

7-8. On merely seeing the terrible form of Śiva, dazzling the ten quarters, resembling countless suns in refulgence and on a par with the fire at the hour of dissolution, and also the goddess Pārvatī, the daughter of Himavat, the illustrious gods stood humbly in their fright.

9. On seeing the army of the gods terrified, the excellent sages did not say anything. They stood all round and bowed.

10-11. Then Brahmā too who was excessively afraid on seeing Śiva's terrible form, was delighted at heart and fervently prayed along with the gods. Viṣṇu who was also afraid prayed to Śiva the lord of the Gods, the slayer of the Tripuras, who was accompanied by his consort Pārvatī, the lord who is subservient to his devotees.

*Brahmā said:—*

12. "O lord of the gods, O supreme lord, bestower of blessings to the devotees, be pleased, O bestower of wholesome blessings to all the gods.

13. Be pleased, O lord of the worlds, be pleased. O bestower of bliss. Be pleased, O lord Śiva. Be pleased, O supreme lord.

14. Obeisance to you, of the form of Omkāra, O great lord who enable the devotees to cross the ocean of existence by your very form. Be pleased, O lord of gods, O destroyer of the Tripuras, O supreme lord.

15. O Śiva, O favourite of your devotees. Obeisance to you, the lord of many names. Obeisance to you, free from attributes, O you who are greater than Prakṛti and Puruṣa.

16. Obeisance to you, free from aberrations, the eternal, the ever satiated, the resplendent, the unsullied, the divine one of three attributes.

17. Obeisance to you, possessed of attributes. Obeisance to you, the lord of heaven. Obeisance to the calm, trident-bearing Śiva.

18. Obeisance to the omniscient, to one who is the refuge of all. Obeisance to you born in a trice. Obeisance to Vāmadeva, Rudra, the Puruṣa, accessible to the good.

19. Obeisance to Aghora, to one easily served.