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# About Pronunciation

The following key is for the guidance of those who are unfamiliar with the transliteration codes used in this book:

A	-as	a	in <u>A</u> merica
AI	-as	ai	in <u>ai</u> le
AU	-as	ow	in <u>ow</u>
E	-as	e	in <u>the</u> y
I	-as	ea	in <u>he</u> at
O	-as	o	in <u>or</u>
U	-as	u	in <u>su</u> it
KH	-as	kh	in <u>Eck</u> hart
G	-as	g	in <u>gi</u> ve
GH	-as	gh	in <u>log</u> house
PH	-as	ph	in <u>shep</u> herd
BH	-as	bh	in <u>club</u> house
TH	-as	th	in <u>ligh</u> touse
DH	-as	dh	in <u>red</u> head
CH	-as	ch-h	in <u>staunch</u> -heart
JH	-as	dge	in <u>hedg</u> ehog
Ñ	-as	ny	in <u>cany</u> on
Ś	-as	sh	in <u>sh</u> ine
Ş	-as	c	in <u>effi</u> cient
Ń	-as	ng	in <u>sing</u> , (nasal sound)
V	-as	v	in <u>val</u> ley
ZH	-as	rh	in <u>rhyth</u> m
R	-as	r	in <u>ri</u> de

Vowels with a line on top are pronounced like the vowels listed above but held twice as long.

The letters with dots under them (ț, țh, đ, đh, ñ) are palatal sounds. They are pronounced with the tip of the tongue against the hard palate.

## Abhivandanam (Telugu)

abhivandanam abhivandanam  
ādi gaṇapati nīku abhivandanam

Salutations to Ganapati, the primordial One.

jagadamba oṭilōna gāralu kuṭicēṭṭi  
bāla gaṇapati nīku abhivandanam  
muddu cūpulatōṭa mahēśu nalariñcu  
prathama gaṇapati nīku abhivandanam

Salutations to the child Ganapati, who is pampered in the lap of the Mother of the universe. Salutations to Ganapati who makes Lord Shiva happy by His sweet glances.

vātsalya bhāvāna ṣaṇmukhuni tilakiñcu  
vighna dēvara nīku abhivandanam  
callani cūpulatō lōkāla nēlēṭṭi  
vijaya gaṇapati nīku abhivandanam

Salutations to Ganesha, remover of obstacles, who looks at Shanmukha with compassion. Salutations to victorious Ganapati who rules over all the worlds with kindness.

buddhi siddhula gūrcu ā vakratuṇḍunaku  
vighnamula parimārcu ā amba sutunaku  
siddhidvāramunēlu mūla gaṇapati nīku  
bhakti mirage cētu ātmābhivandanam

Salutations to the Lord with a curved trunk, who bestows knowledge and power. Salutations to the son of the Divine Mother who removes obstacles.

## Ādidaivamā (Telugu)

ādidaivamā jēṣṭha rājmā  
vighnanāśakā śrī vinayakā

**tāpatrayam tolagimpa**

**kadalirā kadalirā kadalirāvayyā**

O Ganesha, first among the gods! You are the foremost King of the gods and destroy all impediments. Kindly come and bless me, eliminating the three kinds of sorrows which torment me.

**sūrppakarṇṇāya vakratuṇḍāya**

**prasannavadanāya mahabalāya namaḥ om**

You have large ears, and a curved elephant's trunk! Your face is that of an elephant, and Your strength is infinite. We prostrate before You!

**ādhyaत्मika tāpamulu**

**nā asura pravṛttulu**

**buddhi balamumiñci vāṭini**

**jayimpa kadalirāvayyā**

‘Adhyatmika-tapas’ are my demonic tendencies, the troubles that arise within. Kindly come and bless me with the power of intellect and the discrimination to overpower these negativities.

**ādi bhautika tāpamulu**

**nanu cuṭṭina vighnamulu**

**kārya siddhi iñcci vāṭini**

**dāṭimpa kadalirāvayyā**

‘Adi-bhautika-tapas’ are the physical hurdles that surround us, caused by the external world. Please come and bless me with victory in all my actions and undertakings to overcome these obstacles.

**ādi daivika tāpamulu**

**prakṛti samkṣōbhamulu**

**daiva kṛpaniñcci mamu**

**rakṣimpa kadalirāvayyā**

‘Adi-daivika-tapas’ are the natural calamities that shatter us. With Your divine grace please come and protect us from those evils that are beyond our control.

## Adi sṛṣṭi lōpamā (Telugu)

*ammā ī māyā sṛṣṭiki mōhita daitini, ī sṛṣṭini viḍi  
nā dṛṣṭi, ninnu cūḍakunnadi ninnu cērakunnadi*

O Mother, I have become captivated by Your beautiful, charming and illusory creation. I am unable to brush aside this creation to see You, I am unable to see You.

**adi sṛṣṭi lōpamā nā dṛṣṭi lōpamā  
telapavamma īśvari bhuvanēśvari**

Is this the fault of Your creation? Or a defect in my vision? O Mother of the Universe, please let me know.

**tāḍu pāmugā nāku gōcariñcitē  
adi tāḍu lōpamā nā dṛṣṭi lōpamā  
līlā vinōdini nī triguṇamāyaku nē vasuḍaite  
adi māyā mōsamā nā vāsana dōṣamā  
telapavamma īśvari bhuvanēśvari**

If a rope appears as a snake to me, is it the fault of the rope or a defect in my vision? O ever playful Mother, if I succumb to Your illusion of the three gunas, is it the fault of Maya (cosmic delusion) or my vasanas (latent mental tendencies)?

**kanakam kānaka naganu mechitē  
kamsālilōpamā adi erukalōpamā  
śilpa saundaryamunu mechī ā śilpini vismariñcitē  
adi śilpi dōṣamā nā samskāradōṣamā  
telapavamma īśvari bhuvanēśvari**

If I am deluded by the beautiful forms of ornaments and do not see the gold behind them, is it the fault of the goldsmith or an error in my judgment? If I become bewitched by the beauty of sculpture and forget the greatness of the sculptor, is it the fault of the sculptor or a deficiency in my character?

**antā unnadi nīvē ani telisēdeppuḍu?**  
**ninnē sṛṣṭigā cūṣē dṛṣṭi kaligēdeppuḍu?**  
**telapavamma īśvari bhuvanēśvari.**

When will I understand that You are the all pervading Mother?  
When will I be blessed with the vision of creation as Your  
manifestation? O Mother of the universe, please let me know.

## **Aintezhuttu (Tamil)**

**aintezhuttu vittakan anpar manatai aḷbavan**  
**allaltanai tīrttiṭum ayyanviṭai vāganan**

Lord of the five syllabled mantra (na-ma-shi-va-ya), ruler of the  
devotees hearts, You ride the bull and remove all sorrows!

**malaiyarasan makaḷtanakku mēnipāti tantavan**  
**maṇṇavarum viṇṇavarum vaṇankum marai poruḷavan**

He shared half of His body with Parvati, daughter of the moun-  
tain king. He is the essence of the Vedas, and is worshiped by  
both human and heavenly beings.

**ayyamtannai nīkkinam meytanai uṇarttiyē**  
**jñāna oḷi tantiṭum jñāla mūlamānavan**

He is the cause of creation; dispelling our doubts and revealing  
the truth about our nature, He showers the light of wisdom on us.

**nañcatanai pōkkiyē nalamanaittum aruḷiṭum**  
**nānilamē pōttri vaṇankum nāyanmārin nāyakan**

Removing the poison, He bestows all goodness. He is the Lord  
of the Nayanmars and is worshiped by the whole world.

**nāḷumkōḷum ennaseyyum nāṭa nīlakaṇṭhanai**  
**innalilā irumaiyilā irainilai unarntezhum**

What harm can an inauspicious day and an inauspicious planet  
do to one who seeks refuge in the blue-throated Lord? The  
divinity in us, devoid of sorrows and duality, will be awakened.

**hara hara hara mahādēva, śiva śiva śiva sadāśiva  
gangādhara gaurīnātha, mṛtyunjaya sarvēśa**

O One of divine effulgence who is eternally auspicious. You sustain the Ganga river, Lord of Gauri, conquerer of death, Lord of everything!

## **Akamanatin kārirulai (Tamil)**

**akamanatin kārirulai  
nikkiṭumun pērarulai  
nānmaraiyin nar porulai  
nāṭivantēn nānumammā  
pāvaminta ezhaiyammā**

Your grace removes the dark clouds within. I have come in search of She who is the essence of the four Vedas

**saraṇam saraṇam kāliyamma  
saranam durgā dēviyamma**

I surrender to Mother Kali, I surrender to Durga Devi!

**puviyālum punnakaiyarasi  
putirnirainta bhuvanamitil  
aruḷnirai attiruvaṭiyil  
manam kuvintiṭa vēṇḍumammā – en  
manam kuvintiṭa vēṇḍumammā**

You have a captivating smile, and You are the One who rules this universe full of puzzles. Let my mind be fully focused on Your lotus feet that are full of grace.

**tuyarkaḷ nirainta vaiyakattil  
tumbakkaṭalil mūzhgukirēn  
maraikaḷ pottrum nāyakiyē  
pillaiyenai kāppāye, pillaiyenai kāppāye**



The world is full of sorrow- I am drowning in the sea of sadness. You who have been praised in all the four Vedas- please come and save this child of Yours!

## **Akatārilennennum (Malayalam)**

**akatārilennennum aṇayāte nilkkumō  
amṛtaprabhādīpamāyi?  
akalāyka orunālumivanil ninnambikē  
avalambamārammayenyē?  
ammē hṛdayēśvarī ammē hṛdayēśvarī**

Will You not remain within me as a constant, unwavering light?  
Please do not separate from me, O Mother. What do I have but  
Your compassion? Mother, Queen of my heart.

**mada matsarāsura samarāgni jvālakaḥ  
aṭarāṭiyurayumī mannīl  
tava sāntvanaśīta madhumāriyillenkil  
gatiyentu gatiyentu munnīl?  
ammē hṛdayēśvarī ammē hṛdayēśvarī**

Negative qualities such as pride and jealousy are burning like  
fire within me. But for Your cooling, sweet words of consolation,  
what refuge is there for me? Mother, Queen of my heart.

