.Om Saurasayai Namah –Salutations to her who belongs to the Sun
 52.Om Aksinyai Namah –Salutations to her who never perishes
 53.Om Ambayai Namah –Salutations to her who is the mother
 54.Om Saraswatyai Namah –Salutations to her who is Saraswathi
 55.Om Samsrayayai Namah –Salutations to her who is the shelter
 56.Om Sarva Devatyai Namah –Salutations to her who is all gods
 57.Om Vishveshvarayai Namah –Salutations to her who is goddess of universe
 58.Om Sugandhinyai Namah–Salutations to her who has sweet scent
 59.Om Suvasanayai Namah –Salutations to her who has a pleasant smell
 60.Om Varadayai Namah –Salutations to her who grants a boon
 61.Om Sushronyai Namah –Salutations to her who collects good things
 62.Om Chandrabhagayai Namah –Salutations to her who is the holy river Chandrabhaga
 63.Om Yamunaapriyayai Namah –Salutations to her who likes river Yamuna
 64.Om Kaveriyai Namah –Salutations to her who is river Cauvery
 65.Om Manikarnikayai Namah–Salutations to her who is river Manikarnika
 66.Om Archinyai Namah –Salutations to her who shines
 67.Om Sthayinyai Namah –Salutations to her who is stable
 68.Om Danapradayai Namah –Salutations to her who gives wealth
 69.Om Dhanavatyai Namah –Salutations to her who is rich
 70.Om Sochyamanasayai Namah –Salutations to her who has thoughtful mind
 71.Om Shuchinyai Namah –Salutations to her who is gleaming
 72.Om Shreyasyai Namah –Salutations to her who is famous
 73.Om Priiti chinteksanyai Namah–Salutations to her who thinks about dear aspects
 74.Om Vibhutyai Namah –Salutations to her who has innate power
 75.Om Aakrityai Namah –Salutations to her who has a form
 76.Om Aavirbhutyai Namah–Salutations to her who manifested herself
 77.Om Prabhavinyai Namah–Salutations to her who has power
 78.Om Gandhinyai Namah–Salutations to her who has sweet scent
 79.Om Svarginyai Namah –Salutations to her who belongs to heaven
 80.Om Gathyai Namah –Salutations to her who is the path
 81.Om Vedyayai Namah –Salutations to her who is the Vedas
 82.Om Prabhayai Namah–Salutations to her who is luster
 83.Om Sarasyai Namah –Salutations to her who is gracious
 84.Om Sarasivasayai Namah –Salutations to her who lives near a pool
 85.Om Saraswatyai Namah –Salutations to her who is goddess Saraswathi
 86.Om Sharavatyai Namah –Salutations to her who hears us
 87.Om Rasinyai Namah –Salutations to her who has a good taste
 88.Om Kalinyai Namah –Salutations to her who has fragrance
 89.Om Shreyovatyai Namah –Salutations to her who has got fame
 90.Om Yamayai Namah –Salutations to her who has self control
 91.Om Brahmaapriyayai Namah –Salutations to her who is dear to Brahma
 92.Om Shyamasundarayai Namah –Salutations to her who is black and pretty
 93.Om Ratnarupinyai Namah –Salutations to her who has the form of a gem
 94.Om Shamanidhinyai Namah –Salutations to her who has a curative treasure
 95.Om Sathanandayai Namah –Salutations to her who is always happy
 96.Om Satadyutaye Namah –Salutations to her who always shines
 97.Om Shitikanthayai Namah –Salutations to her who has dark blue luster
 98.Om Prayayai Namah –Salutations to her who is prominent
 99.Om Dhatryai Namah –Salutations to her who is the mother
 100.Om Sri Vrindavanyai Namah –Salutations to her who is the Vrindavana
 101.Om Krishnanyai Namah –Salutations to her who is Krishna
 102.Om Bhaktavatsalayai Namah –Salutations to her who loves her devotees
 103.Om Gopikakriidayai Namah–Salutations to her who is played by the Gopa ladies
 104.Om Harayai Namah –Salutations to her who is green
 105.Om Amritarupinyai Namah –Salutations to her who is the form of nectar
 106.Om Bhuumyai Namah –Salutations to her who is the earth
 107.Om Sri Krishnakantayai Namah –Salutations to her who is the wife of Krishna
 108.Om Sri Tulasyai Namah–Salutations to her who is thulasi

Sri Vrunda devi ashtaka

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(This great prayer is addressed to Vrunda devi who later became the Thulasi(ocimum sanctum) plant. There is a story that she was doing penance to marry Lord Vishnu and once when Ravana tried to molest her, she jumped in to the fire and became ash. This was written by Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura also known as Sri Harivallabha dasa, who reached Brindavan (the forest of Thulasi plants) and stayed there.)

1.Gangeya champeya tadith vinindi-
Rocih pravaha snapitatma vrinde
Bandhuka bandhu dyuthi divya vaso
Vrnde namaste charanaravindam

My salutations to your lotus like feet ,Oh Vrinda devi,
Who is surrounded by the glow similar to Bandhuka flowers*,
Whose splendour puts to shame gold, Champaka** flower and lightning,
And by the flow of that same splendour you continuously anoint your devotees,

*Red Ixora flowers. **michelia champaka

2.Bimbadharo udithvara manda hasya-
Nasagra mukta dyuti dipitaysye
Vichitra rathnabharana sriya adhye
Vrnde namaste charanaravindam

My salutations to your lotus like feet ,Oh Vrinda devi,
Who has a very pretty rising smile beaking,
Out of her reddish lips resembling Bimba fruits,
Whose pearl nose ring illuminates the tip of her nose ,
And who wears several amazing gem studded ornaments.

3.Samasta vaikunta- siromanau sri
Krishnasya vrindavana dhanya dhamni
Datta adhikare vrsuhaabhanu-putrya
Vrnde namaste charanaravindam

My salutations to your lotus like feet ,Oh Vrinda devi,
Who is the crown jewel of the entire land of Vaikunta,
And who has been given the power to rule the blessed Vrindavana,
By Radha who was the daughter of Vrusha Banu.

4.Thvad aajnaya pallava pushpa bhrga,
Mrugadibhir Madhava keli kunjya
Madhvadibhir bhanti vibhushyamana
Vrnde namaste charanaravindam

My salutations to your lotus like feet ,Oh Vrinda devi,
By whose order the garden of Lord Krishna,
Is decorated with blossoming flowers, bees,
Deer and other things, for enjoying his playful pastimes.

5.Thvadiya dhothyena nikunja-yunor
Athi yutkayoh keli vilasa siddhih
Thvat saubhagyam kena niruchyatam thad
Vrnde namaste charanaravindam

My salutations to your lotus like feet ,Oh Vrinda devi,
Due to the service rendered by you, the divine couple,
Were able to enjoy perfect playful acts in the grove,
And who can ever describe your very great luck?

6.Rasabhilasho vasatis cha vrunda-
Vane thvadeesa anghri Saroja seva
Labhya cha pumsam krupaya thavaiva
Vrnde namaste charanaravindam

My salutations to your lotus like feet ,Oh Vrinda devi,
Indeed, due to your great mercy the people of Brindavana,
Were able to do service to the lotus feet of Lord Krishna,
In fulfilling his desire to perform the Rasa leela.

7.Thvam kirthyase satvata tantra vidhibhir
Leela abhidhana kila Krishna sakthih
Thavaiva murthis tulasi nru loke
Vrnde namaste charanaravindam

My salutations to your lotus like feet ,Oh Vrinda devi,
The saints well versed in the science of pure strength,
Have praised you as the power of the sports of Lord Krishna,
And that the Thulasi plant is your form in the human world.

8.Bhakthyaa viheena aparadha lakshaih
Ksiptha scha kamaadhi taranga madhye
Krupamayi thvam saranam prapanna

Vrnde namaste charanaravindam

My salutations to your lotus like feet ,Oh Vrinda devi,
Being devoid of devotion and having committed millions of sins,
And having been thrown deep in the middle of the waves of passion,
Oh merciful one , I have completely surrendered to you.

