

The prayers to sacred rivers of India

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Mantra Manasika snana stotram

(chant it, all river baths would be in Sacred river)

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Sankalpam
Om Ali Neela Ghana shyamam , nalinayatha lochanam ,
Smarami Pundarikaksham thena snatho bhavamyaham

Expression of wish
Om I meditate on God who is black like a dark blue cloud ,
Who has eyes similar to lotus and I want to be given a bath by him.

Dhyanam
Ananthadhithya samkasam Vasudevam chathurbujam,
Sankha chakra Gadha padma dharinam vana malinam,
Shyamalam, Santha hrudayam , prasanna vadanam shubham,
Divya chandana lipthangam charuhasam suveekshanam ,
Vanamala parivrutham Naradadhibhir architham,

That Vasudeva lying on Anantha shining like a sun, who has four hands ,
Who holds conch, wheel mace and lotus flower , Who wears forest garland,
Who is black , who has a peaceful mind , Who has an auspicious pleasant face ,
Who is anointed with divine sandal paste, who has a pretty smile, who looks at you nicely ,
Who is surrounded by forest garlands, Who is worshipped by sage Narada and others,

Suvarna kanganai deeptham , kinkini bhi virajitham,
Keyura harinam devam suvarna makutojwalam ,
Aneka rathna sanchanna sphuran makara kundalam ,
Dwaja Vajrangusa dharam pada padma sushobitham,
That pada pankajath gangam pravahanthim swamoordhni,
Chinthyae brahma randhrena pravisanthim swakam thanum,
THaya samkshalaye deham bahyamabhyantharam malam,
Anthar bahirschchs sudhyarthambahyam abhyantharani cha.

Who shines wearing golden bangles, who also shines due to the bells ,
Who is the God with the crown and garland, which makes his head shine ,
Who wears the fish like ear globes made of several shining gems,
Who carries the flag and a diamond goad and has a shining lotus like feet.
And from his lotus feet flows the river Ganga from where it commences itself ,
Flowing of the aperture in the crown of Brahma it takes its own path.
I am sprinkling her water on my body which is filled with dirt inside and outside
With an aim of cleaning inside and outside of my body, I use it outside and inside.

Manthram

Om Namashivaya Gangayai Shivadhayai Namona,
Nama stripada gaminyai manthra moorthyai namona .
Achyuthoham, ananthoham govindoham , aham hari,
Anandoham, Aseshoham Ajoham Amruthasmyoham,
Nithyoham Nirvikalpoham Nirakaroham avyaya ,
SACHidananda roopoham paripoornaasmyaham sadaa

Salutations and salutations Om Salutations to Shiva , Ganga and all that belongs to Shiva ,
Salutations to her who goes in three ways who is the lord of manthra, salutations and salutations,
I am Achyutha, I am endless, I am Govinda, I am Hari,
I am joy , I am everything, I am one who cannot be defeated, I am the deathlessness,
I am forever, I am one who never wavers, I am shapeless and imperishable ,
I am the form of divine joy and I am always complete .

Paribhasha
(definition)

Ida Bhageerathi ganga , Pingala yamunathuthaa ,
Thayor madhye gathaa naadi sushmnakhyaa Saraswathi,
Dhyanaahrudhe jnana jale raga dwesha malapahe ,
Yo snathi manase theerthe sayathi parmam gathim.

The Ida Nadi is Ganga brought by Bageeratha , Pingala nadi is Yamuna,
And Sushmna nadi which goes in between them is the Saraswathi ,
IN the mind meditates dirt like desire and hatred about in the water of wisdom,
And he who is able to take bath in that mind would attain the ultimate goal.

Phala sruthim

Idham mansika snanam proktham hariharadhibhi,
SArtha trikoti theertheshu snanath koti gunadhikam,
Yo nithyamachara devam savai narayana smrutha ,
Kala mruthyurathikramya jeevathyeva na samsaya.

Benefits

This mental bath which is addressed to Lord Vishnu and Lord Shiva ,
Grants more benefits than bathing in half of three crores sacred waters,
Those who practice it daily and then meditate on Narayana,
Would outlive time and death and without doubt live

Ithi Manthra manasika snana stotram sampoornam
Thus end the prayer of mental bath using the chants.

Shankaracharya Krutha Gangashtakam

(The octet on Ganga composed by Adhi Shankara)
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Bhagawathi thava theree neeramathrasanoham,
Vigatha vishaya thurshna krishnamaradhayami,
Sakala kalusha bhange swarga sopana sange,
Tharala thara tharange Devi gange praseedha. 1

Goddess, I cam to your shore,
And sat there praying on Krishna,
And taking nothing else but water.
So Oh Ganga, who removes all dirt.
Who is the ladder for the heaven,
And who is full of spreading waves,
Be pleased with me.

Bhgwathi bhava leela mouli male thavambha,
Kana manu parimaanam pranino yeesprusanthi,
Amara nagara naari chamara grahineenaam,
Vigatha kali kalamkatham kam anke lutanthi. 2

Oh, Goddess who is the garland on the head of Shiva,
And meant for his happiness,
Those beings, who are lucky,

To touch drops of your water,
Get relieved of all black sins,
And would enjoy the fondling,
In the laps of those maidens of heaven,
Who hold fans in their hands.

Brahmandam ghandayanthi hara sirasi jata valli mullasayanthi,
Swarlokadha pathanthi kanaka giri guha ganda shailal skhalanthi,
Kshoni prushte lutanthi duritha chaya chamoo nirbharam bhathsayanthi,
Padhadheem poorayanthi sura nagara sarith pavani na punathu. 3

Let the pure waters of the Ganga of heaven,
Originating from the breaking the universe in to two,
Watering the hair curls of Lord Shiva's head,
Falling from the heights of heaven,
Coming out of the sandal wood trees of the caves of Meru,
Falling torrentially on the earth,
Washing away the crowds of sins,
And making full the waters of the sea,
Take care of all of us.

Majja mathanga kumbhachyuthamadhira moda mathali jaalam,
Snanai sidhangananaam kucha yuga vikalath kanku masangapingam,
Sayam prathar muneenaam kusa kusuma chayai channatheerasthaneeram,
Payanno gangamamba karikalabhakarakrantharamhastharagam, 4

Let this waters of Ganga,
Which is full of several crowds of bees rushing to drink,
The water coming out of the bathing elephants,
Which is fully red because of the saffron coloured water ,
Flowing from the head through the busts of holy ladies,
Which is full of different types floating grasses and flowers ,
After the dawn and dusk salutations done by saints in the morn and evening,
And which is full of waves created by the playful elephants and calves,
Because of their beating the water by their trunks,
Save all of us.

Aadhaavaadhi pithamahasya niyama vyapara pathrejalam,
Paschath pannaga sayino bhagwatha padhodhakam pavanam,
Bhooya shambhu jata vibhooshana mani jjanor maharsheryam,
Kanya kalmasha nasini bhagwathi bhagiradhi drusyathe. 5

This Goddess brought down by King Bhageerath,
Was initially seen as the water of worship from the pot of Brahma,
Later it became the purest holy waters washing the feet of Vishnu,
And then became an ornamental gem on the head of Lord Shiva,
And then later was born as the daughter of sage Jahnu.