**tava tankanūpuradhvani tēṭiyalayunna  
tuṇayatta nissāranām nān  
oru mātra nin tūmizhittellil nizhalikkil  
atilēre vērentu bhāgyam?  
ammē hṛdayēśvarī ammē hṛdayēśvarī**

I am all alone and insignificant, in search of the sweet sound  
of Your golden anklets. If only I could be a shadow in Your  
sight- what greater fortune could I hope for? Mother, Queen  
of my heart.

## Akatāril oru nēram (Malayalam)

akatāril oru nēram ōrttāl - amma  
amṛtūṭṭi arikiliruttum  
arikilekkyoru kātam aṭuttāl - amma  
śaravēgam arikil-āyaṇayum  
kanivōṭen nerukayil mukarum - amma  
kaṭalōḷam karuṇayatekum

If we remember Mother just once in our hearts, Mother will draw us close to Her, and feed us divine nectar. If we take a step towards Her, She will reach our side within the speed of an arrow. She will kiss our foreheads compassionately, blessing us with an ocean of grace.

viravilāy ā mantramōrttāl - amma  
irulaṭu nīkki udikkum  
mizhiyiṇa nīrayunnatariññāl - amma  
amṛtattin nīravatu nalkum  
kanivōṭe arivatu nalkum - uḷḷil  
kārttika dīpam teliyum

If we remember the mantra 'Mother' with yearning, She will dispel the darkness and rise within. Seeing the tears brimming in our eyes, She will give us the fullness of immortality. Full of compassion, She will bless us with knowledge, and the Kartika lamp will shine within our hearts.

ulakattil ariyunnoraṇivil - 'amma'  
yennuḷḷorarivalle nityam?  
anputtorāṇivinde nīravām - 'amma'  
yennuḷḷa satyamē nityam  
trippada patmaṅgaḷalle  
bhavarōga duḥkhattin-abhayam

Of all the knowledge known in the world, is 'Mother' not the only imperishable One? Mother, the fullness of knowledge imbued with love, is the only truth that is eternal. Her divine lotus feet are the only refuge from the disease of transmigratory existence.

## **Ālā bhāgyāca kṣaṇ (Marathi)**

**ālā bhāgyāca kṣaṇ ālā**

**ayī tava svāgatācha kṣaṇ ālā**

The auspicious time of our lives has arrived - the moment to welcome You has arrived!

**rāngōḷyā rangavū premācyā**

**patakā lāvū ānandācyā**

**bhāvbhaktī ne naṭavū jīvan**

**gharō gharī tujhē guṇ gān**

Let us paint the rangoli of love and decorate everything with banners of happiness. Let us live our lives with utmost devotion and sing Your praises in every household!

**bhavāni jai jai bhuvaneśvari jai**

**jagadodhārīṇi jai jai jai**

Victory to Bhavani, who rules the world and sustains the universe!

**nānā prakār goḍ dhod**

**kele tujhā naivedyala**

**soḍunī rāg lobh cintā**

**calā calā re ānand lūṭṭā**

As a token of our devotion we offer You a variety of sweet dhoda. Casting aside all feelings of greed, anger and anxiety let us come together to celebrate this joyous moment!

## Amala bharatam (English)

ABC 1-2-3, ek do teen india

amala bharatam om

amala bharatam, amala bharatam

amala bharatam om

mananthavady, bangaluru, mysore can't you see?

amma has come to you dear friends!

we are her family.

rise up, clean up, and plant some trees!

O hyderabad, pune, mumbai can't you see?

amma has come to you, dear friends!

we are her family.

rise up, clean up, and plant some trees!

O amdavad, jaipur, new delhi, zindabad!

amma has come to you dear friends!

we are her family.

rise up, clean up, and plant some trees!

## Ambapaluku (Telugu)

ambapaluku jagadambā paluku

jaganmātā paluku amṛtavāṇi paluku

palukammā paluku nanu karuṇiṅci paluku

palukammā paluku kālīkāmba paluku

Speak, O Mother! Reveal Yourself, Mother of the Universe!  
Reveal yourself, eternal voice! Mother, reveal Yourself by show-  
ering compassion on me! Reveal Yourself, O Mother, reveal  
Yourself, Mother Kali!

**advaitamai paluku nirdvandvamai paluku  
antaṭā paluku anniṭā paluku  
andarilō paluku andaritō paluku  
nā māṭalalō paluku nā cēṣṭalalō paluku  
nēnanu ahamunu tumci nīvē paluku paluku**

Reveal Yourself to me as the non-dual truth! Reveal Yourself as I transcend duality. Reveal Yourself everywhere and in everything! Reveal Yourself to everyone, reveal Yourself in everyone. Reveal Yourself always in my speech and actions! Crush my ego, the “I,” and reveal Yourself.

**satyamai paluku priyamai paluku  
hitamai paluku amṛtamai paluku  
celimigā paluku aṇdhagā paluku  
nā hṛdayamai paluku nā prāṇamai paluku  
nēnanu ahamunu tumci nīvē paluku paluku**

Reveal Yourself as truth, reveal Yourself as dear to everyone. Reveal Yourself as good advice, reveal Yourself as nectar! Reveal Yourself as friend, reveal Yourself as protector! Reveal Yourself as my heart! Reveal Yourself as my life energy! Crush my ego, the “I,” and reveal Yourself in me.

## **Ambā śāmbhavī (Sanskrit)**

**ambā śāmbhavī śankarī  
mṛtyuṇ-jaya hara priyakarī  
sankāṭa hāriṇi śūbhakarī  
tribhūvana mōcini sundarī**

Mother, benevolent One! You bring peace and are the conqueror of death, O beloved of Shiva! You remove obstacles, bestow auspiciousness and free us from the three worlds, O beautiful One!

**jaya śankarī jaya śrīkarī**  
**jaya śūbhakarī jaya sundarī**

Victory to the One who brings peace, auspiciousness and goodness! Victory to the beautiful One!

**ādi nāda svarūpiṇī**  
**(jaya jaya jaya jaya śārādē)**  
**ādi śakti mahā-rūpiṇī**  
**(jaya jaya jaya jaya kālīkē)**  
**sanmati dayini cinmaya rūpiṇī**  
**śaraṇam śaraṇam caraṇayugaḷam ambē.**

You are the personification of the primordial sound, victory to Goddess Saraswati! Primordial strength, great embodiment, victory to Goddess Kali! O Bestower of wisdom, who is the embodiment of pure mind, Mother, please give me refuge at Your lotus feet!

**tāṇḍava nāṭya manōharī**  
**(jaya jaya jaya jaya bhairavī)**  
**ānanda rāga priyakarī**  
**(jaya jaya jaya jaya bhārati)**  
**sṛṣṭi sthītilaya kārāṇipūraṇi**  
**śaraṇam śaraṇam caraṇayugaḷam ambē.**

You win hearts through Your dance of dissolution and are beyond the fear of death! Blissful One, who holds dear all the notes of music, victory to You, O cherished One! You are creator, sustainer and destroyer. O ancient one, Mother, grant me refuge!

**jaya śankarī jaya śrīkarī**  
**jaya śūbhakarī jaya sundarī**

Victory to the One who brings peace, auspiciousness and goodness! Victory to the beautiful One!

## **Ammā ammā enum (Tamil)**

**ammā ammā enum mandiram – adu  
anaivarukkum sondamāna mandiram  
summā adai colli colli pārunka  
sorggam pōla vāzhvamaiyum kēḷunka**

The mantra ‘Mother’ belongs to one and all. By the mere chanting of this mantra, life becomes a heaven.

**aḷḷa aḷḷa kuraiyāda anbu tān  
anaittuyirum sondamenum paṇbu tān  
kaḷḷamellām pōkkukindhra kanivu tān  
kāṇpavarkku makizhvu tarum kaḷippu tān**

Her love never decreases. Her nature is to treat all beings as Her own. Her compassion is the destroyer of envy, and Her presence makes everyone joyful.

**mella mella nammaiyavaḷ māṭṭruvaḷ  
mēnmai tarum pādayinau kāṭṭuvaḷ  
solla solla inikkumavaḷ nāmam tān  
solli pārttal nāṭi varum kṣemam tān**

Gradually She changes us and shows us the path of upliftment. Repeatedly chanting Her name brings sweetness and prosperity.

**āṭuvōm... pāṭuvōm...  
āṭi pāṭi anudinam koṇḍāṭuvōm  
tudittāṭi pāṭi anudinam koṇḍāṭuvōm**

Let’s dance and sing, and make every day a celebration! Let’s make every day a celebration glorifying Her!

## Ammā dēvī (Kannada version)

ammā dēvī tāni-tandānā  
dēvī dēvī tandana nīnā

ninna mogada munkarulaṭṭā  
miṅcu tiruvā mandahāsa  
kaṇḍu nānū sotuhōde - kālī... dēvī...

tattva śāstra ontu ariye  
sādhane sankalpa ariye  
ninna mātra bayasi bandē nā - durgē... dēvī...

puṭṭa magu nānammā  
keṭṭa ammā nīnallā  
taḍa yāke ettikkollālu - caṇḍī... dēvī...

## Ammā dēvī (Tulu version)

ammā dēvī tānitantānā  
dēvī dēvī tantana nīnā

irnā mukhada munkurulaṭṭā  
miṅcōntuppuna mandahāsa  
irentūdu mātta madētte - kālī... dēvī...

tattvaśāstra enku gottijji  
sādhana sankalpa gottijji  
iranmātra tūdu batteyān - durgē... dēvī...

iranā bālē yānammā  
īratte ēnkḷēgu māttalā  
taṭadāne yenan tūvarē - caṇḍī... dēvī...



## **Ammā hāsattu (Konkani)**

**ammā hāsattu yō ammā dhāvattu yō  
hāsattu yō dhāvattu yō**

Mother, please smile. Smile and come, Mother. O Mother, come running to me!