9.Vrundashtakam yah srnuayat padeth va
Vrmdavana adhisa padhabja bhrungah
Sa prapya vrundavana nitya vasam
That prema sevam labhate krutarthah

If this octet addressed to Vrunda devi is heard or read,
By one who is like the bee visiting the lotus like feet of the Lords of Brindavan,
He would reach and stay for ever in Brindavan,
And get loving service there and would br blessed.

Sri Thulasi ji ki aarthi(hindi)

(prayer to thulsi)

Translated by

P.R.Ramachander

(Thulasi(ocimum sanctum) is a plant venerated by all Hindus. She is considered by many as the consort of Lord Vishnu. This prayer is taken from <http://indif.com/nri/Aarti/tulsiarti.asp>)

1.Thulasi maharani , namo nama.,
Hari ki patrani namo nama,
Dhan Thulasi poorna thap keeno,
Shaligram bani patrani,
Jake pathra manjar komal ,
Sri pathi kamala charan laptani.

Salutations and salutations to queen Thulsi,
Salutations and salutations to chief queen of Vishnu,
Money can only buy Thulasi ,
And Shaligram became the chief queen,
But not being soft like a bunch of leaves,
It hurt the lotus like feet of Vishnu.

2.Dhoop dheep naivedhy , aarthi,
Pushpan ki varsha barsani.
Chappan bhog chatheso vyanjan,
Bin Thulasi hari yek na mani.

Any of Incense , lamps , food offering, light offering,
Pouring flowers like a rain,
Fifty six types of food and ,
And thirty six types of minor offerings ,
Were not accepted by Vishnu ,Without Thulasi

3.Sabhi sakhii maiya thero yas ghave ,
Bhakthi dhaan dheejai maharani,
Namo nama thulsi Maharani,
Namo nama thulsi maharani.

Mother, all lady friends sing your fame,
Oh queen give us the charity of devotion,
Salutations to queen Thulasi
Salutations to queen Thulasi

Thulasi Stotram (Tamil)

(Prayer to Thulasi)

Translated by

P.R.Ramachander

(Thulasi or the holy Basil (Ocimum_tenuiflorum/Ocimum sanctum) is possibly the holiest plant to the Hindus. They consider the plant as the consort of Vishnu . Without fail, most of the Hindu homes would maintain a Thulasi plant. This great prayer is a very popular prayer written in Tamil)

Thulasiyamma. Thiruve, kalyaniamma,
Velli kizhamai thannil vilanguindra mathave,
Chevvai kizhamai chezhikka vanda chendiruve,
Thayare undan thal inayil naan paninden. 1

Oh mother Thulasi, Oh Goddess Lakshmi , Oh mother who does good,

Oh mother who shines brightly on Fridays,
Oh goddess Lakshmi who has come to make Tuesdays better,
Oh mother, I am bowing my head at your feet.

Pachai pasumayulla Thulasi namasthe,
Parimalikkum moola kozhunde namasthe,
Arpa pirappai thavirppay , namasthe,
Ashta aisvaryam alippay namasthe. 2

Salutations to Thulasi who looks exuberant in green colour,
Salutations to the original leaf which gives out scent,
Please avoid debased future lives for me, Salutations,
Please grant me eight types of wealth , salutations.

Hariyudaya devi azhagi, namasthe,
Adaintharkku inbam alippay, namasthe,
Vana malai yenum maruve , namasthe.
Vaikunda vasiyudan magizhvay , namasthe. 3

Oh pretty one who is wife of Lord Vishnu, salutations,
Please give happiness to those who reach you, salutations,
Oh plant, who is called the forest garland, salutations,
Please be happy with lord who lives in Vaikunta, salutations.

Anbudane nalla arum Thulasi kondru vandu,
Mannil mel nattu magizhndu, neeruthi,
Muthathil than varlarthu, muthu pol , kolamittu,
Chengavi chuthum ittu, thiruvilakkum yethi vaithu, 4

Pazhangaludan thengayum , thambulam thattil vaithu,
Pushapangalai chorindu, poojitha pergalukku ,
Yenna payan yendru , hrishikesan than ketka,
Mangalamana Thulasi magizhndu uraippal. 5

When Lord Vishnu asked, what will result to those,
Who bring the good sacred Thulasi plant,
Plant it in soil happily, pour water to it,
Grow it in one's courtyard , decorate with pearl like Rangoli,
Decorate it further on all sides by red soil , light a lamp,
Place before it in a plate plantains , coconut and betel leaf,
And offer lots of flowers , the holy Thulasi happily replied.

Mangalami yennai vaithu magizhndu upasithavargal,
Thee vinyai pokki , chiranda palan naan alippen,
Arum piniyai neeki , ashta aisvaryam naan alippen,
Daridrathai neeki chelvathai naan koduppen, 6

Puthran illavathavarku puthira bhagayamalippen,
Kannigaikal poojai cheydhal , nalla kanavarai kootuvippen,
Grahasthargal poojai cheydhal keerthiyudan vazha vaippen,
Mumukshukkal poojai cheydhal moksha padam koduppen. 7

For those who serve and pray me with happiness and holiness,
I would remove their bad fate and bless them with good results,
I would remove their illness and bless them with eight types of wealth,
I would remove their poverty and give them wealth,
For those who do not have sons, I would bless them with sons,
If maids worship me , I would bless them with good husbands,
If family people worship me , I would make them live with great fame,
If those who have forsaken the world worship me , I would bless them with salvation,

Kodi karaam pasuvai kandrudane kondru vanthu,
Kombukku pon amaithu , kulambukku velli ketti,
Gangai karai thanile , Grahana punya kalathil,
Val uruvi anthanarkku maha danam cheydha palan, 8

Nan alippen sathiyam yendru nayagiym chollalume,
Appadiyeyakavendru Thirumal arikkai ittar,
Ippadiye anbudane yethi thozhuthavargal,
Arpudamai vazhnthiduvai para devi than arulal. 9

When the Goddess told that she will give same effect as,
Giving away to Brahmins in the shores of Ganges river,
During the eclipse , one billion cows under lactation,
Along with its calf , tying the horns of each with gold plate,
And tying each of their hooves with silver plate,
Then Lord Vishnu said "let it happen like that,"
And so those who worship the goddess this way,
Would lead a wonderful life , by her grace.

TULASI STOTRAM

By

Sage Pundareeka

Translated by

P.R.Ramachander

(This prayer is addressed to Thulasi (ocimum sanctum) called in English as the sacred Basil. She is also called Vrinda. This plant is considered to be an incarnation of the consort of Lord Vishnu. Devotees believe that if the leaves of Thulasi are offered to Lord Vishnu, he would bless us with all that we want. There are many mythological tales associated with Thulasi (orissagov.nic.in/e-magazine/Orissareview/dec-2007/.../4-6.pdf)

There is more than one mythological version relating to the origin of the Thulasi plant.

One is that Sri Lakshmi was born to Dharmadhwa's wife Madhavi. Her parents named her Tulasi. Being beautiful and virtuous, she was married to Vishnu. Vishnu desired her to cast off her body and stay with him in spirit. Her body then became the river Gandaki. Vishnu's body become the Saaligrama stone and resided in the river. Sri Lakshmi's hair grew into a plant, become the famous Tulasi, an object of worship.

* DeceThere is also another version. Tulasi was the wife of Jalandhara, a water demon, who caused great suffering to people. Lord Vishnu had to abduct her to kill Jalandhara. Lord Vishnu then lifted the plant to higher level by placing her leaves on His head. It is also said that Vishnu abducted Tulasi to help Shiva kill the demon.

Yet another version recites that Sarasvati's curse once turned Lakshmi into a Tulasi plant and forced her to live on the earth causing Vishnu to come down from Heaven and stay near her as the Salagrama. That is why the Salagrama is to be found under the river Gandaki on the bank of which the Sal tree grows and also in the Narmada river from which many Brahmin communities migrated to South India later on. Salagrama being Bhagavan Vishnu's counterpart for Sri Lakshmi's Tulasi, this sacred stone, now considered to be an ammonite fossil, which is also eulogized in the Puranas. There is also a story in Uthara Ramayana about a lady who was doing prayers to become the wife of Vishnu. It seems Ravana tried to molest her. The lady cursed him and jumped in the fire and became Thulasi.