Shailendra deva tharini nijale majja jjanotharinee,
Paaravaara viharinee bhava bhaya sreni samuthsarini,
Seshaheanukarini harasirovallidalakaarini,
Kasi prantha viharini, vijayathe ganga manoharini. 6

Victory to that pretty Ganga, who took birth from king of mountains,
Who makes people who dip in her waters cross the ocean of life,
Who reaches and plays in the ocean,
Who completely uproots sorrows from life,
Who imitates Adhishesha and bends and flows,
Who appears like leaves on the hairs of Lord Shiva,
And who flows very near the city of Kasi.

Kutho veechir veechisthava yadhi gatha lochanapadham,
Thwamaapeethaa peethambarapuranasam viharasi,
Twaduthsange gange pathathi yadhi kayasthanubrutham,
Thadha maatha shathakratha vapadhalaabhopyathi laghu. 7

Hey river Ganga, Where are the pains of hell to him,
Whose eyes see at least one of your waves?
Hey Ganga, You give to anyone taking a sip of your water,
Permanent residence in Vaikunta,
And Oh, mother , to any being whose body falls on you,
Even the post of Indra become worthless

Gange trilokya sare sakala sura vadhoodhowtha vistheerna thoye,
Poorna brahma swaroop haricharanajoharini swarga margay,
.Prayachitham yadhi syathava jala kanika brahma hathyadhi pape,
Kasthwam sthoothum samartha trijagadagahare devi gange praseedha. 8

Hey Ganga, who is most important in all the three worlds,
Who is so wide and big that all women of heaven dip and bathe in you,
Who is having the full form of the eternal truth,
Who flows carrying the dust of the feet of Lord Vishnu,
Who flows in the paths of heaven,
And whose one drop is the only cure for sins like killing of Brahmana,
Hey Ganga , who can be capable of praying you adequately?
And who is more capable of washing any sin in the three worlds,
Be pleased with me.

Matha Jahnvi shambhu sanga valithe moulou nidhayanjaleem,
Thwathere vapushavasana samaye na rayanangri dhwayam,
Saa anandam smaratha bhavishyathi may prana prayanathsavo,
Bhooyath bhakthi ravichutha hari haradwaithathmika saswathi. 9

Hey mother Jahnvi, at the end of my wanderings devoted for search
For the company of lord Shiva, the end celebration of my travel of the soul,
Would happen in your bank , while I would be meditating,
Holding my two hands in salute over my head,
With happiness , on the lotus feet of Lord Vishnu.
Let my devotion to Vishnu and Shiva be permanent, Oh Goddess.

Gangashtakamidhampunyam ya padeth prayatho nara,
Sarva papavinirmuktho Vishnu lokam sa gachathi. 10

That holy devotee who reads this holy octet on Ganga,
Would become free of all sins and reach the world of Vishnu.

Dasa hara ganga sthuthi

(The prayer to Ganga that removes ten types of sins)
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Nama shivayai gangayai shivadhayai namo nama,
Namasthe Rudra roopinyai sankaryai they namo nama. 1

Salutations to that Ganga,
Who is dear to Lord Shiva,
And who does good things.
Salutations to you ,
Who has the form of Rudra
And who is also known as Sankari.

Namosthu viswa roopinyai brahma moorthyai namo nama,
Sarva veda swaroopinyai namo bhashaja moorthaye. 2

Salutations to her who is the form of universe,
And who is the form of Lord Brahma.
Salutations to her who is the form of Vedas,
And who is the form of all medicines.

Sarvasya sarva vyadheenam bhishak sreshtyai namosthute,
Sthanu jangama sambhootha visha hanthryai namo nama. 3

Salutations to her who is the greatest doctor,
For every one and for all diseases,
Salutations to her who is an antidote,
Of all poisons from movable and immovable things.

Bhogopa bhoga dhayinyai Bhogavathiyai namo nama,
Mandakinyai namosthesthu swargadhayai namo nama. 4

Salutations to her who gives all pleasures,
And to her who is the Patala Ganga,
Salutations to her who moves slowly,
And to her who gives us heaven.

Namasthrailokhya bhooshayai jagad dhathryai namo nama,
Namasthrishukla samsthayai tejovathiyai namo nama. 5

Salutations to her who is the ornament
To the three worlds and who is the basis of the world.
Salutations to her who has three strengths,
And to her who is the source of power.

Nandayai linga dharinyai narayanayai namo nama,
Namasthe viswa mukhyai revathiyai they namo nama. 6

Salutations to her who gives happiness,
And to her who wears the Shiva linga,
Salutations to her who is the most,
Important in this world and her who roars.

Bruhathiyai they namosthesthu loka dhathrayai namo nama,
Namasthe viswa mithrayai nandinyai they namo nama. 7

Salutations to her who is very big,
And who is the mother of the world.
Salutations to her who is the friend of the world,
And to her who makes every body happy.

Pruthvyai Shivamruthayai cha suvrukshayai namo nama,
Santhayai cha varishtayai varadhayai namo nama. 8

Salutations to her who is the earth,
Who is the nectar of Shiva and to her ,
Who gives rise to good trees.
Salutations to her who is very peaceful,
Who is best among everything,
And to her who grants blessings.

Usrayai sukhadhogdhaithrayai cha sanjeevanyai namo nama,
Bramishtayai brahmadhayai duruthaghainyai namo nama. 9

Salutations to her who is of the form of a cow,
And to her who gives benefits effortlessly,
Salutations to her who is the drug that cures death,
To her who is the follower of Lord Brahma,
To her who originated from Lord Brahma,
And to her who is cure for all ills.

Pranatharthi prabanjinyai jaganmathre namosthute,
Sarvath pathi pakshayai mangalayai namo nama. 10

Salutations to her who removes sorrows.
Of those who salute her with devotion,
And the mother of the entire universe,
Salutations to her who destroys all dangers,
And to her who only gives good.

Saranagatha dheenartha parithrana parayane,
Sarvasyarthihare devi, Narayani namosthute. 11

Salutations to her who follows the rule,
To save sinners, tormented and sufferers ,
Who seek her protection ,
Salutations to that Narayani,
Who destroys sorrows of all beings.

Nirlepai dukha hanthryai dakshayai they namo nama,
Parath para thare thubhyam namaste mokshadhe sada. 12

Salutations to her who is not attached,
To her who destroys all sorrows,
And to her who is supremely able.
Salutations to her who is higher than the highest,
And to her who is the giver of salvation.

Gange mamagratho bhooya , gange may devi prushtadha,
Gange may parswayorehi, thwayi gangesthu may sthithi. 13

Hey river Ganga, appear in my front as well as back,
Hey river Ganga, appear on my both sides,
Hey Ganga , let me be a part of you.