**kōṇajhsō ādhār nāgē mākā  
tugelya caraṇāku khētū mākā**

I have absolutely no one to depend on. Your lotus feet are my only refuge.

**dukhyāca samsārā paṭlō gē mā  
raṭatu raṭatu jagtāgē mā  
mujha māy mujha māy dhāvatu yō  
mujha māy mujha māy hāsattu yō**

In this world of sorrow, I am suffering and crying. For my sake, O Mother, come running to me, please come!

**māgelē māgelē maṇuttāgē mā  
magele kōṇajhsā nāgē mā  
tujhsā ādhārē āsāgē mā  
tyājhsā āsecīr jagtāgē mā**

They say, 'this is mine; that is mine', but in the end, there is nothing I can call mine. I desire only for Your protection, You are my only hope in this world.

## **Ammā nāpai (Telugu)**

**ammā nāpai aligindi  
jaganmātā nāpai aligindi  
nīvainā ceppavayya śivayya  
mā manci tandrivi nīvayya**

The Mother of the Universe is annoyed with me. O my good father Shiva, please tell Mother!

**tappēmiṭṭō ceppadu**  
**nātō asalē palukadu**  
**palukamani ceppavayya śivayya**  
**mā manci tanḍrivi nīvayya**

She doesn't tell me what my mistake is, She doesn't even speak to me. O my good father Shiva, please tell Mother to talk to me.

**nē palikina māṭṭalu vinadu**  
**nāvaipasalē cūḍadu**  
**cūḍamani ceppavayya śivayya**  
**mā manci tanḍrivi nīvayya**

She doesn't pay attention to what I have to say. She doesn't even look at me. O my good father Shiva, please tell Mother to look to me.

**gaṇēśa kumārulu cālēmō**  
**kānī nākamma lālana kāvāli**  
**lālimpamani ceppavayya śivayya**  
**mā manci tanḍrivi nīvayya**

Ganesha and Kumara may be enough for Her. But I also need Mother's comfort. O my good father Shiva, please tell Mother to embrace me lovingly.

**nīvu ceppinā vinadēmō**  
**lōkalanēlē mahārāṇi**  
**mazhī vērē gati lēdu nāku**  
**amma mātramē śaraṇu**  
**nākamma mātramē śaraṇu**

Being the Empress of all worlds, She may not listen even to You. Who else is there for me to turn to other than Mother? Mother is my refuge, Mother alone is my refuge!

## Ammā ninna prēmakāgi (Kannada)

ammā ninna prēmakāgi kāttarisitē  
ammā ninna prēmakāgi hāttoreḍiḥe  
kāttarisi hāttoreḍu āttūradi nā hāḍitē  
ammā. . . ō ammā. . . ammā. . . ō ammā. . .

Mother, I long for Your love. Longing and longing for Your love, here I sing. Mother, Mother, O Mother!

jagada agūhōgū gaḷali enna mareteyā?  
kālacakra sariyitendu enna toredeyā?  
āṭṭa pāṭṭa gaḷali nā muḷugi keṭṭe nendu  
enna toreḍu hōgē biṭṭeyā

Busy as You are with the world have You forgotten me? Time has passed, did You leave me behind? Or did You desert me because I indulged in various games?

nanna biṭṭu hōgabēḍa ammā  
nanna dūra māḍabēḍa ammā  
nanna anāthē yāgisabēḍa  
nanna kai biḍabēḍa ammā

Don't leave me, Mother! Don't keep me away. Don't make me an orphan! Don't let go of my hand!

## Amma nīvē sākṣi (Telugu)

amma nīvē sākṣi! amma nīvē sākṣi!  
nā manassunu pratikṣaṇam vikṣimcu sākṣi  
ātmasākṣi karmasākṣi sarvasākṣi  
kāmakṣi mīnakṣi nā manaḥsākṣi

Mother, You are the witness! You witness my mind at every moment. You are the witnessing Self, You witness all actions and everything. You have compassionate, eternally open eyes that witness every thought.

**sarvvamunnu kāñcesākṣi**  
**sarvatra niṇṭṭina sākṣi**  
**sarvamu tānai vunna sākṣi**  
**sarvakāla mandunna sākṣi**

You are the witness who perceives everything and pervades everywhere; You are the witness who has become everything.  
You are the witness of all times.

**annī ātagā darśiṇcu sākṣi**  
**dvandvātītai mai vunna sākṣi**  
**buddhini eppuṭu yerugu sākṣi**  
**ahamu māyayani telupu sākṣi**

You are the witness, perceiving everything as a play. You are the witness who is beyond duality. You are the witness of the intellect; You are the witness who reveals that the ego is just an illusion.

## **Ammē enuḷḷu (Malayalam)**

**ammē enuḷḷu turannu viḷikkumbōḷ**  
**anpōṭe arikil nī ettiṭunnu**  
**māyāmarubhūvil vīṇu piṭaṇṇīṭum**  
**manassil nī maṇṇāyi peytiṭunnu**  
**ammē peytiṭunnu**

When we call out ‘O Mother’ with all our heart, You lovingly come close to us. You manifest as dewdrops in the arid heart of delusion.

**ende daivamāṇamma amma tannende amma**  
**ennenum uyirēkum nitya satyamāṇamma**

O Mother, You are my God, my very own. O eternal truth, You infuse life into us.

vātsalyamazhayil nanaññu nanaññu||lil  
ñānenna bhāvam aliññupōke  
hṛdayaviśuddhikkāy kēzhunnu makkaḷ  
hṛdinilayē mātē kaṇturakkū  
ammē kaṇturakkū

My ego has dissolved in the rain of Your compassion. O Mother, we, Your children, pray for the purification of our hearts. O Mother, who dwells in our hearts, please open Your eyes. O Mother, open Your eyes!

nin kṛpa prāṇanāyī nirayunna tanuvitil  
ninniccha vazhipōḷ naṭanniṭaṭṭe  
nin kazhal pulkiya pūjāmalarivaḷ  
nityavum vāṭāte kākkukammē  
ammē kākkukammē

May everything unfold as You wish through this body, which is infused with the vital force of Your grace. I am a flower that has been offered as worship and which is hugging Your feet. O Mother, protect me that I may never wither. O Mother, protect me!

## **Amṛtalayam ānandalayam (Malayalam)**

amṛtalayam ānandalayam  
en ātmāvu śruticērum madhuralayam  
pūvum prakṛtiyum pōle  
ponnalakaḷum kaṭalum pōle  
śruti cērumī laya bhangiyil  
śruti cērumī laya bhangiyil

My soul is content and immersed in bliss - like a flower within nature, like waves within the ocean. I am immersed in sweet song.

pramada mānasavaniyil viriyum saugandhikaṅgaḷil  
nī viral toṭumbōḷ praṇavamāntra  
dhvanikaḷuṇarum oru tamburuvāy mārūm  
praṇava tamburuvāy mārūm  
divya tamburuvāy mārūm

At the touch of Your fingers, the flowers growing in the garden  
of my mind transform into a tambura playing the Omkara.

ātma harṣam tuḷumbi nilkkum  
indivaradaḷa śobha pōlum  
nin nayanāṅgaḷil manassinde cippiyil  
muttukaḷ tīrkkum oru māya mantramunḍō?  
divya māya mantramunḍō?  
devī māya mantramunḍō?

When the glance from Your lotus eyes shining with bliss falls  
upon me does it not have the power to create a pearl within  
the shell of my heart?

## Ānandamē ānandam (Tamil)

ānandamē ānandam ennē enadu ānandam  
anubhavamē anubhavam bhakti tanda anubhavam

O bliss, bliss! Intense is my bliss! O experience, experience!  
The experience that devotion gives me!

kaṅkaḷ raṇḍum kaṇṇanadu divyarūpam kaṇudē  
kādiraṇḍum kaṇṇanadu venkuzhalil mayankudē  
kaigaḷ raṇḍum kaṇṇankku veṇṇeyinai ūṭṭudē  
kāliraṇḍum kaṇṇanoḍu āṭi āṭi kaḷikkudē

I behold Krishna's form with my two eyes. I become intoxicated  
hearing Krishna's flute with my two ears. I feed butter to Krishna  
with my two hands. I dance with Krishna with my two feet!

**nāvumavan mīdivaitta avalin suvaiyai rusikkudē  
nāsiyavan vanamālai narumaṇattai rasikkudē  
vāyumavan lilaigalai pāṭippāṭi magizhude  
mēniyavan tiṇḍalilē mellatannai izhakkudē**

The taste of the puffed rice He has eaten is on my tongue. I inhale the sweet fragrance of His garland of wild flowers. With my lips, I blissfully sing about his lilas. My body slowly merges into His form.

**nirmalamām idayamavan kōyilāga ānadē  
nittiyamum isaimalaral pūjaitanai ceyyudē  
arivumavan gītaiyenum amudattinai parugudē  
āṇavamum avanaṭiyil sevaganāy paṇiyudē**

My heart is becoming pure; now it is His temple! In my daily worship of Him, songs are the flowers I offer at His feet. My mind drinks the nectar of the Gita, and my ego falls at His feet. I am His servant.

## **Annaiyē unnaiyē (Tamil)**

**annaiyē unnaiyē eṇṇiye vāzhntiḍum  
ariyāta makkaḷ emaiye  
ponnaiyē maṇṇaiyē peṇṇaiyē eṇṇāta  
peruvāzhvu vāzha vaippāy**

O Mother, bless us—Your ignorant children who think only of You—so that we may lead exalted lives, without desiring wealth or sensual pleasure.

**mōhamum bhōgavum rōgamum emmaye  
suṭṭri cuzhaṭṭrukiratē  
yōgamum tyāgamum yāgamum sādhanaiyum  
emma nī seyyavaippāy**

I have become ensnared by delusion, material pleasure and disease. O Mother, please lead me to the path of yoga, renunciation, self-sacrifice and spiritual practices.