This prayer is written by Sage Pundareeka who lived in Thirukdalmalai in Tamil Nadu. It seems he used to worship the Lord with lotus flowers. One day the Lord himself appeared before him in the form of a poor hungry old man. When the sage went to bring food, the old man turned in to the idol of Vishnu and all the lotus flowers he worshipped earlier was on the body of Lord Vishnu's idol.)

Jagad dhathri namasthubhyam,
Vishoncha Priya vallabhe,
Yathro Brahmdayo deva,
Srushti sthithyantha karina. 1

Salutations to mother of the universe,
Who is the darling wife of Lord Vishnu,
And due to you only , Brahma and others,
Are engaged in creation , upkeep and destruction.

Namas thulasi Kalyani,
Namo Vishnu priye Shubhe,
Namo moksha pradhe devi,
Nama sampath pradhayike. 2

Salutations to the benevolent Thulasi,
Salutations to the holy darling of Vishnu
Salutations to goddess giving salvation,
Salutations to her who grants wealth.

Thulasi pathu maam nithyam,
SARva aapthbhyobhi sarvadha,
Keerthithapi , smruthavapi,
Pavithrayathi manavam. 3

Oh Thulasi , daily protect me,
Always from all dangers,
For you make than one holy,
Who sings or thinks about you.

Namami sirasa devim ,
Thulasim vilasa thanum,
Yaam drushtwa papinor marthya,
Muchyanthe sarva kil bhishath.. 4

I prostrate with my head before the Goddess,
Who gives brightness to our body,
And seeing her , the sinful humans,
Would get rid of all sort of sins.

Thulasya raksatham sarvam,
Jagadhedha characharam,
Ya vinihanthi paapaani,
Drushtwa ya papibhir narai. 5

Thulasi protects all,
The universe with its movable and immovable,
And when a man who is a sinner ,
Sees it , it destroys all his sins,

Nama thulasyathi tharam,
Yasyai bhadwa balim kalou,
Kalayanthi sukham sarvam,
Sthriyo Vaisya thadapare. 6

Salutations to Thulasi the great,
Who removes the bondage of Kali age,
And it blesses with a pleasant life,
To women and the merchant class.

Thulasya naparam kinchith,
Daivatham jagathi thale,
Yaya pavithratho loko,

Vishnu sangena Vaishnava. 7

There is nothing in this world,
As divine as Thulasi,
For it makes the world pure,
And blesses Vaishnavas ,
With company of Lord Vishnu.

Thulasya pallavam Vishno,
Sirasyaropitham kalou,
Aaropayathi sarvaani,
Seshayamsi vara masthake. 8

In the kali age, If thulasi lea,
Is offered to the head of Vishnu,
It is same thing as receiving,
The blessings of Vishnu on your head.

Thulasyam sakala deva,
Vasanthi sathatham yatha,
Atha stham archaye loke,
Sarvan devan samarchayeth. 9

Always in the Thulasi plant,
All gods live forever,
And so worshipping Thulasi,
Is same as worshipping all devas.

Namasthulasi sarvagne,
Purushothama Vallabhe,
Pahi maam srava paapebhyo,
Sarva sampath pradhayige, 10

Salutations to all knowing Thulasi,
Who is the consort of Lord Vishnu,
Save me from all the sins.
Oh bestower of all sort of wealth.

Ithi stotram pura geetham,
Pundareekena dheematha,
Vishnu marchayatha nithyam,
Shobhanai thulai dalai. 11.

This prayer was composed,
By Pundareeka the able one,
Who worshipped lord Vishnu daily,
By the divine leaf of Thulasi.

Thulasi , sri mahalakshmi,
Vidhya avidhya , yasaki,
Dharmya dharmanana Devi,
Deva deva mana Priya. 12

Oh Thulasi, Oh Mahalakshmi,
Oh wisdom, Oh ignorance , Oh famous one,
Oh Charity, oh Goddess , Oh she Who makes us give,
The daring of the mind of Lord Vishnu.

Lakshmi , Priya sakhi devi,
Dhyou bhoomir chala achala,
Shodasaithani namani,
Thulasya keerthayan nara. 13

Oh Mahalakshmi, Oh goddess who is a dear friend,
Oh Goddess , she who is in the mind,
Oh earth, oh movable one, Oh immovable one,
If these sixteen names are sung by men

Labhathe sutharaam bhakthim,
Anthe Vishnu padam Labeth,
Thulasi , bhhor maha Lakshmi,
Padmini , sri hari Priya. 14

They get incomparable devotion.
And at the end reach the place of Vishnu,
Oh Thulasi, Oh earth, Oh Maha Lakshmi,
Oh goddess of lotus , oh Darling of Vishnu

Thulasi , Sri Sakhi , Shubhe,
Papa Harini, punyadhe ,
Namasthe naradanuthe,
Narayana mana priye. 15

Oh Thulasi, Oh friend of Lakshmi , Oh holy one.

Oh remover of sins , Oh one who blesses with divinity,
Salutations to you who was sung by sage Narada,
Oh darling of the mind of Lord Vishnu.

Ithi Pundareeka krutham Thulasi stotram sampoonam

Thus the Tulasi Stotram composed by Sri Pundarika

Thulasi Kavacha

(The armour of Ocimum sanctum)

Translated by
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(This great prayer occurs in Brahmanda Purana. When engaged in fight with Tharakasura, Lord Subrahmanya becomes tired and prays Lord Shiva. Lord Shiva appears before him and teaches him this great stotra. Later by the power gained by reciting the Stotra, Lord Subrahmanya kills Tharaka.
It is mentioned in this stotra, that it fulfills all wishes of those who are chanting it. In another place it is mentioned that if a childless lady or a lady prone to still birth is caressed by a dharbha over which this Kavacha is chanted, then she will give birth to a great baby.)

Asya sri Thulasi Kavacha stotra maha manthrasya ,
Sri Mahadeva Rishi , Anushtup Chanda,
Sri Thulasi devatha, manobheeshta kaamaani,
Sarva vidhyartham Jape Viniyoga.

This armour of Thulasi whose saint is Lord Shiva,
Which is written in Anushtup meter, and which
Is addressed to the Goddess Thulasi is being chanted,
For the fulfillment of all wishes of the mind.

Dhyanam
Prayer

Thulasyamrutha janmaasi Sada thwam Kesava priye,
Praseeda varade devi Vishno priyakari sada.

Please show your kindness to me,
Oh Thulasi who is immortal ,
Who is dear to Kesava.
And always the darling of Lord Vishnu.

Kavacham

Thulasi sri maha devi nama pankaja dharini,
Shiro may Thulasi pathu
Phalam pathu yashaswini
Drusow may Padma nayane ,
Sri Sakhi sravane mama,
Granam pathu Suganda may,
Mukham cha Sumukhi mama. 1-2

My salutations to Goddess Thulasi who holds the lotus.
Let my head be protected by Thulasi,
Let my forehead be protected by she who is famous,
Let my eyes be protected by the lotus eyed one,
Let the friend of Lakshmi protect my ears,
Let the sweet scented one protect my nose,
And let the pretty faced one protect my face.

Jihwaam may pathu supadhaa,
Kandam vidhyamayee mama,
Skandhou kalharinee pathu ,
Hrudayam Vishnu vallabhaa,
Punyadha pathu may madhyam,
Nabhim soubhagya dhayini,
Katim kundalini pathu,
OOru narada vanditha. 3-4

Let her who gives good words protect my tongue,
Let my neck be protected by personification of knowledge,
Let my shoulders be protected by the do-gooder,
Let the consort of Vishnu protect my heart.
Let my middle be protected by the holy goddess,
Let my belly be protected by the giver of luck,
Let my hips be protected by Kundalini*,
And let my thighs be protected by her who is worshipped by Narada.
* Inner power which lies coiled in every human being.

Janani Janunee pathu,
Jange sakala vandhitha,

Narayana Priya padhou,
Sarvangam sarva rakshinee. 5

Let the mother protect my knees,
Let her who is worshipped by all ,protect my calves,
Let the darling of Narayana protect my feet,
And let she who protects everything, protect all of me.

Sankate Vishame Durge, Bhaye Vadhe maha have,
Nithyam hi sandhyayo pathu thulasi sarvatha sada. 6

During sorrows and problems let Durga protect me,
When in fear or argument let the great receiver of offerings protect me,
And during dawn, noon and dusk daily,
Let Goddess Thulasi protect me.