Adhou thwamanthe madhye cha sarvam thwam gaam gathe shive,
Thwameva moola prakruthisthwa hi Narayana para. 14

Oh goddess who came with the earth,
You have been the beginning, middle and end of this earth,
You are the primeval root cause of everything,
And you are the Lord Narayana who is the witness of nature.

Gange thwam paramathma cha shivasthubhyam, nama shive,
Ya idham padathi stotram bhakthya nithyam naropi ya,
Srunath sradhaya yuktha kaya vak chitha sambhavai,
Dasadha samsthidhair doshai sarvaireva pramuchyathe. 15

Hey Ganga you are the great God Shiva, salutations to you.
He who reads or hears this prayer with devotion ,
Would be free of the sins committed in ten ways,
By the mind, words and the body.

Ganga Sthavam

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(This prayer occurs in Kalki Purana. There is already a translation available in http://www.stephen-knapp.com/prayers_to_the_sacred_ganga_river.htm by Mr.Stephen knapp. I have not followed his text and translation but the one in a book called Stotra Rathna published in Malayalam. There seems to be some difference)

Iyam sura tharangini bhavana varidhe sthaarini,
Sthuthaa hari padaambhujaa dhupagatha jagat samsada,

Sumeru shikharamara Priya jalaa malakshalini,
Prasannavadanaa shubhaa bhava bhayasya vidhravini. 1

Let this divine river who makes us cross the sea of life,
Who is praised by the world , who started from the lotus feet of Vishnu,
Who is liked by the Gods on the Meru mountain , who washes away sins,
Who has a pleasant look , who does good and who removes the fear of birth,

Bhageratha radhanugaa sura kareendra darpapahaa,
Mahesa mukuta prabhaa giri sira pathakaasithaa,
Suraasura naroragai raja bhavachyuthai samsthuthaa,
Vimukthi phala nasini kalusha naasini rajathe. 2

Who accompanied the chariot of Bhageeratha,
Who destroyed the pride of the divine elephant by her colour,
Who shines on the crown of Lord Shiva ,
Who appears like a white flag hanging from mountain top,
Who is praised by devas, asuras, men, snake , Lords Shiva and Vishnu,
And who destroys sins and grants salvation, shine.

Pithamaha kamandalu prabhava mukthi bheeya latha,
Sruthi smruthi gana sthutha dwija kulaalaavrutthaa,
Sumeru shikharaadbida nipathithaa, trilokavrutthaa,
Sudharma phala shalini sukha palaasini rajathe. 3

The Ganga who came out of the water pot of Brahma ,
As the seed of salvation and spread like a climbing plant,
Who is praised by Vedas , smruthi as well as songs,
Who is completely by the bund of Brahmins,
Who started her journey as three branches from Meru mountain,
And went and reached all the three worlds,
And who gives good dharma and a pleasant life , shines.

Chard wihaga malini sagara vamsa mukthi prabhaa,
Muneendra vara nandini , divi madascha mandhakinee,
Sada duritha Nasini , vimala vari sandarsana-
Pranaama guna keerthi nadhishu jagathsu samrajathe. 4

The Ganga who moves along with a series of clouds ,
Who assured salvation to the entire clan of Sagaras ,
Who is the darling daughter of sage Jahnu,
Who is the slow moving river respected all over heaven,
Who always destroys all sort of sufferings,
Shines because the world visits, salutes and sings her praises.

Mahabhisha suthaanganaa Hima gireesa koota sthanaa,
SAphena jala hasini , sitha maraala sacharinee,
Chalalla hari sathkaraa vara Saroja maala dhara,
Rasoloositha gamini, jaladhikjamini rajathe. 5

The darling of the sea, who was the wife of King Santhanu,
Whose breasts are like the peaks of Mount Meru,
Who has a laugh like the flow of water with foam,
Who has the movement of the pretty swans,
Who has the moving hands of her tide,
Who wears garlands of lotus flowers,
And who moves with pretty joyful emotion , shines.

Kwachin muni ganai sthuthaa , kwachidanantha sampoojjithaa,
Kwachith kala kala swanaa , kwachidha dheerayadho ganaa,
Kwachidhra vikarajwala , kwachidhudagra pathaa kulaa,
Kwachi jjana vigahithaa , jayathi Bheeshma matha sathee. 6

The Ganga is praised by groups of sages in some places,
Is praised and worshipped by Adhishesha in some places .
Is moving with the sound, "Kala", "Kala" in some places,
Is full of fighting and squirming river animals in some places,
Is very hot and full of emotion in some places,
Is falling from great heights in some places,
And is used as a playful companion in some places.

Sa yeva kusalee janaa pranamatheeha bhagerathim,
Sa yeva thapassaam nidhir japathi jahnavee maadharaal,
Sa yeva purushothama smarathi sadhu mandhakineem,
Sa yeva vijayee Prabhu sura tharangineem sevathe. 7

They who salute the Ganges are the only ones that live happily,
They who respect and meditate on Ganges are the only seers,
They who sing the praises of Ganges are only greatest among men,
They who serve the river Ganges are the only victorious lords.

Thavamala jalachitham Khaga srugaala meenakshatham,
Chalalla hari lolitham ruchira theera jambalitham,
Kadhaa nija vapor mudhaa sura naroragai samsthutho,
Pyaham tripadha gamini priyamatheeva pasyaamyaho. 8

Oh river who grows in three different paths,
In your clear waters birds, small foxes, fish and storks
Are floating , biting , playing and moving and jumping,
In the tides of yours and once they reach your banks,
They are coated with your mud,
And when I would be able to see my body with happiness,
In your waters, being praised devas and men.

Thaw there vasathim thava amala jala snanam , thava prekshanam,
Thwan nama smaranam thavodhaya kadhaa samlaapanam pavnam,
Gange may thava sevanaika nipuno pyanandhitha thascha drutha,
Sthuthwaa chodh gatha pathako bhuvikadhaa santhascharishyamyaham 9

When will I ever get a chance , to live in your shores, bathe in thy pure waters,
Get sprinkled by your water , meditate on your names, hear stories about your birth,
Oh Ganges, When will I become an expert in serving you ,
When will I wear you and become happy and joyous and live with contentment?

Ithyedads rishibhi proktham gangasthavanamuthamam,
Swargyam yasaya mayushyam, padanath sravanaadhapi. 10

Reading or hearing this divine prayer addressed to Ganges,
Would lead us to long life with fame and later to salvation.

Ganga ji ki Aarthi in Hindi

(Worship of mother Ganges)

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(This is the worship song , sung on the banks of Ganga both in Benares and Haridwar , when a grand worship of the river is done in the evening with simultaneous waving of lamps. Hear it sung <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1wNPND1-Rg>)

ॐ जय गंगे माता, श्री गंगे माता।
जो नर तुमको ध्याता, मनवांछित फल पाता।
ॐ जय गंगे माता...