**sarkkarai pākendrum vellattin pākendrum  
eṇṇi ēmarukindrēn  
tunba narakattil vizhāmal nārāyaṇi  
kaṭṭi emai kāpāṭṭruvāy**

Imagining we can find sweetness and bliss, we fall headlong into trouble. O Narayani, please ensure that I don't fall into the hell of suffering, and thus save me.

**āpattu āpattu devī nī kāpāṭṭru  
nānum katarukindrēn  
tāmatam indri nī tāriṇī vantiḍu  
tāymayē kāpāṭṭriḍu**

“Save me from danger!” Thus I cry out to You. O Bhavatarini, embodiment of motherhood, please come soon and save us.

## **Antardarśanattinuḷḷa (Malayalam)**

**antardarśanattinuḷḷa cintayum prayatnavum  
varttamāna hṛttilum pravṛddhamānamākki nī  
antarangatantriyaḷ prapañcasāramantramāy  
sañcaricciṭunnu nī svatantrabhāvadadhārayāy**

Even in current times, You inspire people to strive for self-realization. You are the Omkara mantra in the soul of every man. As said by the scriptures, You are the absolute.

**āgamiccezhiccuninnulaññazhiññupōvatin  
āgamōktiyoṛkkilō nidānabinduvāṇu nī  
āgamam vidhiccatokke ācariccupōkilum  
ākulaṁ śamikkuvān bhavāni, nin kṛpāśrayaṁ**



Only if self-effort is blessed by the grace of the Guru will we attain realization. In the heart blossoming with innocent love, You are the essence of poetry

**bhaktiyālunarnnularnna niṣkkaḷanka cētaṣil  
śuddhabhāvavaikharī nisargakāvyadhāra nī  
maṇṇilekkurannolicca veṇṇilāvupōle yenn-  
uḷḷil nin madhusmitābha sāndrasaukumāryamāy**

When the mind is moving, You act as the force of creation. In a still mind, You shine as the power of God.

**cittatārcalikkavē kriyātmakatvaśaktī nī  
niścalam vaṣikkavē śivatvamennariññiṭam  
śaktiyum śivatvavum parasparānupūrakam  
buddhiyekkaviñña, vēda tattvasāramē, tozhām**

Creativity and stillness are mutually complementary. I bow down before You, who are above the intellect and embody the essence of the Vedas.

## **Anudinamum (Tamil)**

**anudinamum unai ninaindu urugudamma neñjam - adu  
arukil ninḍru ezhil mukhattai kaṇḍu rasikka keñjum  
tiruvaruḷai tēḍivandun tiruvaḍiyil tañjam - guru  
vaḍivām tāy umayē unai aravaṇaittu koñjum**

Thinking of You daily, my heart melts. I yearn to move close to You and enjoy Your beautiful face. Seeking divine grace, I reached and took refuge at Your feet. O Goddess Uma, who are of the form of the Guru and Mother, we take comfort in Your embrace.

**piñju manam unnaruḷāl parugum anbu vellam  
neñjuruki unnizhalil nilai marandu tuḷḷum  
añjukinḍra tīvinaikaḷ allal yāvum akalum - anku  
pañjupōla manamiḷaki paramānandam koḷḷum**

By Your grace, the waters of love have softened my mind and melted my heart, making me jump joyfully in abandon. All the fears and miseries that affected me have disappeared. My tender heart has attained supreme bliss.

**aruḷamudē! ānandamē!**

**anbin vaḍivē! aḍaikkalam nīyē!**

O Mother of grace! O blissful One, embodiment of love! You are my refuge!

**māyaiyadin piḍiyinilē matiyizhandu uzhalum  
makkaḷ manam amaidipera nin kazhalinai nizhalum  
seykaḷ nilai uyara un tiruvizhi malarndaruḷum - anbu  
tāyundan sannidhikku taraṇi ellām tiraḷum**

Those ensnared by Maya (cosmic delusion) act without discernment. To find peace of mind, they seek solace at Your feet. Your divine gaze uplifts souls. Hence, millions flock to Your divine presence, O loving Mother.

**unadu padam dinamum manam paṇindiḍa manankanivāy  
ninadaruḷal paramapada nilai aḍaindiḍa aruḷvāy  
guruvaḍivē tiruvaruḷē parivuḍan emai kāppāy - nān  
maraimuḍiyinil maruvum nindan padamalaraḍi sērppāy**

O Mother, bless us so that we may worship Your feet daily. By Your grace, may we reach the abode of the Supreme. O Divinity in the form of the Guru, protect us with love and affection. Help us attain Your feet, which hides the precious gems of the four Vedas.

## **Aparādhham-endētu (Malayalam)**

**aparādhhamendētu mātram – nītanṇa  
tanuyōjya jīvita pātram  
daivika sthānattahantaye vāzhiccor-**

**aparādhāmendētu mātram  
anyayajanam dōṣam-āriyāteyācari-  
ccaparādhā-endētu mātram, nītan-  
tanuyōjya jīvita pātram**

The fault is mine alone. You are the life that shines within the body, which is losing its luster, and that is entirely my fault. You are the life that shines within the body. The fault of letting the ego rule in place of the divine is mine also. The unknowingly committed fault of being needy of others is also mine.

**azhivallāhantaykkoratirillateppozhum  
nizhalennapōlēṅgum-anugamikkum  
cerumaṇṭariyilum tāzheyāṇennu nān  
karutumbozhum tāne ahamezhikkum**

The ego grows without any boundaries. The ego follows like a shadow. But when I consider myself to be smaller than a grain of sand, the ego falls away.

**arppaṇam ceytāl-aham tezhikkum, svayam  
arppitamāyāl-aham dahikkum  
arppitamākunna śunya hṛttil svayam  
nirbharamakunnu daivīkata**

When I surrender, the ego dissolves. When my surrender is accepted, the ego is burnt. The heart, emptied by surrender, becomes filled, overflowing with divinity.

**aparādhāmellām kṣamikkū  
aparādhāmellām porukkū  
aparādhāmellām kṣamikkū  
aparādhāmellām porukkū**

Forgive all my faults, please pardon all my faults!

## Āreyāṇāreyaṇiṣṭam (Malayalam)

āreyāṇāreyaṇiṣṭam  
uṇṇiykkālila kṛṣṇaneyāṇō?  
uṇṇiykkālila kṛṣṇanettanne  
iṣṭam ālila kṛṣṇanettanne

Whom do you love the most? Whom do you love the most, little  
One? Do you love Krishna on the banyan leaf? It is Krishna on  
the banyan leaf that unni loves!

veṇṇayum pālum kavarum kaḷḷa  
kaṇṇanāmuṇṇiyeyāṇō?  
kōlakkuzhalu viḷikkum bāla  
gōpālakṛṣṇaneyāṇō?  
gōkkale mēyccu naṭakkum hari  
gōvinda kṛṣṇaneyāṇō?

Do you love child Krishna, the thief who steals milk and  
butter? Do you love Gopala Krishna who plays the bamboo  
flute? Or the cowherd Krishna who roams with his cows in  
the meadow?

gōvarddhanam uyarttiṭān vanna  
gōpakumāraneyāṇō  
vṛndāvanattilalayum cāru  
nandakiśōraneyāṇō  
rādhāhṛdayam kavarnna  
muralīdhara kṛṣṇaneyāṇō?

The youthful Krishna who came to lift the Govardhana Moun-  
tain? Or the bewitching Nandakishora of Vrindavan? Or is it  
Krishna the flute player, who stole the heart of Radha?

śrīvatsa kaustubham cārttum sākṣāl  
śrīkṛṣṇanettanneeyāṇō?

**dēvaki dēvitan puṇyam pūṭṭa  
śrīvāsudēvaneyāṇō ?  
nāradarennum vāzhttum śrīman  
nārāyaṇamūrttiyeyāṇō ?**

Is it Krishna who wears the Srivatsa kausthubham (jewel of Vishnu) that You love? Or Krishna who was born as a result of Devaki's merits? Or Krishna in the form of Narayana, forever praised by Narada?

## **Aridu aridu (Tamil)**

**aridu aridu māṇṭarāy pirappadu aridu  
adanin aridu muktiyilē nāṭṭamum aridu  
mikavum aridu guruvin vaṭivil daivattin uravu – inda  
mūṇḍrum peṭṭrum vīṇaṭittal kūriruḷ iravu**

To be born as a human being is very rare. It is rarer still to have an interest in liberation. And extremely rare to have a relationship with God in the form of a guru. If we waste our life even after gaining these three, it is like a pitch dark night.

**ulakapporuḷil inbam tēṭi alaindavar – yārum  
nirai manadil amaidiyōṭu vāzhndadum illai  
ānmanāṭṭam koṇḍu sukhattai turandavar yārum  
vīṇarāgapaṣiyil vāṭi irandadum illai**

Those who search for pleasure in worldly objects never experience the peace of contentment. Those who renounce worldly pleasures to follow spiritual pursuits never die from hunger.

**sondabandham vēṇḍi vāzhndadu ettanai kālam?  
sottu sukham tēṭi alaindattenai kālam?  
pirandu vanda nōkkamtanai ninaippadekkālam?  
piravippiṇi tīrkkum aruḷaipperuvatekkālam?**

How long have we lived for our families? How long have we wandered in search of wealth and pleasure? When will we realize the purpose of our birth? When will we receive the grace that will remove the affliction of the cycle of birth and death?

indanāḷaippōla nallanāḷum vērillai  
indanēram pōla nalla nēram vērillai  
guruvin vākkai kēṭṭu manatil cindippadāḷe  
uṇmaiṇai uṇarvvadu pōl tavamum vērillai

There is no day better than today. There is no time better than now. There is no austerity equal to listening and contemplating the Guru's words, and thus realizing the eternal truth.