Yitheetham parama guhyam thulasya kavachamrutham,
Marthya nama mruthathaaya , bheethaanam abhayaya cha,
Mokshaya cha mumukshunaam , dyayinaam dhyana yoga kruth,
Vasaaya vasya kaamaanaam, vidhyaya veda vaadhinaam,
Dravenaaya daridhraanaam , papinaam papa santhaye,
Annaya kshudhithaanaam , swargaya swarga michathaam,
Pasavyam pasukaamaanam , puthram puthra kamkshinaam.,
Rajyaya brushta rajyayaam , asanthaanaam cha santhaye., 7-10

This very secret nectar like armour of Thulasi,
Is like a balm for those beaten,
Drives away fear from those who are afraid,
Provides salvation to those searching for it,
Helps attain object of meditation to those who meditate,
Helps in attracting someone , whom we want to attract,
Gives knowledge to those who want to learn Vedas,
Gives wealth to those not wealthy,
Calms down sins in case of all sinners,
Provides food to those who are hungry,
Gives Heaven to those who search for it,
Gives wealth for those who search for wealth,
Gives sons who desire to have sons,
Gives country to rule to those who have been banished,
Gives peace to those who are perturbed

Bhakthartham Vishnu bhakthaanaam, Vishnou Sarvandyathmani,
Jaapyam Tri varga sidhyartham grahasthena viseshatha.
Udhyantham chandra kiranam Upasthaya kruthanjali,
Thulasi kanane thishtan , aaseeno vaa japethidham. 11-12

For getting devotion , the devotees of Lord Vishnu,
Should pray Lord Vishnu , who is within all things that we know,
And chant this mantra , for getting success in Dharma, Artha, and Kama,
In the morning facing the Sun with folded hands ,
And be in the forest of Thulasi
And he would get success immediately.

Sarvaan kamaanavapnothi thadaiva mama sannidheem,
Mama priyakaram nithyam , hari bhakthi vivardhanam. 13

If this Kavacha which is dear to me and
Which increases the devotion to Vishnu.
Is chanted daily, he would get fulfillment of all his wishes,
And reach my presence.

Ya syath mrutha prajaa naari thasya angam pramarjayeth,
Sa puthram labhathe deerga jeeinam chapyarohinam.
Vandhyaa marjoyadhangam kusair manthrena sadhaka,
Sa aapi samvathsaradeva Garbham dathe manoharam. 14-15

The lady who has still births,
If her body is caressed by Dharbha,
After chanting of this mantra
Will give birth to a good child ,
Which will have a very long life.
The lady who never conceives,
If her body is caressed by Dharbha,
After chanting this Mantra,
Within a year she will deliver a good baby.

Aswathe raja vasyarthee Japed agni suroopa paad,
Palasamole vidhyarthi Thejothyabhi mukhor rave 16

This Kavacha has to be chanted,
Below banyan tree for getting favour from king,
By the side of a pond for those who wants beauty,
On the root of Palasa tree for getting knowledge,
And below the Sun for getting power.

Kanyarthi Chandika gehe , shathru hathyai grhe mama,

Sri kaamo Vishnu gehe , cha udhyane sthree vasyo bhaveth. 17

This Kavacha should be chanted,
In temple of Goddess for getting n attractive girl,
In temple of Shiva for killing the enemy,
In the temple of Vishnu for getting riches,
And in the garden for attracting a girl.

Kimathra bahu nokthena srunu sainyaesa thathwatha,
Yam yam kamam abhidhyayeth tham tham prapnothasamsaya. 18

There is no need to hear more about its effectiveness,
Whosoever wants anything , he will get it by chanting it.

Mama gehe Gadsthvam thu tharakasya vadechaya,
Japan stotrancha kavacham thulsee gatha manasa. 19

You who are intent on killing Tharakasura,
Go from my temple , chant this stotra,
With your mind concentrated on Thulasi.

Mandalaath tharakam hamatha,
Bhishyasi na samsaya 20

There is no doubt that you will kill Tharaka,
If you chant this Mantra for 40 days.

B;Bilwa

Bilwashtakam

(The Octet to the Bilwa)
Translated by
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(The leaves of Bilwa(Aegle marmelos), which has multiple leaves, with each leaf consisting of three leaves is very dear to Lord Shiva. Offering this leaf to Lord Shiva pleases him especially on the Shivarathri .There are several stories how people got salvation by offering one Bilwa leaf to Lord Shiva.)

Tridalam trigunakaaram trinethram cha triyayusham,
Trijanma papa samharam Eka bilwam shivarpanam. 1

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva,
Which has three leaves,
Which causes three qualities,
Which are like the three eyes of Shiva,
Which is like the triad of weapons,
And which destroys sins of three births.

Trishakhai bilwathraisha hyachidrai komalai shubai,
Shiva poojam karishyami , Eka bilwam shivarpanam. 2

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva,
Which has three shoots,
Which do not have holes,
Which are good and pretty,
And worship Lord Shiva.

Aganda bilwa pathrena poojithe nandikeshware,
Shudhyanthi sarva papebhyo , Eka bilwam shivarpanam. 3

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva,
For if an uncut leaf is offered,
To his steed the god Nandi,
We get cleaned of all our sins.

Salagrama shilamekaam vipranam jatha cha arpayeth,
Soma yagna maha punyam, Eka bilwam shivarpanam. 4

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva,
For it is equal to, offering a saligrama to a Brahmin,
Or the great blessing got out of performing Soma Yaga,

Dandi koti sahasrani vajapeya sathani cha,
Koti kanya maha danam, Eka bilwam shivarpanam. 5

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva,
For it is equal to gifting thousand elephants,
Or the performing of hundred fire sacrifices,
Or giving away billions of girls.

Lakshmyasthanutha uthpannam mahadevasya cha priyam,
Bilwa vruksham prayachami, Eka bilwam shivarpanam. 6

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva ,
For it is equal to giving a tree of Bilwa,
Which was born from the breast of Lakshmi,
And which is very dear to the Lord Shiva.

Darshanam bilwa vrukshasya, sparsanam papa nasanam,
Aghora papa samharam, Eka bilwam shivarpanam. 7

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva,
As seeing and touching of a tree of Bilwa,
Washes away ones sins and also ,Very great sins.

Kasi kshethra nivasam cha kala bhairava darshanam,
Prayaga madhavam drushtwa, Eka bilwam shivarpanam. 8

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva,
After living in the city of Kasi,
Seeing the Kala Bhairava,
And also visiting the temple
Of Madhava in Allahabad.

Moolatho brahma roopaya , madhyatho Vishnu roopini
Agratha shiva roopaya , Eka bilwam shivarpanam 9

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva,
As Brahma resides at its bottom,
Lord Vishnu lives in its middle,
And Lord Shiva lives in its tip.

Bilwashtakam idham punyaam, padeth shiva sannidhou,
Sarva papa nirmuktha Shiva loka maapnyath. 10

Reading this holy octet of Bilwa,
In the presence of Lord Shiva,
Would save one from all sins,
And in the end take him to the world of Shiva.

Bilwa ashtothara satha stotram

(Prayer of one hundred and eight Bilwa)

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(Here is a very peculiar and rare prayer addressed to Lord Shiva. It has 108 stanzas , after chanting each, we are supposed to offer a life of Bilwa at the Head of Lord Shiva. This stotra in Tamil is given in <http://www.tamilbrahmins.com/translations-meanings/7122-bilva-ashtothra-satha-stotram.html> And I happened to see it again in tamil in a compilation of stotras published by Sri Karthik agency , Madhurai.)

1.Tridalam trigunakaram trinethrancha triyayudham,
Trijanam papa samharam , eka bilwam shivarpanam

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, Which has three leaves ,
Causes three qualities , has three eyes and is like three weapons.

2.Trshakair bilwapathraisha archithrair komala ssubhai,
Thava poojam karishyami, eka bilwam shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to lord Shiva , which is leaf with three branches,
Which is suitable for worship, pretty and pure and which is offered as worship to you.

3.Sarva trilokya kartharam , Sarva trilokya pavanam,
SARva trilokya hartharam , eka bilwam shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva , who is the lord of three worlds,
Who is the purest in the three worlds and who is the protector of three worlds.