चन्द्र-सी ज्योत तुम्हारी जल निर्मल आता।
शरण पड़े जो तेरी, सो नर तर जाता।
ॐ जय गंगे माता...

पुत्र सगर के तारे सब जग को ज्ञाता।
कृपा दृष्टि तुम्हारी, त्रिभुवन सुख दाता।
ॐ जय गंगे माता...

एक ही बार भी जो नर तेरी शरणगति आता।
यम की त्रास मिटा कर, परम गति पाता।
ॐ जय गंगे माता...

आरती मात तुम्हारी जो जन नित्य गाता।
दास वही जो सहज में मुक्ति को पाता।
ॐ जय गंगे माता...
ॐ जय गंगे माता...।।

Om jai gange mata , sri gange mata

Jo nar tumko dhyata

Mann vanchit phal pata

Om jai ganga mata

Om Victory to mother ganges, , oh mother ganges

Any human being who thinks about you,

Will get all that his mind desired for.

Chandra si jyoti tumhari

Jal nirmal aata

Sharan pade jo teri

So nar tar jata

Om jai ganga mata

Your shine is like that of a moon,m

Pure and clear water comes in you ,

That human being who surrenders to you ,

Would be able to cross (the ocean of birth.)

Om Victory to you mother ganges.

Putra sagar ke tare

Sab jag ko gyata

Krupa drishti ho tumhari

Tribhuvan sukh data

Om jai ganga mata

The sons king sagara ,

Got salvation through you and all the world knew about you ,

Let your glance be filled with mercy ,

Oh giver of welfare to the three worlds,

Om victory to mother ganges.

Ek hi baar jo teri

Sharan gati aata

Yam ki traas mitakar

Param gati pata

Om jai ganga mata

Just once when a person comes under your protection ,

He breaks away from the tie of God of death and gets salvation

Om victory to mother Ganges.

Aarti matu tumhari

Jo nar nit gata

Dass wahi sahaj mein

Mukti ko pata

Om jai ganga mata

Maiya jai gange mata

Oh mother whichever human being daily sings this aarthi,

He is your devotee and he would attain salvation easily .

Om Victory to mother ganges,

Oh mother , victory to mother ganges,

Valmiki krutha Gangashtakam

(The octet to Ganga by sage Valmiki)

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Matha Shaila sutha sapatni, vasudha srungara haravali,
Swargarohana vaijayanthi, bhavatheem bhagiradhee prarthaye,
Thwatheere vasathasthwambhu pibathasthwadweecheeshupremgatha,
Sthwannamma smaratha sthwadarpitha drusa syanmey sareravyaya. 1

Mother goddess Bhagirathi,
Who is the co wife with Parvathi,
Who is the pretty garland to the earth,
Who is the climbing plant to ascend to heaven,
I have a prayer to you,
"I should live in your shores,
Drink your holy water,
Bathe in your holy waves,
Meditate on your holy names,
And die seeing you till the end."

Thwathere tharu kotanthara gatho gange vihange varam,
Thwanere narakanthakarini varam mathsyehadhava kachapa,
Naivanyathra madanda sindhuraghata sanghatta gandaranal,
Karathrastha samastha vairi vanitha labdha sthuthir bhoopathi. 2

It would be great to be born as a bird.
Living in any tree on your shores,
It would be great to be born as,
Fish or tortoise living in your waters,
Compared to be born as a king,
Praised by the wives of his enemies,
Who run away with fear hearing the loud sound of bells,
Tied round the ferocious crowd of elephants of his army.

Uksha pakshi thuraga uraga kopee vaa varano vaa,
Varinasyam janana marane klesa dukha sahishnu ,
Na thwanyathra praviralaranath kangana kwana mishram,
Varasthree bhi scha maramarutha veejithoo bhoomi pala. 3

Let me , who is tolerant to sorrow from birth and death,
Be born as a bull, bird , horse or elephant in the shores of Ganga,
Than being born as a king elsewhere whose servant maids,
Will fan him with hands making jingling sounds due to the bangles.

Kakair nishkushitham swabhi kabaliam gomayubhir lunditham,
Strothobhischalitham thatambhu lulitham veechibhir aandolitham,
Divya sthree kara charu chamara maruthsamveejyamana kadha,
Drakshyeham parameshwa tripadhage bhageathi swam vapu. 4

Hey Parameshwari, Hey Ganga, When will I see myself.
Traveling in a heavenly aircraft , fanned by ladies from heaven and see,
My own body floating in the river Ganga , which is pecked by crows,
Being eaten by dogs , being dragged by small foxes,
Being shaken by the slow tides, being moved by water from the shores,
And it gets overturned by the tides of Ganga?

Abhinava bisavalli pada padmasyasy vishnor,
Madana madhana moularmalathi puspa mala,
Jayath jayapathaa kapyasou moksha lakshmya,
Kshapitha kali kalanga jahnavi na punathu. 5

Let the goddess who attains victory , as a ring in the lotus like feet of Vishnu,
As the flower garland which is the ornament of Shiva's hair,

As the flag of victory of the Lakshmi who gives salvation,
And as goddess Ganga, remove the dirt of Kali yuga and save me.

Ethathala hamalasala saralavyolola valli latha,
Channam sooryakaraprathapa rahitham, sankhendu kundhojjwalam,
Gandharwamara siddha kinnaravadhoothungasthanasphaltham.,
Snanaya prathivasaram bhavathu may gangam jalam nirmalam. 6

Let me be able to take bath in the clear waters of Ganga,
Which is given shade by the creeping plants
Spread over palms, green trees and Sarala tree,
Which is as white as the conch , moon and jasmine flowers
And which is shaken by the bottom of the busts of ,
Maidens belonging to Gandharwa, deva, siddha and kinnara clans.

Gangam vaari manohari murari charanachyutham,
Tripurari siraschari papa hari punathu maam. 7

Let me be saved by the holy river Ganga,
Which is pretty and starts from the feet of Vishnu,
Which travels through the head of Lord Shiva,
And is an antidote for all the committed sins.

Paapahari durithari tharangadhari,
Shailaprachari giri raja guha vidhari,
Jjamkara kari har padambuja hari,
Gangam punathu sathatham shubhakari vaari. 8

Let me be protected again by the holy waters of Ganga
Which is the killer of all sins,
Which removes all bad deeds,
Which is full of tides,
Which flows from a mountain,
Which emanates from the caves of Himalayas,
Which flows with the torrential sound of "JJa",
And which carries with it the dust of Vishnu's feet.

Gangashtakam padathi ya prayatha prabhathe,
Valmeekina virachitham shubhadham manushya,
Prakshaalya gathra kali kalmasha pakamasu,
Moksham labeth pathathi naiva nara bhavabhdou. 9

He who reads with devotion this octet.
On Ganga written by sage Valmiki,
Daily in the morning without fail,
Would get rid of the dirt and sins of Kali,
And will never fall in the ocean of life.