## Arikilunḍenkilum (Tamil version)

arugilirundum arindiṭa iyalāmal  
alaiginṭrēn ammā  
kaṇḷalirundum kaṇaviyalāmal  
tēṭuginṭrēn ammā... unnai  
tēṭuginṭrēn ammā  
mārgazhi iravil nīlavānil pūṭṭa  
veṇṇmadi nīṭānō...  
vānattai sēra muṭiyāmal karaiyil  
talaimōdum alaiyāga nān – ammā  
talaimōdum alaiyāga nān

ulagattin sukhamellām nīlaikkādenṭruḷḷa  
uṇmaiṇai uṇarndadinālē...  
iravum pagalum kaṇṇīr perugi  
ariyattuṭittēn ammā – unnai  
ariyattuṭittēn ammā

tuyarattin sumaiyāl tuvaṇḍiṭum enniṭam  
ārudal alittiṭa vārāy  
varuvāy eṇḍruḷḷa āsaiyuṭan nān  
nittamum kāttirukkindrēn – ammā  
nittamum kāttirukkindrēn

## **Arivenum akakkaṇ (Tamil)**

arivenum akakkaṇ tirandiṭumō – endan  
iruḷenum maṭamai akandriṭumō  
aruvamāy anaittilum viḷankiṭum annaiyin  
anumati atarkkāy kiṭaittiṭumō

Will my inner eye of wisdom ever open? Will the darkness of my ignorance ever be dispelled? Will I gain the blessings of the divine Mother, who abides in all as the formless Self?

arivāy ātavan aruḷ purindiṭinum  
māyaiyām mēgham maraikkiratē  
manatinil avaluru oḷiyena viḷankiṭa  
taṭaikaḷum māyamāy maraindiṭumē

Even as rays pour from the sun of wisdom, the dark clouds of delusion eclipse divine grace. But when the splendor of the divine Mother manifests in my heart, all impediments vanish instantly.

pēruṇarvenappaṭum perumpātaiyilē  
pētaiyām nānum naṭandiṭavē  
bētamaiyillā tāyāmavaḷum  
kaippiṭittennai naṭattiṭuvāl

An ignoramus am I, attempting to walk the path of inner awakening. The divine Mother, unconditional in Her love for all, will surely hold my hand and guide me to the goal.

## Ariyāte ceytoraparādham (Malayalam)

ariyāte ceytoraparādham-ākilum  
anivāryamō śikṣa kaṇṇā  
āśikṣa satyattil-itrayum dussahamāvēṇam-  
ennuṇḍō kaṇṇā?  
ārūṇḍ-enikk-ende kaṇṇā?

O Krishna, is it really necessary to punish mistakes made unknowingly? Kanna, does that punishment have to be so painful? Who is there for me, Krishna?

pala-pala-tettukal kuttaṅgal ṇān  
ninnōṭu parañṇu  
pala nāḷum ninmunnil kaṇṇīrozhuḱki ṇān  
nilaviḷikkārille kaṇṇā?  
nī sāntvanam coriyāruṇḍallo?

I used to tell You many of my mistakes and problems. Many days I would cry aloud before You, tears streaming. You are the one who showers compassion, aren't You?

niravadhi aparādham ceytālum munpokke  
nī poruḱkārille kaṇṇā?  
svaramezhum pāṭe pizhaccālum nī mugddha  
svaramāḱṭārille kaṇṇā?  
nī sāramillennu parañṇu

Even when I commit many mistakes, don't You forgive me, Krishna? When my voice loses its timber, don't You make it sound sweet, Kanna? You told me it was ok.

orunōḱḱu kaṇān koticcum kitaccum  
ā tirunaṭayil ṇān oṭivannāl  
paribhavam tōnnēṇḍa- yenn-ōrttu  
yāt-onnum parayāte ninmunnil ninnāl



**vāripuṇarān nī arike varille?**

If I come running with the urge to catch a glimpse of You, will  
You approach me? If I stand before You without saying any-  
thing, hoping You won't get upset, will You come to hug me?

**Aśrutīrtthattāl (Malayalam)**

aśrutīrtthattāl nin tṛkkazhal tazhukām ṇān  
arppita-hṛdayattil avatarikkū  
centāraṭiyūnni, cintāmalaril nī  
mandānilan pōle avatarikkū  
dēvī dēvī dēvī dēvī  
mandasmitānvitam avatarikkū

With tears, I will caress Your lotus feet. Please awaken in my  
heart, that is surrendered to You. Awaken with a smile, O Devi!

manassinde ēkānta nikuṇjattil tapassinde  
kanalūtiyūti ṇān kāttirippū  
ariya-jñānattinde aruḷābhayaḷuḷḷam  
abhiṣiktamakki nī anugrahikkū  
dēvī dēvī dēvī dēvī  
amṛtākṣaraṅgaḷāl anugrahikkū

In the lonely cave of my heart I am awaiting You, in deep aus-  
terities. Please bless me with eternal knowledge. O Devi, please  
bless with me with immortal bliss.

kadanaṅgaḷ kaṭalōḷam karinīla nirabhēdam  
karadūramini-yetra kātam  
karaḷile kaṇṇīrum kadanavum cālicha  
kavitayāl kazhaltāru tazhukām  
dēvī dēvī dēvī dēvī  
kanivōlum mizhiyālonnuzhiyū

The sorrows are infinite, the flowers are colorless, how much suffering must I endure? I will caress Your feet with my tears and sorrows. O Devi, will You caress me with Your compassionate glance?

## Āṭalarasē (Tamil)

āṭalarasē āṭalarasē  
āṭumivarai pārumarasē  
tattuvankaḷ kēṭṭarintār  
tannil atanai uṇarvatentṛō?

O Lord of Dance! Look at these people dancing in illusion. They have listened to many philosophical treatises, but when will they realize them within themselves?

vīzhntuviṭum uṭalitanai  
enatu eṇṛē ivarninaippār  
kozhuntuviṭum tīyatuvō  
tanatu eṇṛē tān ninaikkum

People think that the body which falls off in course of time is their own; but the blazing fire which consumes the body at the end will think 'this is mine'.

pirakkayilē ivar azhuvār  
irakkayilē pirar azhuvār  
pirappumillā irappumillā  
tannaiyarintāl evar azhuvār

People cry when they are born, others cry when they die, but who will cry when they know their own Self?

jñāniyinai yārumpukazhvār  
jñāniyāka yārmuyalvār?  
jñālamkatta nīlakaṇṭhā  
jñānam aruḷ naman talaivā

All glorify the enlightened person, but who strives to become one? Bestow real knowledge on us, O Lord of Death!

**āṭiyapādā aruṇaiyīn īsā  
pārvatinēsā paramēsā  
tēṭiyatiruvē pāṭiyaporulē  
nāṭiya arulē naṭarājā**

O One with dancing feet, Lord of Arunachala, beloved of Parvati, supreme One, Nataraja! You are the wealth sought by all, the essence of all hymns, the ultimate grace that everyone seeks.

**Āṭi bā ō ranga (Kannada)**

**āṭi bā ō ranga angāla toledēnu  
gandha sugandha candā**

O Ranga, come back after play.

**gandha sugandha candanadinda  
cinnada pāda toledēnu**

With fragrant ingredients, I shall wash Your golden feet.

**gopike sakhiyaru gopa bālakaru  
kaṇṇāmuchālē āṭi  
kaṇṇāmuchālē āṭi nin ondige  
daṇidu malagavarilli**

The gopis and gopas, having played hide and seek with You, are now tired and resting here.

**rādheya jotegūdi rāsālīleya āṭi  
rājīva nētra nī bāro  
rājīva nētra bārayya mane kaṭeḡe  
rātri gāḡa vāguva munna**

O Lotus-eyed One, after having played rasa lila with Radha, come home before it is too late in the night.

mussanje musukide godhūḷi eddide  
sandhyā lakṣmi minugavaḷe  
sandhyā lakṣmi nakṣatra minugi  
ninagāgi dārī beḷagavaḷe

It is twilight. The dust of dusk is rising, the evening star is shining. That evening star is showing You the path.

gogaḷu kādive hālanūṭalu bāla  
amma yaśode kādavaḷe  
amma yaśodeya ede tumbi bandide  
hālanūṭuvaḷu babārā

The cows are waiting to feed You their milk. Mother Yashoda is waiting. Her heart is overflowing, wanting to feed You milk.

## Āvo mā ammā (Gujarati)

āvo mā ammā, hṛdayamā mārā banīne git koyī  
tārī stuti karū, tārī bhakti karū  
tārā bhajanmā rācū ammā  
tārā bhajanmā rācū

Mother, come to my heart in the form of a song. I'll sing Your glories. I'll worship You with devotion. Singing Your praises, I'll lose myself.

āvo mā ammā hṛdayamā mārā  
banīne mūrat koyī  
tāro abhiṣek karū, tāro alankār karū  
tārī āratīmā rācū ammā  
tārī āratīmā rācū

Mother, come to my heart in the form of my deity. I'll do abhishekam to You, I'll adorn You. Performing arati to You, I'll forget myself.

āvo mā ammā hṛdayamā mārā  
banīne joḍ mārī  
tārī sāthe rās ramu  
sāthe tārī nṛtya karū  
tujhmā hu samāvū ammā  
tujhmā hu samāvū

Mother, come to my heart as my soul-mate. I'll dance with You  
Mother, with You I'll play the rasa dance. I'll merge in You.

tu mārī ambā tu bahucarā māḍī  
tu mārī santoṣī ambikā  
jai jai ho mā tārī jai jai maiyyā tārī

You are my Mother, Mother Bahuchara, Santoshi, my Mother  
Ambika. Victory to Mother!

## Āyā he sārā (Hindi)

āyā he sārā jahā yahā  
milke ye sārā jahā yahā  
ek mantr bole ek svar me bole  
jag me ho śānti samādhān  
om lokāḥ samastāḥ sukhino bhavantu

The whole world has come. All of us are here together. Let us  
chant this mantra in chorus, 'let there be peace and harmony  
in the world.' May all the beings in all the worlds be happy!

ham sabhe īśvar kī santān  
ye duniyā ke khelse anjān  
rah dikhānā prabhu sāth hame le ke caltu  
mānava dharma sikhānā  
om lokāḥ samastāḥ sukhino bhavantu

We are children of God. We are ignorant of this play. Show

us the way, O Lord. Take us along with You and teach us what man's dharma is. May all the beings in all the worlds be happy!