4. Nagadhi raja valayam , Naga haarena bhooshitham,
Naga kundala samyuktham , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is surrounded by king of snakes ,
Who decorates himself with necklaces of snakes and wears snake ear studs.

5.Aksha mala dharam rudram , Parvathi preethivallabham,
Chandrashekara meesanam , , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who wears a rosary of beads,
Who is the dear consort of Parvathi, who wears the crescent and is the god of North east.

6.Trilochanam , dasa bhujam Durga dehardha dharinam ,
Vibhoothyapyarchitham devam, , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who has three eyes and ten hands
Who wears half the body of Durga and is worshipped by sacred ash.

7.Trisoola dharinam devam, Nagabharana sundaram,
Chandrashekaram eesaanam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who holds the trident,
Who is pretty with ornaments of serpent, who wears the crescent and is God of north east.

8.Gangadharam ambika natham , phani mandala manditham,
Kalakalam gireesam cha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who carries the Ganga ,
Who is consort of Parvathi , who wears the snake ,
Who is the death of God of death and is the Lord of the mountain.

9.Sudha spatika sangaasam , kshithi kandam, krupa nidhim,
Sarveswaram sadhaa santham , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who resembles the pure crystal,
Who destroys during deluge , who is the treasure of mercy,
Who is the God of every one and who is always peaceful.

10.Sachidhananda roopam cha paramananda mayam Shivam,
Vaageswaram, chithakasam , , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who has the form of divine bliss,
Who is full of extreme joy and peaceful , who is the Lord of the word and is the divine sky.

11.Sibhivishtam, sahasraksham dundubhyascha nishanginam,
Hiranya bahum Senaanyam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is regal looking , who has thousand eyes,
Who covers himself with skin of Elephant , who has golden arms and is the chief of the army.

12.Arunam , vamanam tharam Vasthavyam chaiva vasthubham,
Jyestham, kanishtam vaisantham , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is reddish , short star ,
Who is real and the built one , who is elder and the younger and is peaceful.

13.Harikesam, vanaadheesam Uchair gosham sanathanam,
Aghora roopam Kumbham , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who has a green hair, who is the Lord of jungle,
Who makes sounds of high tone , who is forever , Who is the pot shaped Bhairava.

14.Poorvajaavarajam yamyam , sookshma thaskara nayakam,
Neelakandam Jaga anyamcha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is the oldest giver of boons,
Who is the leader of great thieves , Who has a blue neck and who is separate from the world.

15.Surasrayam, vishaahaaram varminancha varoodhinam,
Mahasenam Mahaveeram, Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is the protector of the devas ,
Who ate poison , who is an armour against enemies, Who has the greatest army and is the greatest hero.

16.Kumaram, kusalam Koobhyam vadhanyancha Maharatham,
Dhouryaya varyancha divyancha, Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is young , who is clever,
Who kills several great heroes and who is the head of all the divine ones.

17.Dasakarnam lalataksham , Pancha vakthram sada shivam,
Asha papa samharam Shambhum, Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva , Who has 10 ears and eyes and foreheads,
Who is Lord Shiva with ten faces and is the Shambu who completely removes sins.

18.Neelakandam, Jagat vandhyam , dheena nadham , Maheswaram,
Mahapapa haram Shambhum, Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva. Who is having a blue neck ,
Who is saluted by the world , who is Lord of the oppressed ,
Who is the greatest God and who is Shambhu eradicating great sins.

19.Choodamanim krathavidhum valayeekrutha Vasukeem,
Kailasanilayam Bheemam, Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who wears the jewel from the killed elephant,
Who is one tied with Vasuki and who is the big one living in Kailasa.

20.Karpura kundha davalam , narakarnava tharakam,
Karunamrutha sindhumcha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is as white as camphor and jasmine flower,
Who is source of help to those who live in hell and is the sea of the nectar of mercy.

21.Mahadevam ,Mahathmanam , bhujangadhipa kankanam,
Maha papa haram devam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, Who is the great god , Who is a great soul,
Who wears armlet made of the lord of snakes and is the God who removes great sins.

22.Bhoothesam , kanda parasum , vama devam , pinakinam,
Vame Shakthi daram sreshtam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, Who is the God of Boothas , Who cuts with an axe,
Who is Vamadeva, who holds the bow called Pinaka ,
And is the great one having the Goddess on his left side.

23.Phaalekshanam , viroopaksham Sri Kandan , bhaktha vathsalam,
Neela lohitham Gadwangam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who gives results within a second,
Who has a slanted eye , Who has a splendid neck , who is liked by his devotees,
Who is blue as well as coppery red and who uses sword as a weapon.

24.Kailasa vasinam , bheemam , kadoram , Tripuranthakam,
Vrushangam , Vrushabharoodam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who lives on Kailasa, Who is huge and ferocious,
Who put an end to three cities, who has a powerful body and rides on a bull.

25.Samapriyam , swaramayam , Basmodhoolidha vighram,
Mrutyunjayam , loka nadham , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, Who likes sama veda and is full of notes.
Whose body covered by ash , who has won over death and chief of the world.

26.Daridrya dukha haranam , ravi chandra analekshanam,
Mrugapanim , Chandra moulim , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who destroys the sorrow of poverty,
Who has sun, moon and fire as eyes , Who holds a deer and has moon as a crest.

27.Sarva loka mayakaram , SARVA lokaika saakshinam,
Nirmalam , Nirgunakaram , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, Who pervades in all the worlds,
Who is the witness to the world , who is pure and is without any properties.

28.SARVA thathwathmakam , sambham , sarva Thathwa vidhoorakam,
Sarva Thathwa swaroopancha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is the soul of all principles,
Who is Samba , who is far away from all principles and the form of all principles.

29.Sarva loka gurum , sthanam , Sarva loka vara pradham,
Sarva lokaika nethranca , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is the teacher of all the world,
Who is stable and gives boons to all the world and is the eyes of all the world.

30.Manmathodharanam , saivam , bhavam , bhargam , parathmakam,
Kamalpriya poojyancha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who made Manmatha rise up,
Who is peaceful , Who is the divine spirit , who is splendidous ,
Who is the soul of divine spirit and who is worshipped by Goddess Lakshmi.

31.Thejomayam , Mahabheemam , Umesam , Basmalepanam,
Bhavaroga vinasancha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, Who is glowing in light , Who is very gross,
Who is the Lord of Uma , Who coats himself with ash and is the destroyer of effect of sins.

32.Swargapavarga phaladham Raghunadha phala pradham,
Naga raja suthaa kantham , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who grants us heaven as well as salvation,
Who gave success to Lord Rama and who is the consort of the daughter of the serpent.

33.Manjeera pada yugalam , shubha lakshana lakshitham,
Phani raja virajam cha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who wears anklets on both his legs,
Who aims at giving good things , and who shines along with shining king of serpents.

34.Niramayam , niradharam , nissangam , nishpranchakam ,
Thejo roopam , Maharoudhram , , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is without taint or basis,
Who is without passion, has a effulgent form and is extremely angry.

35.SArva lokaika pitharam, , sarva lokaika matharam,
SArva lokaika nathamcha, , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is the father of all worlds,
Who is the mother of all worlds and who is the Lord of all worlds.

36. Chithrambaram, nirabhasam , Vrushabeswara vahanam,
Neelagreevam , panchavakthram , , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who wears fancy cloths,
Who does not have fallacious appearance , who rides on the bull,
Who has blue neck and who has five heads.

37.Rathna kanjuka Rathnesam , Rathna kundala manditham,
Navarathna kireedam cha , , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who wears a gem studded cloak ,
Who is the Lord of gems , who wears gem studded ear studs and crown made of nine types of gems.

38. Divya rathananguli karna , rathnabhara bhooshitham,
Nanaa rathnam mani mayam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who wears divine gem studded ring ,
Who wears gem studded ornaments in his ears , Who wears several type of gems and is full of gems.

39.Rathnanguleeya vilasad kara saka nakha prabham,
Bhaktha manasa geham cha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who has hand shining with gem studded ring,
Whose fingers are shining with their nails and who is in the cave of the mind of his devotees.

40.Vamanga bhaga vilasad Ambika veekshana priyam,
Pundareeka nibheshamcha , , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, Who likes the glance of the Goddess,
Who is on his left side , who has a serpent with down ward looking eyes.