Prayer of Sita to river Ganga

while they were crossing it on the way to the forest:-

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(This prayer occurs in the Ayodhya Kanda -52nd Sarga (Sloka 83-91).Rama had bid farewell to Minister Sumanthra and Guha was rowing them to the other shore. At that time Goddess Sita recites this prayer to mother Ganges)

1.Puthraa dasarathasya ayam maha Rajasya Dheematha,
Nidhesaam Palayathu enam Gange twad Abhirakshitha.

Oh river Ganga, let the son of Dasaratha who is a great and wise king,
Who is obeying his order be under your protection.

2.CHathur dasa hi varshaani samagrani uSya kanane ,
Brathra saha maya chaiva puna pratyagamishyathi .

After having lived in the forest for fourteen years ,
Along me and his brother , may he again return.

3.THathaa twam devi subaghe kshmena punar Aagatha,
Yakshye pramuditha Gange sarva Kama Samrudhiye

Oh blessed Goddess Ganga, let us all return safely ,
And then with all my desires fulfilled I shall worship you.

4. Thvam hi tripathaaga devi brahma lokaan Samikshase,
BHarya cha udhadhi raajasya loke asmin sampradarshyase.

You who are with three branches are seen in the Brahma loka also,
And you are also seen in this world as the wife of ocean God.

5.Saa thwam devi namasyaami prashamsami cha shobhane ,
Prapthe rajye nara vyagra Shivena punar agathe,
6.Gavam satha sahasraani vasthrani annam cha peshalam,
Brahmanebhya pradasyaami thava priya chikeershaya.

Oh Charming Goddess , I am saluting you and also showering praises on you,
After the klion in man returns back and takes over the kingdom ,
WE would offer you hundred thousand cows m,
And also feed the Brahmins so that it would please you.

6.suraaghaa ta sareerena mamsa buttodanena cha ,
Yakshethwaam prayathaa Devi purim punar upagathaa.

6.Oh Goddess after reaching back the city , I shall worship you ,

With thousand pots of liquor , meat and with cooked rice.

7. Yaani thaw theravaasini daivathanu cha santhi hi,
Tanni sarvaan yakshyaami theerthani aayathanamicha.

7.I would also worship all the Gods who are in your banks,
AS well as sacred spots and sanctuaries.

8. Punareva Maha bahu maya bharathara cha SAMagatha,
Ayodhyam Vana vaasaathu pravishta vanaghi Anaghe.

8.Oh Goddess without any faults , may the sinless mighty Rama,
Enter back the city after kl living in the forest along with me and his brother.

Manikarnikashtakam

By
Adhi Sankara Bhagawat pada

Translated by
P.R.Ramachander

(Mani Karnika Ghat is one of the very ancient Ghats of Varanasi .This is very close to Temple of Lord Kasiviswanath .It is also one of the largest cremation grounds in Ganga. There is a Mani Karika temple and Mani Karnika Khund established there by Lord Vishnu.This great prayer is addressed to Mani Karnika temple by Shankara Bhagawath Pada)

1.Thwatheere Manikarnike Hariharou Sayujya mukthi pradhau,
Vadanthou kurutha parasparamubhou jantho prayanothsava ,
Madd roopo nanujo ayam asthu harinaa prokthaa ,shivasthatkshanath,
Than madhyadh abdhugulanchano garudagapeethambaronirgatha.

1.Oh Manikarnika , when in your banks Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu ,
Who can grant salvation at the time of death , were arguing with each other ,
And when Lord Vishnu toild him , "This man would assume my form,"
At that time from the middle of that being, Lord Vishnu having ,
The symbol of sage Brugu on him , came out on the Garuda wearing the yellow silk.

2.Indradhyasthridasa yakadanthi niyatham bjoga kshaye they puna,
Jaayanthe manujaas thathobhi pasava keetaa pathangadhaya,
Ye Mathar manikarnike thava jalr majjanthi nishkalmashaa,
Sayujyebhi kireeda kousthubha darsaa Narayana yasur Bara.

2.Indra and other devas try to climb up but even they,
After they exhaust the result of blessed deeds are born as,
A human being or as a worm and Oh Mother Manikarnika ,
Those beings who bathe in your sacred waters are free from any stain,
And would assume the form Of salvation of lord Narayana,
Wearing a crown and the gem called Kausthubha.

3.Kasi dhanyathama vimuktha nagari saalankruthaa Gangayaa,
Thathreyam mani karnika sukha karimukthirhi thath kinkari,
Swarloka sthulitha sa haiva vibudhai kasyam samam Brahmana m
Kasi kshonithale sthithaa gurutharasas Swargho laghuthwam gathaa

3.The city of Kasi as decorated by river ganges as a very blessed town,
And there Manikarnika is pleasant and is like a maid servant called "salvation",
And even the heavens as well as land of Brahma are weighed and compared to Kasi,
And being heavier Kasi is down on earth and Heavens being light are on the top.

4.Ganga theeramanuthamam hi sakalam thathrapi kasyuthama,
Thasyaam saa Manikarnikothamouthama yethreswaro mukthidha,
Devanamabhi durlabham stalamidham Papougha nasanam,
Poorvaparijitha punya punjagamakam punyair janai prapyathe .

4.The banks of Ganga are incomparable and everything is there, and there in the great Benares,
The Manikarnika is the best among the best as Lord Shiva grants salvation there,
And this place is difficult for even Devas to get as all sins are destroyed there,
And it can be attained only due to blessed deeds of previous births and People get blessings there.

5.Dukhambodhi nimagna janthu nivahasthesham kadhama nishkruthi ,
Jnathwa thathi virinchinaa Varanasi sarmadhaa,
Lokaa swarga mukas thathopi lagavo bogantha patha pradhaa,
Kasi mukthi puri sadaa Shivakari dharmartha Moksha pradhaa.

5.This Benares was created by Lord Brahma for removing the Sorrow,
Of all those people who are drowned in the ocean of sorrow ,
The heaven and the worlds above give us pleasure first and downfall later ,
But this Benares which is a city of salvation is a place giving us Dharma , wealth as well as salvation.

6.Yeko Venu dharo , Dharaadharadgara Sri Vathsa bhoosha dhara ,
Yopyeka khilka shankaro Visha dharo Gangadharo Madhava ,
Ye Mathar Mani karnike thava jale majjanthi the Manava ,
Rudraa vaa harayo bhavanthi bahavasthesham bahuthwam Kadham,

6.Hari is the only one who carries a flute, mountain as well as Srivathsa,
Lord Shiva is the only one who carries the poison , Ganges and he is asame as Hari,
All those human beings who take bath in this Manikarnika ghat,
Would rise up from there as Hari or shiva and where is plurality for them.

7.Thwath there maranam thu mangala karam devirabhi slagayathe ,
Sakrastham manujam sahsra nayanai drushtum sadaa thathparaa,
Aayantham savithaa c savithaa sahasra kiranai pragyudatho aabhoothsadaa,
Punyasou Vrusha gi=o adhavaa Garudaga kim mandhiram yaasyathi.