**ham sāre mil jul ke rahe  
sab kā dard apnā samjhe  
nā koyī dukhse roye sab cainki nīnd soye  
prabhu dedo aisā vardān  
om lokāḥ samastāḥ sukhino bhavantu**

Let us live together happily. Let us feel others' pain as our own.  
Let no one cry in sorrow, let everyone sleep peacefully. O Lord,  
grant us such a boon.

**niṣkāṁ sevā ham kare  
karm yog ke pathpe cale  
cāhe ham sabkā bhalā jiye to aisā yahām  
dharttiko svarg banāde  
om lokāḥ samastāḥ sukhino bhavantu**

Tread the path of selfless service and karma yoga. Desire everyone's well-being. Live in such a way that this earth becomes a heaven. May all the beings in all the worlds be happy!

## **Āye hān tvadde (Punjabi)**

**āye hān tvadde darbār vich sāre, śera valiye  
dukhān nu pul kke, sukhān de kinare**

We have all come into Mother's arms, forgetting all sorrows at the banks of happiness.

**ditta hai janam ikk navān jo sānu, jota valiye  
pyar te karuna di pāśa vi sikhade – o ma**

Giving us this new birth, teach us the language of love and compassion.

**mata rani di (jai)**

śeravali di (jai)  
jotavali di (jai)  
latavali di (jai)  
pahadavali di (jai)  
meharavali di (jai) bolo sache darbār di (jai)ki  
galat ki tīk na patā hai sānu, lātā valiye  
har kadam te cirāg jyot jalade – jalade ma

We don't know what is right or wrong, so illumine our path  
for every step we take.

## Āyī bhavāni tū (Marathi)

āyī bhavāni tū āmuci mātā  
kuṭhe śodhū tulā āmhi sāṅg ātā

O Mother Bhavani, You are our Mother. Tell us, where should  
we search for You?

jai jai āyī bhavani jai jai  
jai jai āyī śivāni jai jai

Victory to Mother! Victory to Bhavani and Shivani!

jaḷī sthaḷī nabhī an pāṣaṇī  
tuc naṭali ga vividha rūpāni  
pari kase śodhū māuli  
mayecyā āvaraṇī āyī tū lapali

You are hiding in the universe disguised as water, air, sky, and  
mountains. You are residing in these various forms. How do  
I search for You, hidden as You are under the cover of maya?

māyāvi sansāri āmhās bhulavi  
jāle nijamāyece ase ṭākuni  
sukhalipt jhāli ga naśvara kāyā  
durlabh naratanu cālali vāyā

You have engrossed us in this illusive world by putting a net of delusion over us. Our mortal body is attached to seeking pleasures and this rare chance of a human birth is getting wasted.

**viṣaya vihacha nivaruni kata  
davī amha navadha bhakticya vata  
carni visava deī ga satvar  
par kar majha ha bhavasagar**

Removing the poisonous throne of sensual pleasures, show us the way of nine-fold devotion. Please give me rest as soon as possible at Your feet. Take me across the ocean of samsara!

## **Azhagukku azhagu (Tamil)**

**azhagukku azhagu etuvō?  
    atu kaṇṇanin karuniramē  
azhagukku azhagu etuvō?  
    atu kaṇṇanin kuzhikannamē  
inimaikku inimai etuvō?  
    atu kaṇṇanin salankai-oliyē  
inimaikku inimai etuvō?  
    atu kaṇṇanin kuzhalisaiyē  
ilamaikku ilamai etuvō?  
    atu kaṇṇanin pun-sirippē  
ilamaikku ilamai etuvō?  
    atu kaṇṇanin tirumukhamē  
kṛṣṇā madhusūdanā gōvindā nārāyaṇā**

Among all that is beautiful, which is most beautiful? It is Krishna's dusky hue. Among all that is beautiful, which is most beautiful? It's His dimples. Among all that is charming, which is most charming? It's the tinkle of Krishna's anklets. Among



all that is charming, which is most charming? It's the melody of His flute. Among all that is youthful, which is most youthful? It's Krishna's smile. Among all that is youthful, which is most youthful? It's His sacred face. O Krishna, slayer of Madhu! O Lord of Speech, supreme Lord.

**putumaikku putumai etuvō?**

**atu kaṇṇanin kaṇṇoliyē**

**putumaikku putumai etuvō?**

**atu kaṇṇanin kurumbutānē**

**perumaikku perumai etuvō?**

**atu kaṇṇanin rāsaliḷayē**

**perumaikku peruma ietuvō?**

**atu kaṇṇan kālīya naṭanamaṇḍrō**

**kṛṣṇa madhusūdanā gōvindā nārāyaṇa**

Among all that is new, which is newest? It's the luster of Krishna's eyes. Among all that is new, which is newest? It's His mischief. Among all that is exalted, which is most exalted? It's Krishna's rasa-lila (mystic) dance. Among all that is exalted, which is most exalted? It's the dance He enacted on Kaliya's head. O Krishna, slayer of Madhu! O Lord of Speech, O Supreme Lord.

## **Azhaku azhaku (Tamil)**

**ammā un paṭaippellām orānanda naṭanam**

**aṇumutal kaṇṇpatellām unnōṭu paṭukiratu**

**tāḷamiṭṭu āṭukiratu unnai**

**ānandattōṭu vazh-ipaṭukiratu**

**azhum kural kēṭṭu jñāna pālūṭṭiya tāyē**

**ānandattil-āzhttiṭa bhuvanattil**

**naṭanamāṭi vantarūlvay**

O Mother, Your creation is a blissful dance. From the atoms to all that is seen, everything is singing with You. Dancing with rhythmic steps, all worship You blissfully. Hearing the cries of a child, You fed the milk of wisdom. Please come dancing to the world to immerse us in that bliss!

**azhaku azhaku azhaku azhaku  
ammā untan naṭanamazhaku  
azhaku azhaku azhaku azhaku  
dēviyāṭum bhuvanamazhaku**

Your dance is beautiful, and the world You dance in is also beautiful.

**naṭanamāṭum naṭanamāṭum  
kaṅkaḷ mūṭi naṭanamāṭum  
ennammā enkaḷ ponnammā  
pāṭal pāṭi por kaimaṇiyāl tāḷamiṭṭu  
paravasamāy parantāṭum  
paṭṭāmpūccipōl ennammā  
dēviyaḷ nāmam solla  
dēva dundubhikaḷ muzhanka**

O Mother who is dancing with closed eyes, You are our dear Mother. Mother, You are dancing like a butterfly in an elated state, singing with golden cymbals in rhythmic beat. Chanting Devi's name, the gods are playing divine instruments.

**mātaraṇī ku – jai  
mahāraṇī ku – jai  
mahādēvī ku – jai  
mahālakṣmī ku - jai**

Hail to the Mother Empress! Hail to the Queen Empress! Hail to Mahadevi! Hail to Mahalakshmi!

**āyiram nāmam koṇḍu pūmāri tūviṭuvōm  
kōlāṭṭam karakāṭṭam kōṭi makkaḷ āṭiṭuvōm**

**āyiram kaṇṇuṭayavalē ankāḷa māriyamma  
ammā mahāmāyiyaval anpumazhai pezhintiṭuvāl**

We worship You, chanting Your one thousand names and showering flower petals. Millions of people are dancing the folk dances Kollattam and Karagattam in worship of You. O Mariyamma, You have a thousand eyes. Shower the rain of love, O Mahamayi!

**jīvanellām śivanilaṭanka śivakāmi nī āṭumāṭṭam  
anpu koṇḍu azhaittiṭṭāy anaivaraiyum un āṭalukkuḷ  
kalipurusaṇ aṭṭattai kāli nī oṭukkiṭamma  
kallyaṇa guṇankalē nī kallyaṇi vaḷarttiṭṭamma**

Shiva's dear One, You are dancing, merging all souls into Shiva. You are attracting everyone lovingly through Your dance. O Kali, please stop the dance of the dark-age. O Kalyani, please nurture good and auspicious qualities.

**Azhalingu puzhayāy (Malayalam)**

**azhalingu puzhayāy mizhinīru mazhayāy  
aliyāttatentē ghanaśyāma mānasam  
irulērumī rāvil-oru nāḷa-manayāte nī -  
yaṇayunnatum kattu-kāttirikkunnu kaṇṇa**

Why does my dark-clouded mind not melt and flow as a river of grief, a downpour of tears? In this dark morning, I keep a flame ablaze and wait for You to come, O Krishna.

**karinīla vipinattil ēkānta-yāmattil  
kuyilēttu pāṭunnu nin gānam-ippōḷ  
ariyāte nī vannu pōyitō kaṇṇā  
ninavārnnu mātrayō nilayattorōrmmayō**

In this dark blue sky, at this solitary hour, the cuckoo echoes Your song. Did You come and leave without my knowledge? Was it just my imagination? Or was it a memory?

virayārnnu pozhiyunnoril-apōlayen manam  
nilayatta-tozhukunnithalayāzhi tēṭi  
alayārkkum ā nilavarṇṇamen kaṇṇā  
ārālumariyāte nīyekiyaḷḷayō

My mind trembles like a leaf. It flows blindly searching for the ocean to which You have secretly given Your blue hue.

tirumāril vanamāla aṇiyikkumōrmmayil  
malarcūṭi nilkunnu vāsanta śākhikaḷ  
ārōrumariyāte malar cūṭuvānen kaṇṇā  
nīyalola vayū polaṇayunnatillaḷḷayō

These trees bear their blossoms in the memory of adorning Your divine chest with the Vanamala garland. Did You secretly pass by as the gentle breeze to accept their garland, O Krishna?

## Azhutāl unnaiperalāmē (Tamil)

azhutāl unnaiperalāmē  
ammā aruḷai peralāmē  
tozhutāl unnai peralāmē  
tutittē anpai peralāmē

We get Mother's grace and blessings when we cry for Her. We receive Her love if we worship Her.

unakkō āyiram tirunāmam  
uḷḷam tannil orunāmam  
enakkō ammā nīyē gati  
enrum nīyēyen śaraṇāgati

Though You have a thousand names, I have only one name in my mind. You are the only refuge for me, I am forever surrendered to You.