41.Sampoorna kamadham , soukhyam , Bhaktheshta phala poorakam,
Soubhahyadham, hithakaram , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, Who is full of passion , who is pleasant ,
Who fulfills the desires of devotees, who gives luck and is very soothing.

42.Aprameya gunadharam , Veda kruth roopa vighram,
Dharma Adharma pravrutthancha , , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is the basis of limitless good,
Who has a form defined by Vedas and who looks after Dharma as well as its absence.

43.Nanaa Sasthra gunobhedham, Sphuran mangala vighram,
Vidhya viyodha rahitham , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who recognizes and classifies different sciences,
Who has a very auspicious look and who does not have others greater than him in knowledge.

44.Gowri vilasa sadanam, jeevam jeeva pithamaham,
Kalpantha bhairavam shubram , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who makes Goddess Gowri happy,
Who is the soul of Lord Brahma and the pure Bhairava till end of the eons.

45.Sukhadam Sukha nasancha dukhadam Dukha nasanam,
Dukha avadanam Badram cha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva , who leads to pleasure,
Who destroys causes of Sorrow as well as sorrow,
Who manages and gives us protection.

46.Sukha roopam, roopa nasam, sarva dharma phala pradam,
Atheendriyam maha mayam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is personification of pleasure,
Who destroys pride , who makes all roads of Dharma effective ,
Who is greater than the senses and is the great illusion.

47.Sarva pakshi mrugakaram , Sarva pakshi mrugadhipam,
Sarva paksha mrugadharam , , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who has the form of all birds and animals,
Who is the Lord of all birds and animals and is the support of all birds and animals.

48.Jeevadyaksham , jeeva vandhyam , Jeeva jeevana rakshakam,
Jeeva kruth, jeeva haranam , , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is the lord of all living beings ,
Who is saluted by all living beings , who protects all living beings,
Who creates all living beings and also destroys them all.

49.Viswathmanam, viswa vandhyam , vajrathma vajra hasthakam,
Vajresam , vajra bhoosham cha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is the soul of the universe ,
Who is saluted by the universe, who is the soul of the diamond ,
Who has Diamond like arms , who is the lord of the diamond and wears them.

50.Ganadhipam, ganadhyakham , pralaya anala nasakam,
Srithendriyam , veera bhadram , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, Who is the owner of the Ganas,
Who presides over the Ganas , who destroys using flood and fire.

51.Trayambakancha mrudam soolam , arishta varga nasanam,
Jithendriyam, Veerabhadram , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who pervades the three worlds ,
Who kills by using trident , who destroys groups of disasters ,
Who is the one who has one over senses and is the valorous hero.

52.Kundhendhu sankha davalam , bhaga nethra abhijwalam,
Kalagni rudram, sarvajnam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, Who is as white as Jasmine and the moon,
Who shines with lucky eyes , who is angry like the fire at deluge and expert in everything.

53.Khambu greevam Khambhu kandam, dhairyatham, dhairyvardhakam,
Sardhoola , sarmavasanam, Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who has a shell like neck ,
Who has a neck like a band , who is courageous , who increases courage ,
Who is pre eminent and who dresses himself with hide.

54.Jagat uthpathi hethumcha , Jagat pralaya karinam,
Poomananda swaroopancha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, Who is the cause of creation of the world,
Who is the one who causes deluge and has a form of complete joy.

55.Swarna kesancha mahat thejam , punya Sravana keerthanam,
Brahmanda nayakam , dharam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who has gold like hair and great shine,
Who likes to hear songs of devotion , who is the Lord of the universe and one who carries it.

56.Mandhara moola nilyam , Mandhara kusuma priyam,
Vrundharaka Priya tharam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, Who stays below the coral tree,
Who likes the flowers of coral tree and one who likes the garland of Thulasi

57.Mahendriyam, Maha bahum, Viswasa pari poorakam,
Sulabhasulabham labhyam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, Who has great control over senses ,
Who has great hands , who fulfills the faith in him and is got easily or with difficulty.

58.Bheejadharam , bheejaroopam , nirbheejam , bheeya vrudhitham,
Paresam , bheeya nasamcha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is the basis for the seeds , who has the form of the seed ,
Who does not have birth , who promotes birth , who is lord of the divine and one who destroys lives.

59.Yugakaram , yugadheesam , Yugakruth, yuga nasaka,
Yugesam , yuga nasancha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who creates ages of time , who is the lord of ages of time ,
Who is the cause of ages of time and who is the lord and destroyer of ages.

60.Durjadim , pingala jadam , jada mandala manditham,
Karpooa gowram Gowreesam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who has a troubling matted lack,
Who has a brown hair , who is surrounded by matted lock,
Who is white like camphor and is the Lord of Goddess Gowri.

61.Suraavaasam , janaavaasam, yogeesam , yoga pungavam,
Yogadham , yogeenaam simham , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who lives with devas,
Who lives with people, who is the Lord of Yoga ,

Who has a gift of yoga and is the lion among Yogis.

62.Uthamanuthamam , thathwam , andhakasura soodhanam,
Bhaktha kalpa dhumam sthavyam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is the greatest among greats,
Who is the philosophy , who is the killer of Andhakasura,
Who is the wish giving tree to devotees and who is praiseworthy.

63.Vichithramalyavasanam , divya chandana charchitham,
Vishnu brahmadi vandhyam cha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who wears a very peculiar garland,
Who coats himself with divine sandal paste and is worshipped by Brahma, Vishnu and others.

64.Kumaram, pitharam devam , sitha chandra kalanidhim,
Brahma shatrum, jagan mithram , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is a lad, father and God,
Who wears the crescent , who is the treasure house of arts ,
Who is the enemy of Brahma and is the friend of the universe.

65.Lavanyam, madhuraakaram , karuna rasa varidhim,
Broovor madhye sahasrarchim , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is pretty, who is sweet ,
Who is the ocean of the essence of mercy and,
Who has thousand rays in between the eye brows.

66.Jadadharam pavakaksham , rukshesam , bhuvana nayakam,
Kamadham sarvatha gamyam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who sports a matted lock ,
Who has a shining eyes , who is the lord of hard people ,
Who is the Lord of the world , who bestows wishes and goes everywhere.

67. Shivam santham , uma nadham , maha dhyana parayanam,
Jnanapradham , kruthivasam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is peaceful, patient and lord of Uma,
Who is meditated by great ones , who grants wisdom and sits on a animal hide.

68. Vasukyuraga haramcha , lokanugraha karinam,
Jnanapradham kruthidharam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who wears the serpent Vasuki as garland,
Who is the cause of blessing people , who grants wisdom and who wears animal hide.

69.Sasanga dharinam bhargam , sarva lokaika sankaram,
Shuddhancha saswatham nithyam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who wears the crescent and is radiant,
Who is the Sankara of all the words and who is pure, permanent and is forever.

70.SAranagatha dheenarthi , parithrana parayanam,
Gambheerancha vashatkaram , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is kind to those who surrender to him ,
Who protects to those who seek ,who is serious and who shouts "Vashat".

71.Bhoktharam, Bhojanam , bhojyam , jhetharam jithamanasam,
Karanam, karaanam jishnum , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who consumes, who is the one that is consumed,
Who is a victor , who has mind full of success , who does, who is the cause and who is the victor.

72.Kshethragnam, kshethrapalancha , prathaika prayojanam,
Vyomakesam, bheemavesham , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who knows the world, who protects the world,
Who is useful to those who pray, who has sky as his hair and who has a gross form.

73.BHavajam, tharunobhedham kshobishtam yama nasakam,
Hiranya garbham , hemangam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is born from thought , who is young,
Who cannot be split , who likes to be angry , who killed Yama ,
Who has the world within himself and who has golden body.

74.Daksham, chamunda janakam , mokshadham , mokshadayakam,
Hiranyadham , Hema roopancha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who punishes, who is the father of Chamunda ,
Who is the salvation, who grants salvation , who is gold and who has a golden form.

75.Maha smasana nilayam , prachanna spatika prabham,
Vedaswam , veda roopancha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who lives in the great cremation ground,
Who has the concealed glitter of crystal , who leads Vedas and has the form of Vedas.