7.The death on your banks is auspicious and is appreciated by even Devas,

And those men are eagerly awaited by Indra with one thousand eyes,
And the Sun God with one thousand rays rises up eagerly to see ,
To which temple those persons riding on Bull as well as Garuda are going.

8.Madhyahna Mani karnikaa snapanajam punyam na vakthum kshamaa ,
Sweeyai rapatha sathaiur chathurmukha suro vedartha Deekshaa guru,
Yogabhayasa balena Chandra shikhara statha punya parangatha,
Thwatheere prakarothi suptha purusham Narayanam vaa shivam.

8.The scared effect of taking bath in Mani Karnika Ghat at mid noon,
Cannot even be told by the teacher Lord Brahma , the Lord who explains Vedas ,
Even in hundreds of years and by the power of practicing Yoga and,
By being at end of blessed deeds, the one who sleeps there at night,
Is transformed by Lord Chandrashekara ae Narayana or Shiva.

9.Kruchrai koti sathai swapapa nidhanam yacha aswamedhai balam,
THath sarvam Mani Karnika sanapanaje punye pravishtam bhaveth,
Snathwa stotramitham Nara Padathi cheth samsara paadho nidhi,
Theerthwaa pala valayath prayathi sadanam thejomayam Brahmana.

9.The power got by carrying out hundred crores of painful penances ,
And effect Carrying out of Aswamedha sacrifice would all be got,
By one who takes bath in Manikarnika and reading this prayer,
And he would be able to cross the ocean of Samsara asif he is crossing a small body of water.

Yamunashtakam

(The octet on river Yamuna)

Translated by
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(River Yamuna is one of the major tributaries of river Ganges. Its waters are slightly coloured black. On its shores is Brindavan and Mathura, the places where Lord Krishna lived. It is supposed to originate from the Kalinda Mountain)

Murari kaya kalima lalama vari dharini,
Thrunikrutha vishtapaa triloka soka harini,
Manonukoola koola kunja punja dhootha durmatha,
Dunothu may mano malam kalinda nandini sada. 1

Let the dirt in my mind be removed by the daughter of kalinda,
Who carries within her water of the colour of Lord Krishna,
Who has the fame of making heavenly pleasures as low as grass,
Who destroys the sorrows of the entire three worlds,
And who destroys the bad in bad people ,
In the several small huts all along her shores.

Malapahari varipoora bhoorimandithamrutha,
Bhrusam prapathaka prapanchanadhipanditha nisa,
Sunanda nandananga sanga raga ranjitha hitha,
Dunothu may mano malam kalinda nandini sada. 2

Let the dirt in my mind be removed by the daughter of kalinda,
Who has mixed lot of nectar in her sin killing tide of water,
Who is decorated by water which destroys sins,
Who is capable of giving god like stature,
Who is greatest in destroying great sins,
Who is on all days and all moments moving without rest,
Who bears the reddish colour from the body of Krishna.
And who is the one who does what is liked.

Lasatharanga sanga dhootha bhoortha jatha pathaka,
Naveena madhuri dhureena bhaktha chatha chathaka,
Thatantha vasa dasa sahamsa samsruthahnikaamadha,
Dunothu may mano malam kalinda nandini sada. 3

Let the dirt in my mind be removed by the daughter of kalinda,
Who destroys all sins of all beings by the touch of her moving tides,
Who has her Chathaka* like devotees waiting to drink her new happy nectar,
And who daily fulfills the wants of her swan like devotees living on her shore.

* A mythical bird which drinks rain and survives.

Vihara rasa khedha bheda dheera theera marutha,
Gathagirama gochare yadheeya neera charutha,
Pravaha sahacharya pootha medhini nadhee nadha,
Dunothu may mano malam kalinda nandini sada. 4

Let the dirt in my mind be removed by the daughter of kalinda,
Who has the breeze which removes the exertion ,
Of Lord Krishna after his vigorous Rasa Kreedha,
Who has the flow of water which can not.
Possibly be described adequately by words,
And who makes the land through which she flows,
And the streams joining her greatly holy.

Tharanga sanga saikathanthareekam sada sitha,
Saranisakaramsu manju manjari sabhajitha,
Bhavardhana pracharunambu nadhuna visharadha,
Dunothu may mano malam kalinda nandini sada. 5

Let the dirt in my mind be removed by the daughter of kalinda,
Whose sand filled beaches are populated by several sages,
Who is being worshipped by the pretty flower like rays of the autumn moon,
And who has the sweet waters capable of destroying sorrow of life.

Jalantha keli kari charu radhikanga ragini,
Swabharthuranya durlabha gatham gathmsa bhagini,
Swadatha hastha suptha sindhu bedhanathi kovidha,
Dunothu may mano malam kalinda nandini sada. 6

Let the dirt in my mind be removed by the daughter of kalinda,
Who has the wash of the body of Radha interested in water sports,
Who cannot be approached by anybody except her husband,
Who has more water from the streams joining her,
Who is very capable of making the ocean ,
Who is her sleeping husband into tumultuous action

Jalachithachyuth anga raga lambatali shalini,
Vilola radhika kuchantha champakali malini,
Sabhava gaha nava theerna bharthru bruthya narada,
Dunothu may mano malam kalinda nandini sada. 7

Let the dirt in my mind be removed by the daughter of kalinda,
Who drowns the bees who are attracted ,
By the waters washing the body of Lord Krishna,
Who has the fallen champaka garland worn
By the tired Radha, decorating her hair,
And who gives salvation to gopas ,
Who enter in to her to take bath.

Sadaiva nandanandakeli Sali kunjja manjula,
Thatoththa phulla mallika kadambha renu soojwala,
Jalava gahinaam nrunaam bhavabdhi sindhu paradha,
Dunothu may mano malam kalinda nandini sada. 8

Let the dirt in my mind be removed by the daughter of kalinda,
Who has pretty banks full of small homes where Krishna plays,
Whose luster is increased by mixture of pollen
From open jasmine flowers from plants in her banks,
And who helps people taking a dip in her to get salvation,

Yamunashtakam II

Translated by
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(River Yamuna is one of the major tributaries of river Ganges. She is the daughter of Sun God. Her waters are slightly coloured black. On her shores is Brindavan and Mathura, the places where Lord Krishna lived. She is supposed to originate from the Kalinda Mountain)

Krupaa paaraa vaaraam thapana thanayam thapa samanin,
Murari preyasyam bhava bhaya dhavam , bhktha varadam ,
Vipa jjalanmukthaam sriyamapi sukhapthe prathi dhinam,
Sadhaa dhero noonam bhajathi Yamunam nithyaphaladham. 1

The courageous one daily without fail worships the Yamuna,
Who daily leads to results, who is ocean of mercy,
Who is the daughter of Sun, Who gives relief in heat,
Who is the darling of Krishna ,who removes fear of birth,
Who blesses her devotees , who is far away from danger,
And is like Goddess Lakshmi in blessing us with comfort.