śorpadam kaṭanta paramjyōti  
sōrnta manattil uyirjyōti  
porppadam paṇintāl nī varuvāy  
bhuvīyil vaḷattai nidam taruvāy

The supreme Self cannot be described in words. The individual soul is just behind the weary mind. If we surrender, You will come. Please give prosperity to this Mother Earth!

anpai pozhiyum mazhaiyānāy  
amṛtānanda vaṭivānāy  
unnai paṇiyum makkaḷukku  
uyarvai koṭukkum iraiyānāy

You shower the rain of eternal love. You are in the form of blissful nectar. You are God to those who surrender to You. You are the God who uplifts us.

**Bā bhṛṅgavē bā (Kannada)**

bā bhṛṅgavē bā  
mana bhṛṅgavē bā  
ammaṇa karēyitu kēlisadē?  
ētake aḷutiruvē?

Come, O Honey-bee of the mind! Don't you hear Mother calling? Why are you crying?

hoḷeva dhavaḷa hṛdaya kamala  
miḍididē prēma taranga  
madhuva saviye savidu kuṇiye  
makāra moḷaguta bā

The resplendent, white lotus of the heart throbs with vibrations of love. Come, chanting the divine syllable, 'Ma', so that you may taste the nectar and rejoice!

bēganē bantu madhuva uṇḍu  
mēlakēruva bā  
allidē ānanda allidē āmōda  
amṛtapāna allidē bā

Come soon to drink the nectar, and then let us ascend. Come! There is real bliss, there is real joy. There is the real drink of immortality.

hē manabhṛnga! hē manabhṛnga!  
hē manabhṛnga! hē manabhṛnga!  
O Honey-bee of the mind!

## Balē ambikē (Tulu)

balē ambikē jñāna dēviye  
balē ambikē appē lakṣmiyē  
dēvī balē balē appē pārvati  
jayatu ambikē jayatu tāyē  
jayatu jayatu jayatu jaganmayi

Come, Mother, Goddess of wisdom. Come, Mother Lakshmi!  
Come, O Mother Parvati. Glory to You, Mother of the World!

balē ambikē jagakku bolpādu  
balē ambikē manakku bolpādu  
ētu vismayō irēna mahimē  
irana prēma jyōtiyē balugu bolpu

Come, Mother, and light up the world. Come, Mother, and light up the mind. Your greatness is such a wonder! The light of Your love is the light of our life.

balē ambikē korlē santōṣā  
balē ambikē korlē sāntvana  
balē appē tojālē daivī śaktinu  
appē prēmōḍē ī jōklēnu kápule

Come, Mother, and give us happiness. Come, Mother, and grant us consolation! Come and reveal Your divine power. O Mother, protect these children with Your love!

**jayatu jayatu jayatu jayatu jaganmayi**

Glory to You, Mother of the World!

## **Bandaḷō bandāḷō (Kannada)**

**bandaḷō bandāḷō amma**

**bandaḷō bandāḷō**

**bandaḷō bandāḷō hṛdayēśvarī**

**kāruṇyarūpadī bandāḷō**

Here comes Mother, Goddess of my heart, in the form of compassion!

**paṭṭusīre dharisi bandāḷō**

**honnageya bīrutali**

**kaiyeraḍu bīsutali**

**ōṭi banni makkale yentu karedāḷō**

**kāruṇyarūpadī bandāḷō**

Decked in golden silk, beaming with golden smiles, swinging both of Her hands, calling “Come running, O children!” She comes in the form of compassion.

**ellarannu tabbikkolḷalu**

**tabbikkoṇḍu muttanīḍalu**

**ellarannu anugrahisalu**

**anugrahisī varanīḍalu bandāḷō**

**kāruṇyarūpadī bandāḷō**

She comes to embrace every one of us, to kiss every one of us, to bless us all and grant us our wishes. She comes in the form of compassion.

kaṣṭakaḷa parihaṛisalu  
niḷānanda tōṛisalu  
ajñānikaḷāda namannu  
ānandadi muḷugisalu bandāḷo  
kāruṇyarūpadī bandāḷo

She comes to solve our problems and to show us real bliss. She comes to drown us, ignorant ones, in bliss. The Mother in the form of compassion is coming!

## Bandāḷo bandāḷo (Gujarati version)

āvi amba āvi amba  
āvi amba āvi amba  
āvi amba āvi ḥṛdayeśvari  
kāruṇyarupini padhāri  
  
lāl cundaddi odhine āvi  
mand muskān karti  
hāth banne pasāri kaheti  
doddi āvo ballako badha  
padhāri kāruṇyarupini padhāri  
  
sahune haiye lagāvavā  
haiyye lagāvi cumbana devā  
ballakone āshish deva  
āshish āpi var deva  
padhāri kāruṇyarupini padhāri  
  
kaṣṭa badhā dur karavā  
niḷānanda varsāvavā  
agnāni aevā āpanane



**ānandamā magna karvā  
padhāri kārūnyarupini padhāri**

## **Bandhamu nīttō (Telugu)**

**bandhamu nīttō ērppaṭanī - bhava  
bandhamu lēvō viṭipōnnī  
spandana edallō mōdalavanī  
sāndrappuṭṭalalā muñcēttanī**

Let my bond be with You and let my bondage drop away. Let the quest for God begin in my heart and let me be submerged in its waves.

**dentamunīkkayyī parugiṭanī  
sarvamunīvani sthirapaṭanī  
cīkaṭi tṛṭṭilō cittavanī  
cittappa vṛttalu layamavanī**

Let my heart and mind run after You. Let it be established that You are everything. Let darkness take flight in a fraction of a second. Let my desires cease to exist.

**satyappu kāntulu aguppaṭanī  
nityānandamu nilappaṭanī  
ammala gannā ammava nī  
biṭaggā nī oṭi cērcamanī**

Let the beams of truth appear. Let eternal bliss be established. Mother of mothers, take me in Your lap as Your child.

**ammā jagadambā nannu kāvaga rāvamā  
ammā jagadambā nā śaraṇamē nīvamā**

Mother, Mother of the Universe, come and protect me! Mother, Mother of the Universe, You are my sole refuge.

## Bandu biḍabāradē (Kannada)

bandu biḍabāradē bāgilanu tēreḍu ni  
hṛdaya bāgilanu tēreḍu ni  
ariyalārenu nānu bāgilanu tēreḍu  
hṛdaya bāgilanu tēreḍu

Why don't You come, and open the door Yourself, the door  
of the heart? I don't know how to open the door of my heart.

mareyutihēnu nāni manada māyeyali ninna  
endendu mareyada hāge  
bandu ni nelesabāradē

Caught in the maya of the mind, I forget You. Why don't You  
come and settle in my heart so that I may never, ever forget You?

ammā ammā endu kareyutiruvēnu ninna  
kāyutiruvēnu tāyē ninna baruvikege nānu

I call out to You, O Mother, I am waiting for You to come.

## Bārayya śiva (Kannada)

bārayya śivā bārayya śivā bārayya śivanē  
nōḍuvē ninna manadaṇiye bārayya śivanē

Please come, my dear Lord Shiva. Let me behold You to my  
heart's content.

kailāsadi vāsipane umākāntanē  
rudrākṣiya dharisihanē nīlakaṇṭhanē  
bhaktarige oliyuva paramēśvaranē  
nōḍuvē ninna manadaṇiye bārayya śivanē

Consort of Uma, You reside in Kailash. O blue-throated One,  
You wear the rudrākṣa bead. O supreme Lord, You readily offer  
boons to devotees. Let me behold You to my heart's content.

**ruṇḍamāla dharisihane rudrēśvaranē  
gangēyannu hottiruva śaśīśēkharanē  
bhaktarige oliyuva paramēśvaranē  
nōḍuvē ninna manadaṇiye bārayya śivanē**

O fearsome One, You are adorned with a garland of skulls.  
You wear the crescent moon on Your head, from which flows  
the cascading Ganga River. O supreme Lord, You readily offer  
boons to devotees. Let me behold You to my heart's content.

**triśūlava hiḍidiha trilōkanāthanē  
śmaśānadi vāsipanē bhūtanāthanē  
bhaktarige oliyuva paramēśvaranē  
nōḍuvē ninna manadaṇiye bārayya śivanē**

Lord of the three worlds, You wield the trident. O Lord of ghouls,  
You dwell in charnel grounds. Supreme Lord, You readily offer  
boons to devotees. Let me behold You to my heart's content.

**śaśidhara śikhinētrā purahara girivāśa  
trinayana suranāthā jaya! hara! jitakamā**

Victory to Shiva, whose head is adorned with a crescent moon,  
who has the eye of fire, who destroyed the demon known as  
Pura, who dwells in the mountain, who is three-eyed, who is  
Lord of the gods, and who has conquered desire.

## **Barutihaḷu (Kannada)**

**barutihaḷu barutihaḷu tāyē kaḷī  
viśva janani tāyē viśva mātē**

Mother Kali is approaching! She is the Mother of the universe.

**puṭṭa hejjeyaniṭṭu paṭṭu sīreyanuṭṭu  
barutihaḷu barutihaḷu tāyē kaḷī  
kembu kunkuma biṭṭu cinna dōḍyāna toṭṭu  
barutihaḷu barutihaḷu tāyē kaḷī**

Mother Kali is approaching with dainty steps and wearing a silk sari. She is approaching with a saffron mark on Her forehead, wearing a golden girdle.

**ruṇḍa māleya dharasi caṇḍamuṇḍa samharisi  
barutihaḷu barutihaḷu tāyē kaḷi  
jagavanne manemaḍi manavanne guḍimaḍi  
barutihaḷu barutihaḷu tāyē kaḷi**

Mother Kali is approaching, wearing a garland of skulls, having annihilated demons Chanda and Munda. She is approaching, having made the whole universe Her abode and the mind Her shrine.