76.Sthiram swa dharma manapam , brahmanancha asrayam vibhum,
Jagan nivasam prathamam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is stable , who measures his own dharma,
Who is the lord depended by Brahmins , who lives in the universe and who is the first.

77.Rudraksha malabharanam , rudraksha Priya vathsalam,
Rudraksha bhaktha samsthavyam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who wears a garland of Rudraksha,
Who is very dear to Rudraksha , and who is sung by his devotees with Rudraksha.

78.Phaneendra vilasad kandam , , bhujangabharana priyam,
Dakshadwara vinasancha , , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, whose neck is encircled by king of snakes.
Who likes to wear serpent ornaments and who speedily killed Daksha.

79.Nagendra vilasad karnam maheendra valayavrutham,
Muni vandhyam, muni sreshtam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, whose ear is tuned to the king of snakes,
Who is surrounded by kings of earth , who is saluted by sages and who is the greatest
Sage himself.

80.Mrugendra charma vasanam , muneenaam yeka jeevanam,
Sarva devadhi poojyancha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who wears the hide of king of animals,
Who is the only life of sages and who is worshipped by all devas.

81.Nidhanesam dhanadheesam , apamruthyu vinasanam,
Linga moorthimalingakhyam , , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is god of the poor ,
Who is the friend of Khubhera (lord of riches) , who avoids untimely death
Who has the form of Linga and is considered as not to be a linga.

82.Bhaktha kalyanadham vyastham Veda vedantha samstutham,
Kalpa kruth kalpa nasancha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who does good to his devotees,
Who is busy , who is described by Vedas and Vedanthas,
Who makes ions and who destroys ions.

83.Ghora pathaka dhavagnim , janma karma vivarjitham,
Kapala malabharanam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is the raging fire that burns great sins,
Who takes away the karma caused due to birth and who wears the garland of skulls.

84.Mathanga charma vasanam , virad roopa vidharakam,
Vishnukraantham ananthancha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who wears the hide of an elephant,
Who assumes the supreme form , who surpasses Vishnu and is endless.

85.Yagna karma phaladyaksham , Yagna vigna nasakam,
Yagnesam , yagnaaya bhokthaaram , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, Who is the one presiding over fire sacrifices ,
Who is the one preventing stoppage of Yagna* , Who is the lord of Yagna ,
And is the one who uses the results of Yagna .
*Fire sacrifice

86.Kalaatheetham , trikalagnam , dushta nigraha karakam,
Yogi manasa poojyam cha , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, Who is beyond time , who is the past , present and future,
Who causes bad people be destroyed and who is worshipped by minds of Yogis.

87.Mahonnatham , Mahakasam , Mahodharam , Maha bhujam,
Mahovakthram , maha vrutham , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is greatest , who is the great sky,
Who is the great belly , who is the great hand , who has great face and has a great job.

88. Sunethram sulaladancha sarvam bheema parakramam,
Maheswaram Shivadhamam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who has good eyes and good forehead,
Who is everything , who is greatly valorous , who is the great god and who is the Shiva wearing moon.

89.Samastha jagad aadharam , samastha guna parakam,
Sathyam, Sathya gunopetham , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who is the basis of all the worlds,
Who delivers all good characters , who is the truth and who is endowed with all good qualities.

90.Magha Krishna chaturdasyam , poojarthancha Jagat guro,
Durlabham sarva devaanaam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who should be worshipped on fourteenth day of waning moon in month of Magha,(January-February)
Who is the teacher of the universe and who is difficult to get for all devas.

91.Thathrabhi durlabham manye nabho mase indhu vasare ,
Prathoshakale poojayam , , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, who though difficult to get ,
Is easily available on Mondays of Nabha(June-july) month and
During the worship during Pradhosha.

92.Salagrameshu vipraanaam thadaga , satha kopayo.
Kodi kanya maha dhanam , Eka bilvam Shivarpanam.

I offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva, which if offered by Brahmins to Saligrama,
In the shore of lake or near hundreds of wells , Gives the result of gifting of crores of brides.

93.Darsanam bilwa vrukshasya , sparsanam papa nasanam,
Aghora papa samharam , Eka bilwam Shivarpanam.

Seeing the bilwa tree and touching it leads to destruction of sins ,
And it also destroys great sin and so Offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva.

94.Thulasi bilwa Nirgundim Jambheeramalakam thadha,
Aghora papa samharam , Eka bilwam Sivarrpanam.

Offer of ocimum or ocimum or vitis* flowers or lime or Gooseberry,
Leads to the destruction of great sins and so offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva.,
*Vitis negundi

95.Aganda bilwapathraisha poojayeth nandikeswaram ,
Muchyathe sarva papebhya, Eka Bilwam Shivarpanam.

If with unlimited leaves of Bilwa , if we worship God Nandi,
Then we would escape from all sins and so offer one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva.

96.Salangrutham sadaa vrunde kanya sahasrakam,
Samrajya pruthwi dhanam , yeka bilwam shivarpanam.

Gifting away well decorated group of one thousand girls ,
Gifting away of country or land is equivalent to offer of one leaf of Bilwa to lord Shiva.

97.Dasa koti thurangaanaam Aswamedha sahasrakam,
Sa vathsa koti dhenunaam , Eka bilwam Shivarpanam.

Gifting crores of horses or performing thousand Aswamedha sacrifices,
Or gifting crores of cows with their calf is equivalent to offer of one leaf of Bilwa to lord Shiva.

98.Chathur veda sahasrani Bharathathi puranakam,
Samrajya pruthwi dhanam , eka bilwam Shivarpanam.

Reading thousand times all four Vedas or the epic of Bharatha or
Gifting away of country or land is equivalent to offer of one leaf of Bilwa to lord Shiva.

99.Sarva rathnamayam Merum , Kanchanam divya vasthrakam,
Thulabharam sathavartham , eka bilwam Shivarpanam.

Giving weight equivalent to Meru studded with several gems , gold and divine cloths ,
One hundred times is equivalent to offer of one leaf of Bilwa to lord Shiva.

100.Kasikshethra nivasancha , kala Bhairava darsanam,
Prayagamadhavam drushtwa , eka bilwam Shivarpanam.

Living in Kasi , Seeing Kalabhirava and seeing Madhava of Prayaga,
is equivalent to offer of one leaf of Bilwa to lord Shiva.

101.Ashtothara satha slokai stora aaradhyai poojayeth sthadha,
TRisandhyam mokshamapnothi , Eka bilwam Shivarpanam.

Using these one hundred and eight verses and worshipping god,
In dusk, noon and dawn would lead to salvation,
And so offer of one leaf of Bilwa to lord Shiva.

102.Dandhi koti saharaanaam , bhoo Hiranya sahasrakam,
SARva krathu mayam punyam, eka bilwam Shivarpanam.

Giving away one thousand crores of elephants or giving thousands of land and gold,
Always leads to blessings of God and is equivalent to offer of one leaf of Bilwa to lord Shiva.

103.Puthra pouthradhikam bhogam bhukthwa chathraya thepsidham,
Anthyecha Shiva sayujyam, eka bilwam Shivarpanam.

He who offers one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva would get sons and grandsons,
Enjoy all pleasures , realize all three type of wishes and in the attain go before Lord Shiva.

104.Vipra koti sahasranaam , vitha dhanancha yath phalam,
Thath phalam prapnuayath , eka bilwam Shivarpanam.

He who offers one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva would get that same effect,
As giving away money to thousands of crores of money to Brahmins.

105.Thwa nama keerthanam thathwath , thava padambhujam bhajeth,
Jeevan muktho bhaven nithyam , eka bilwam Shivarpanam.

He who offers one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva would get the result ,
OF Singing the names of Shiva and worshipping his lotus like feet,
And he would lead a detached life daily.

106.Aneka dhana phaladham , anantha sukrthadhikam,
Theerthayathakhilam punyam, eka bilwam Shivarpanam.

He who offers one leaf of Bilwa to Lord Shiva would get results .
Of several type of gifts and be endlessly happy and also,
Get the effect of going on pilgrimage all over the world.

107.Twam maam palaya sarvathra pada dhyana krutham thava ,
Bhavanam saankaram nithyam, Eka bilwam Shivarpanam.