Madhu vana charini , bhaskara vahini , jahnavi sangini , Sindhu suthe,
Madhu ripu bhooshani, Madhava thoshini, Gokula bheethi vinasu krutha,
Jagadhaka mochini, manasa dhayini Kesava kelini dhana gathe,
Jaya Yamune Bhaya bheethi nivarini sankata nasini pavaya maam. 2

Oh destroyer of fear , Oh destroyer of Sorrow , make me pure, Oh Yamuna,
Who flows through Madhu forest, Who is daughter of Sun, Who merges with Ganges,
Who is the daughter of the sea, who considers Krishna as her ornament,
Who makes Lord Krishna happy , who removes fear from Gokula,
Who removes the sins of people , who grants wisdom.,
And who has pattern of flow suitable to Krishna's play.

Ayi madhure Madhu modha vilasini Shaila viharini Vega bhare,
Parijana palini dushta nishoodini, vanchitha kama vilasa dhare,
Vraja pura vasi janarjitha pathaka haarini viswa janopddharike,
Jaya Yamune Bhaya bheethi nivarini sankata nasini pavaya maam. 3

Oh destroyer of fear , Oh destroyer of Sorrow , make me pure, Oh Yamuna,
Who is pretty, sweet and shines, Who lives in the mountain,
Who is full of speed, who looks after devotees, who destroys bad people,
Who fulfills the desires , who removes sins earned by people of Vraja
And uplifts all the people living in the universe.

Athi vipadhambudhi magna janam , bhavathapa satha kala manasakam,
Gathi mathi heena masesha bhaya kula magadha pada Saroja yugam,
Runa bhaya bheethama nishkruthi pathaka koti sathayutha punja tharam,
Jaya Yamune Bhaya bheethi nivarini sankata nasini pavaya maam. 4

Oh destroyer of fear , Oh destroyer of Sorrow , make me pure, Oh Yamuna,
Who removes the fear of those people who are drowned in the sea of danger,
Affected by several type of deep sorrows become stony and idiotic,
Who are with unpaid debts, who have done sins which do not have redemption,
And have surrendered at the lotus feet of yours.

Nava jadha dhyuthi koti lasathanu hema mayabhara rajithake,
Thadidhava heli padanchala chanchala shobhitha peetha suchela dhare,
Mani maya bhooshana chithra patasana ranjitha ganjitha bhanukare,
Jaya Yamune Bhaya bheethi nivarini sankata nasini pavaya maam. 5

Oh destroyer of fear , Oh destroyer of Sorrow , make me pure, Oh Yamuna,
Who wears golden ornaments on her body having the shine of black rich cloud,
Who wears waving yellow silk at the end of her feet
Which finds the streak of lightning slower,
And who with her gem studded ornaments , coloured cloths
And gem studded throne wins over the light of the sun God.

Shubha puline Madhu matha ya dhoothbhava rasa mahotsava keli bhare,
Ucha kula chala rajitha moukthika hara maya dhara rodhasike,
Nava mani kotika bhaskara kanjuli shobhitha tharaka hara yuthe,
Jaya Yamune Bhaya bheethi nivarini sankata nasini pavaya maam. 6

Oh destroyer of fear , Oh destroyer of Sorrow , make me pure, Oh Yamuna,
Who has got a great banks, who is full of raasa plays of the exuberant Krishna,
Who spreads luster to all directions by the pearl garland worn over her high breasts,
And who wears the star necklace over her golden dress, with gems studded on its rim.

Kari vara moukthika nasika bhooshana vatha chamth krutha chanchalake,
Mukha kamala mala surabha chanchala matha Madhu vratha lochanake,
Mani gana kundala lola parisphura dakula ganda yugaa malake,
Jaya Yamune Bhaya bheethi nivarini sankata nasini pavaya maam. 7

Oh destroyer of fear , Oh destroyer of Sorrow , make me pure, Oh Yamuna,
Who has a attractive mien due to her nose studs made
Using the rare the gems which form inside the elephant's head,
Whose face is surrounded by bees attracted by the pleasant scent emanating from there,
And whose cheeks reflect the studs on her ears full of gems.

Kala rava noopura hema mayaachitha pada saroruha sarunike,
Dhimi dhimi Dhimi thala vinodhitha manasa manjula pada gathe,
Thava paada pankaja masritha manava chitha sadakhila thapa hare,
Jaya Yamune Bhaya bheethi nivarini sankata nasini pavaya maam. 7

Oh destroyer of fear , Oh destroyer of Sorrow , make me pure, Oh Yamuna,
Who has lotus like feet which is lighted by the golden anklets making pretty sound,
Who has a gait which charms the mind with the beats "Dhimi", "Dhimi", "Dhimi",
And who destroys all worries of those who surrender to your lotus like feet.

Narmadhashtakam

(Octet on river Narmadha)

By

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(It is one of the important sacred rivers of India and flows from east to west and feeds a large part of India)

1.SABindu sindhu suskalth tharanga bhanga ranjitham,

Dwishathsu papa jaatha jaathakaddhi vaari samyutham,

Kruthaantha dhootha kaala bhootha bheethi haari varmadhe

THwadhey paadha pankajam namami devi narmadhe

Extremely pretty with tides hitting the flow along with drops of water,

With water which makes the bundle of sins reach the enemies,

Which is like the armour which removes fear of emissaries of Yama and passage of time,

Are you oh Narmadha and I salute your lotus like feet

2.THwad ambuleenadhi dheena meena dhivya sampradayakam

Kalou malogha bhara haari sarva theertha nayakam

Su mathsya kacha nakra chakra vaaka chakra sarmidhe,

THwadhey paadha pankajam namami devi narmadhe

You give a divine life even to the simple fish which live in your waters

You are the leading sacred water that removes the ills of Kali age

And you give home to fish, tortoise and chakravaka birds and do good to them,

oh Narmadha and I salute your lotus like feet

3.Maha ghabheera neera poora paatha dhootha bhoothalam

Dhwanath samastha paathakaari dhaarithaa padhaa chalam

Jagallaye maha v bhaye mrukandu soonnu harmyadhe

THwadhey paadha pankajam namami devi narmadhe

Your tremendous flow falling from a great height splits the earth,

You remove sins of all people and split the mountain of danger

You gave good and safe place to stay for the son of sage Mrukandu

oh Narmadha and I salute your lotus like feet

4.Gatham thadhaiva may bhayam thwadhambhu veekshitham yadhaa

Mrukandu soonu saunakaa surari sevitham sadhaa

Punar bhavabdhi janma sambhaabdhi dhukha varmadhe

THwadhey paadha pankajam namami devi narmadhe

You , when seen remove all the fears in me,

You are being seved by son of sage Mrukandu , saunaka and others

And you remove the fear of rebirth and other sorrows,

oh Narmadha and I salute your lotus like feet

5.Alakshya laksha kinnaraamaraa suraadhi poojitham

Sulakshma neera dheera dheera pakshi laksha koojitham

Vasishta sishta pippaladhi kardhamaadhi sarmadhe

THwadhey paadha pankajam namami devi narmadhe

You are worshipped by lakhs of kinnaras devas and asuras who are not visible

Your shores is occupied by lakhs of visible birds, which fill it with their sound