Oh God please protect me everywhere as I meditate on your feet,
And make my home that of Sankara daily as I am offering one Bilwa to Lord Shiva.

108.Ashtothara satham bilwam yorchithe linga masthake,
Atharvoktham vadeth yamsa , eka bilwam Shivarpanam.

If one worships the head of the Shiva linga with one hundred and eight bilwa leaves,
He would be called an expert in Atharva Veda and I am offering one Bilwa to Lord Shiva.

109.Eka kalam paden nithyam sarva shathru vinasanam,
Dwikalam paden nithyam, Eka bilwam shivarpanam

If this is read daily all your enemies will perish.
If it is read twice , I would be offering one Bilwa to lord Shiva.

110.Trikale paden nithyam mano vaanacha phala pradhham,
Achirath karya sidhinchu , labhate na samasaya.

If this is read thrice all the wishes of mind would be fulfilled,
And without any doubt all actions would meet with success.

111.Eka kalam, dwi kalam vaa tri kalam paden nara,
Lakshmi prapathi shiva vasa, shivena sahamodhathe,

Those men who read it once or twice or thrice ,
Would get wealth and live with Shiva , so agrees Lord Shiva.

112.Koti janma krutham papam archanena vinasayathi,
Saptha janma krutham papam sravanena vinasayathi.

Sins done in crores of births would be destroyed if this is used for worship,
Sins done in seven births would be destroyed , even if it is heard.

113.Janmanthra krutham papam sravanena vinasayathi,
Diva Rathri krutham papam darsanena vinasayathi..

Just be hearing it sins done in previous and present birth would be destroyed.
And the sin done during a night and day would be destroyed by just seeing it.

114.Kshane kshane krutham papam smaranena vinasayathi,
Pusthakam dharayeth dehe ana arogyam bhaya nasanam.

Just by remembering the prayer would destroy sins committed in second after second,
And by just carrying the book ill health and fear would be destroyed.

115.Thryaothachattthara satha slokai sangatitham varam,
Eka bilwarpana stotram ya padethshiva sannidhou,

116. sa sarva sidhi maapnothi ayur keerthim cha sinthathi,
SArvai sampoojayathe loke shiva loke maheeyathe.

Those who read these one hundred and thirteen slokas before Lord Shiva,
Would get all divine powers and live a full life with fame and he
Would be worshipped by all in this world and would be respected in land of Shiva.

117.Ashtaayam somavare cha pradhosha shiva rathrishu,
Aardhraayaam guru vare cha tridalai bilwa pathrai

118Ashtothra satham karyam archanam Shiva masthake ,
Thena swargamavapnothi Shiva sayujyamaapnuayath.

If one worships with the three segmented Bilwa leaf ,
On Ashtami(Eighth phase of moon) , Monday , Pradhosha or Shiva rathri.
Or on star Arudhra or Thursday with one hundred and eight leaves on head of Shiva,
He would go to heaven and would be near Lord Shiva.

Ithi Shiva rahasye , Gowri Narayana Samvadhe,
Bilwashtothra satham stotram sampoonam.

Thus ends the prayer of one hundred and eight bliwa leaves ,
Which occurs in the conversation between Lord Vishnu and Parvathi,
Which occurs in Shiva Rahasya.

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Aswatha Vruksha Stotram

(Prayer to the Banyan tree)

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(Among the trees Aswatha is the most religious for all Hindus. In most of the places, an idol of God is consecrated below the tree. In Kerala and Tamil Nadu, the family which plants the tree, does sacred thread ceremony to the tree and then conducts its marriage with the neem tree. Most of the serpent temples in Kerala and Ganesa temples in Tamil Nadu are below this tree. Women who are not able to beget children are asked to go round the tree daily. The great shade of the tree is used as the meeting place of senior citizens in every village.)

Moolatho Brahma roopaya , madhyatho Vishnu roopine,
Agratha shiva roopaya Vruksha rajaya they nama. 1

My salutations to the king of trees.
Whose root is the form of Brahma,
Middle is the form of Lord Vishnu,
And top is the form of Lord Shiva.

Aswatha sarva papani satha janma arjithanicha,
Nudhaswa mama vrakshendra , sarva aiswarya pradho bhava. 2

The holy fig(banyan) tree pushes away , all sins earned,
In several hundred births, and Oh king of trees,
Please grant me all different types of wealth.

Ayurbalam yaso varcha , praja pasu vasooni cha,
Brahma prajnam cha medham cha thwam nodehi Vanaspathe. 3

Would you not give me, Oh product of the forest.
Long life, fame, splendour , children , cattle and riches,
As also knowledge of God and intellectual wisdom.

Sathatham varuno raksheth thwamarad vrushtirasrayedh,
Parithasthwam nishethantham thrunani sukhamaasthu they. 4

You are always protected by Varuna as you are rain dependent,
And you do not allow any grass to grow in the shade round you.

Akshi spandham bhujaspandham duswapnam dhurvichinthanam,
Sathroonam cha samuthanam hyaswastha samaya Prabho. 5

Oh Lord Aswatha , please control pain in the eye,
Pain of hands , bad dreams , bad and evil thoughts,
And help me in destruction of my enemies.

Aswathaya varenyaya sarva aiswarya pradhayine,
Namoo duswapna nasaya , suswapna phala dhayine. 6

Oh Aswatha who blesses us and grants all type of wealth,
My salutations to you , who destroys bad dreams and grants good dreams.

Yaam drushtwa muchythe rogai,
Sprushtwa papapai pramuchyathe,
Yad ashrayath chiran jeevi,
Tham Aswatham namamyaham. 7

I salute that Aswatha ,
Seeing which diseases flee,
Touching which sins are destroyed ,
And surrendering to which ,
You get long healthy life.

Aswatha sumaha bhaga , subhaga , Priya darsana,
Ishta kamam cha may dehi shatrubhyascha parabhavam. 8

Oh great Lord Aswatha, who is pretty and looks pretty,
Please fulfill all my desires and give disappointment to my enemies.

Aayu prajam dhanam dhanyam soubhagyam sarva sampadam,
Dehi deva maha Vruksha , thwam aham saranam gatha. 9

I surrender fully to you and ,
So be pleased to give , oh great tree,
Long life, sons, wealth , cereals,
Great luck all types of wealth.

Rig yaju sama manthratma, sarva roopi, parathpara,
Aswatho veda moolo asou rishibhi prochyathe sada. 10

Great sages go in search of Aswatha ,
As it is the soul of Rig, Yajur and sama Vedas
And takes all forms , greater than the greatest,
And is the root of all the three Vedas.

Brahmaha guruha chaiva daridhro vyadhi peeditha,
Aavarthya laksha sankhyam tham sthothram yedath sukhee bhavth. 11

If this prayer is repeated one hundred thousand times,
Even those cursed by Brahma or the teacher,
And those who are poor and diseased,
Would get cured of all ills and lead a pleasant life.

Vyaktha avyaktha swaropaya , srushti sthithyantha karine,
Adhi madhyanth soonyaya vishtarasravase nama. 12

Salutations to the very stable one,
Who has clear and unclear forms,
Who creates , looks after and destroys,
And who does not have beginning, middle and end.

Ravim rava vadharaogye,
Shivam some Shivaya cha,
Shakthim bhoume jayarthi cha,
Vanijarthi budhe saran, 13

Gurou gurum cha Vidhyarthi,
Dhanarthi bhargave sriyam,
Sarva dukha vimoksharthee,
Sarvesam mandha vasare. 14

Sarvada sarva devam scha ,
Viseshanmada somayo,
Aswatha roopino devan,
Vruksha rajo prapoojayeth. 15

Go round on Sundays and worshipping Sun to get health,
Go round on Mondays and worshipping Shiva to get pleasant life,
Go round on Tuesdays and worshipping Parvathy ,to get victory,,
Go round on Wednesdays and worshipping devas , to get luck in business,
Go round on Thursdays and Worshipping Guru to get good knowledge,
Go round on Fridays and worshipping Goddess Lakshmi to get wealth,
Go round on Saturdays and worshipping the greatest god , to get rid of all sorrow.

Always all gods especially Saturn and the moon,
Worship the God in the form of Aswatha,
And offer prayers to this Lord of all trees.