And you have done good to Vasishtsa, the great pippaladha and Kardhama,

oh Narmadha and I salute your lotus like feet

6.Santhkumara naachiketha kashyapaatrishat padhou

Drutham swakheeyamaana seshu naaradhahi shatpadhai

Raveendhu ranthi deva deva raja karma sarmadhe,

THwadhey paadha pankajam namami devi narmadhe

You whose feet is saluted by Sages Sanathkumara, Kashyapa, athri and other sages

You whose feet has n been taken in by sages like Naradha

And who has done good to Sun, moon, Ranthi deva and Indra

oh Narmadha and I salute your lotus like feet

7.Alaksha, laksha laksha papa laksha saarasa ayudham

Thadathu jeeva janthu thanthu bukthi muthi dayakam

Virinchi Vishnu Sankara swakeeyathaam varmadhe

THwadhey paadha pankajam namami devi narmadhe

You are an efficient weapon which destroys lakhs of pest like sins,

Your feet grants prosperity and salvation to all type of beings,

You protect the homes of Brahma , Vishnu and lord Shiva
oh Narmadha and I salute your lotus like feet

8.Aho drutham swanam srutha, mahesa kesa jaathate

Kiraatha sootha bhaadavesu pandithe sate nate

Durantha paapapahaari sarva janthu sarmadhe

THwadhey paadha pankajam namami devi narmadhe

I have heard in the shores of ganga, river which flew from tuft of Lord Shiva,

That you are the destroyer of all sins to the kiraathaas, soothaas

Learned people as well very ordinary people and grant them good,

oh Narmadha and I salute your lotus like feet

9.Yidham thu narmadhashatakam trikalameva ye sadhaa

Padamthi they nirantharam na yaanthi durgathim

Sulamy deha durlabham mahesa dhaama gauravam

Punarbhavaa naraa na vai vilokyanthi rouravam

Always if this octet of Narmadha is read three times of the day,

Then they would never ever suffer bad times,

And they would get the godly state in the body which is difficult to get,

And never see a new birth or the hell named rourava

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The prayer to Cauvery

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(Cauvery is the greatest and biggest sacred river of South India. It is due to it that the major part of South India is fertile. The people of Coorg worship her as their chief Goddess.
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मरुद्भृते महाभागे महादेवि मनोहरे ।

सर्वभीष्टप्रदे देवि स्नास्थितां पुण्यवर्धिनि ॥ १ ॥

Maruth druthe , maha bhage , Maha devi , Manohare,

Sarvabheshta pradhe devi snasthithaam punya vardhini 1

Oh Goddess who brings the breeze , Oh great one , Oh great goddess , Oh pretty one ,

Oh Goddess who fulfils all desires , who increases Punya if we bathe in her.

सर्वपापक्षयकरे मम पापं विनाशय ।

कवेरकन्ये कावेरि समुद्रमहिषिप्रिये ॥ २ ॥

Sarva papa kshaya kare , Mama Papam vinasaya ,

Kavera kanye, Kaveri, Samudhra mahishi priye. 2

Oh Goddess who weakens all sins , Please destroy my sins.

Oh Lady Cauvery , Oh Cauvery who is dear the queen of the ocean.

देहि मे भक्तिमुक्ति त्वं सर्वतीर्थस्वरूपिणि ।

सिन्धुवर्ये दयासिन्धो मामुद्धर दयाम्बुधे ॥ ३ ॥

DEhi may bhakthi mukthi sarva theertha swaroopini,

Sindhu varye ,dhaya sindho maam udhara Dhayambudhe . 3

Oh Goddess who has the form of all sacred waters, please give devotion and salvation,

Oh Chosen one of the sea, Oh ocean of mercy, please uplift me , Oh ocean of mercy.

स्त्रियं देहि सुतं देहि श्रियं देहि ततः स्वगा ।

आयुष्यं देहि चारोग्यं ऋणान्मुक्तं कुरुष्व माम् ॥ ४ ॥

Sthriyam dehi Sutham dehi Sriyam dehi thatha swagaa,

AAyushyam dehi cha aarogyam Rinaan muktham kurushva maam, 4

Then please give me wife, Please give me sons, Please give me prosperity,

Please give me long life span , Please give me health and free me from debts.

तासां च सरितां मध्ये सहाकन्याघनाशिनि ।

कावेरि लोकविख्याता जनतापनिवारिणि ॥ ५ ॥

THaasaam cha sarithaam madhye sahaakanyaagha naasini ,

Kaveri LOka Vikhyaathaa janath aapan nivarini.

Oh river who among other other great rivers,flows from the mountains and destroys sins ,

Who s the world famous Cauvery and who removes dangers of people

इति ब्रह्माण्ड पुराणे कावरी प्रार्थना ॥

The prayer to Cauvery occurring in Brahmanda Purana

Thamraparni chaturvimsath nama stotram

(prayer of 24 names of river THamraparni)

(THamraparni is an ancient river of India which is even mentioned in Valmiki Ramayanam .Here is a great prayer addressed to this sacred river , pieced out from various sources)

1.Namosthu theertha rajaaya, hari padabja bhoothaye ,
Thwadhambovaham athmaanam kshalayami praseedha may

Salutations to the king of sacred waters, who emanated from the feet of Vishnu,
Using your waters I am washing myself, be pleased with me

2.Mahaa mangala mathaa malayadhri cha samudhbhave,
Dhatum arhasi may theertham ajnana malinaapaham

Oh greatly auspicious mother who arose from Malayadri mountains,
Consider me suitable to give your sacred waters, so that my ignorance can be washed away

3.Dharma dhravaa , bhagavathi , thamraa , Malaya nandhini
Paraaparaa, amruthasyandhaa thejishtaa , karma nasini

River whose water is Dharma, Who is goddess , who is of copper colour and daughter of Maya mountains
River who is greatly divine, who secretes amrutha(nectar) who shines and who destroys past karma.

4,Mukthi mudhraa , rudra kalaa, kali kalmasha nasini,
Narayani, Brahma nadhaa, maaleyi, mangalaalayaa

River whic assures salvation who is a crescent of Rudra and who destroys ills of Kali age,
River who is Narayani, who is lord of Brahma, who originates from Malaya mountains and is the temple of auspiciousness

5.Maruthvadhya . ambara vathee . mani mathaa, Mahodhayaa,
THapagni , nishkalaanandhaa thrayee tripadhagaathmikaa

River originating from Malaya, who is like sky. Who is mother of gems and one who creates greatness,
River who burns pin, who gives stainless joy, who splits in to three and who has three stages

6.Chathur visathi naamnaanipunyaanyethaani bhoopathe,
Ye padanthi janaa bhathyaa theshaam mukthi kare sthithaa
Oh king , he who chants these 24 names,
Would become wise and would get salvation