## **Belli beṭṭadoḍeya (Kannada)**

**belli beṭṭadoḍeya śivanu  
kubēranā geḷeyanivanu  
himavantana aḷiyanivanu  
bhaktajanara hṛdayanivanu**

O Shiva, Lord of the silver snowy mountains, friend of Kubera, son-in-law of the king of the Himalayas, heart of the devotees.

**om namah śivāya om namah śivāya  
om namah śivāya om namah śivāya**

Salutations to Lord Shiva!

**sutagaṇapati skanda sahita  
nandiśvara gaṇa sēvita  
bhuvanakkella oḍeyanīta  
maruḷanante tōruvāta**

Accompanied by Your sons Ganapati and Skanda, served by Nandishwara and other ganas, the Lord of the worlds pretends to be ordinary.

**bhaktara jīvanivanu**

**śaraṇajanara prāṇanivanu  
yōgijanara dhyēyanivanu  
prēmavāgi baruvanivanu**

He is the soul of devotees, the very life of saints, the goal of spiritual seekers. He comes as love.

**yatiyu mēṇ brahmacāri  
sādhu matte samsāri  
pārvati pati jagadādhārī  
carācarātma vihārī**

Sage and celibate, saint and family man, Parvati's husband, rescuer of the world, Self of all living and non-living beings.

## **Beyond the most beautiful words**

**beyond the most beautiful words in the world  
above the most glorious hymns ever heard  
too wonderful to be expressed with fine art,  
is our devi dayambike, queen of my heart**

**a writer whose mind is as clear as the heavens  
can easily find the right words for a scene  
words that will fail time and again,  
to tell of the wonder I feel  
when her silence and peace is revealed**

**a painter beholds endless colors in a rainbow,  
and easily finds the right yellow for the sun  
paintings will fail time and again  
to convey the beauty I see  
in her face that is formless and free**

a singer who holds all the knowledge of the ragas  
can easily choose the right one for the dawn  
melodies fail time and again  
to reach the most beautiful key  
one she holds for a door within me

## **Bhaktigē sōpāna (Kannada)**

**bhaktigē sōpāna harināmavu**  
**nija muktigē sādhana harināmavu**  
**ānanda koḍuvanta śubhanāmavu**

The name of Hari is a stepping-stone to devotion. It is a spiritual practice that leads to eternal liberation. The auspicious name bestows bliss.

**nintalle endare ānandavu – hari**  
**nintalle endare kaivalyavu**  
**ānanda koḍuvanta śubhanāmavu**

Chanting the name of Hari while standing gives bliss and liberation. The auspicious name bestows bliss.

**kuntalle endare santōṣavu – hari**  
**kuntalle endare akṣayavu**  
**ānanda koḍuvanta śubhanāmavu**

Chanting the name of Hari while sitting gives happiness and abundance. The auspicious name bestows bliss.

**hariyanu bhajisalu anavaratavu**  
**śāśvata sukhavu khaṇḍitavu**  
**ānanda koḍuvanta śubhanāmavu**

Chanting the name of Hari incessantly guarantees eternal happiness. The auspicious name bestows bliss.

**hari hari hari hari gōvindā**

**jaya hari jaya hari nārāyaṇā  
hari nārāyaṇā gōvindā  
jaya nārāyaṇā gōvindā**

Victory to Hari, Govinda, the protector of cows, and Narayana,  
the all-pervading One.

## **Bhuvanasundarī (Tamil)**

**bhuvanasundarī śankaran tuṇaiṇi  
ṣaṇmukhan vaṇankiṭum umayē – ammayē  
ṣaṇmukhan vaṇankiṭum umayē  
sahaja samādhi nilayē**

O Uma You are the beauty of the universe. You are the  
consort of Lord Shankara. You are worshipped by Lord  
Shanmukha, Your son. You are ever dwelling in a state of  
supreme bliss.

**tamarai kaṇkaḷ amaiti tarum – atu  
karuṇaiyinālē nīr tatumbum  
mānuṭa janmattin poruḷ vizhantāl nī  
bōdhippatellām atil tēliyum**

Your lotus like eyes bestow peace of mind. They are filled with  
crystalline tears because of Your exceeding compassion. If one  
desires to understand the meaning of human life, all that You  
teach will be shining in Your eyes.

**malayinai kuṭaintu vīṭamaippāl – anku  
katavinai tirantu varavērpāl  
tāyavaḷ namakkena kāttiruppāl – nam  
varukaiyinālē akam kuḷirvāl**

You abide in mountain caves, and keep the doors open so as to  
receive everyone. O Mother, You await our arrival at the door.  
You will feel exhilarated upon seeing us arrive.

kēśavan sōdarī gajamukhan ammai nī āpadbāndhavi  
anātharakṣaki bhārggavi saundari ambikai īśvari  
mugguṇa māyai nikkīṭum tāy nī tavattiru tēnmozhi  
muttamizh kalaiyē sattāna poruḷē ānanda bhairavi  
ammē ānanda bhairavi

You are the sister of Keshava and Mother of Gajamukha. You are the protector at all times, the savior of the destitute! You are the Mother that destroys the illusion of the three gunas. You are the exponent of the three arts, and the power behind everything. O Mother, You are the Goddess of bliss!

## Birhā ki in (Hindi)

birhā ki in havāvom me  
terā khoyā lal pukāre  
ungili thāmlecal ab janani  
jag kī bāzī me ham hāre

In this atmosphere heavy with the feeling of separation, Your long-lost child is calling You. O Mother! Now at least please hold my hand and lead me, as I feel completely defeated in this game of ‘world!’

mā kā ācal thām liyā hai  
rište nātom ko ṭukrāyā  
saccā ēk sahārā pākar  
jag mithyā hai samajh me āyā  
- samajh me āyā

Now that I am holding on to my Mother’s saree, I have done away with all worldly relations. Only upon finding a true support have I come to know the hollowness of this world!

pichle karm māne jalāye  
ab duṣkarm na hone pāye



**sevā bhakti prem kā var le  
jīvan apnā dhanya banāye  
- dhanya banāye**

Mother has burnt away all my earlier karma. Now let me be cautious not to create more bad karma. Let us all seek the blessings of service, devotion and love, thus making our lives blessed forever!

**durge durgatihārīṇi mātā  
sāsom kā har tār pukāre  
ghar vāpas ab lecal janani  
terā khoyā lāl pukāre  
- lāl pukāre**

O Mother Durga, You eliminate misery and pain. My each and every breath calls out to You aloud: 'It is enough now! Mother, Please take me back home! Your long-lost child is crying out to You!'

## **Callaga cūḍu (Telugu)**

**callaga cūḍu nī pillalamu  
nīvu tappa dikkevaru māku  
cintalu tīrci centaku cērcu  
cittamulo nī cintane nimpu**

Protect us. We are Your children. We have no other refuge than You. Allay our anxieties and draw us close to You. Fill our mind with remembrances of You.

**nī dayaleka dorakadu mārgam  
nī dīvena tō kalugunu mōkṣam**

Without Your compassion, we cannot find the path to spiritual liberation. Without Your blessings, we will not attain liberation.

**nī caraṇamulē śaraṇamu māku  
nī sannidhiyē pennidhi māku**

Your feet are our sole refuge. Your presence is our wealth.

**devi bhavānī sakalavēdarūpiṇī**

**devi śivānī dēvalōkapālīnī**

O Goddess Bhavani, embodiment of all the Vedas. O Goddess Shivani, Protector of the world of Gods.

**Candracūḍa (Telugu)**

**candracūḍa pādāmulaku praṇāmaṁ**

**śrīśailavāsunaḥ praṇāmaṁ**

**hara praṇāmaṁ praṇāmaṁ**

**śrīnīlakaṇṭhunaḥ praṇāmaṁ**

Salutations at the feet of Shiva, the One who wears the moon on His head. Salutations to the One who resides in Srisailem.  
Salutations to Hara. Salutations to He who has a blue throat!

**veṇṭi koṇḍalālō ānanda-nṛtyamāḍu**

**naṭarāja pādāmulaku praṇāmaṁ**

**rāmuni hṛdayamulō nityānīvāsi**

**rāmēśvara pādāmulaku praṇāmaṁ – ā**

**bhaktā-jana-sulabhunaḥ praṇāmaṁ**

Salutations at the feet of Nataraja who dances with ecstasy.  
Salutations to One who resides in the heart of Rama eternally.  
Salutations to the One who is easily attainable by devotees.

**hara praṇāmaṁ praṇāmaṁ praṇāmaṁ**

**praṇava-svarūpunaḥ praṇāmaṁ**

Salutations to Hara, salutations to the embodiment of Om!

**sarvāntar-ātmunaḥ kaivalya-dhāmunaḥ**

**ādyanta-rahitunaḥ praṇāmaṁ**

**praḷayānta-kālamulō bhīkara-tāṇḍavamāḍu**

**kālarudra-pādāmulaku praṇāmaṁ – ā**

**ādīpraṇava-rūpunaḥ praṇāmaṁ**

Salutations to the One who resides in everyone, to the One whose abode is liberation. Salutations to the One who is without beginning and end. Salutations at the feet of the One who dances fiercely during dissolution, salutations to the primordial One.

## **Cēnmilē (Hindi)**

**cēnmilē ārām milē  
śānti ōr viśrām milē  
vō hē mā kigōd vimal  
jahā bhaktōn kō prēm milē**

Our sweet Mother's lap is so soft. Her devotees find quietude, peace, and unconditional love there.

**snigdhasnēh apār milē  
karuṇā aparampārmilē  
vō hē mā kā hṛdayakamal  
jahā hari ōmkār milē**

Our sweet Mother's heart is like a lotus flower where Her devotees experience divine union and limitless compassion. In Her heart Lord Hari resides and the divine sound Om resounds.

**duḥkh dard santāp miṭē  
ādhivyādhi abhiśāp miṭē  
vō hē mā kā hṛdayacaman  
jahām kāṇṭō kā uttāp miṭē**

Our sweet Mother's heart is like a beautiful garden. Her presence removes curses, pain and suffering. In Her lap, grief-stricken hearts find inner peace.

**lōbh mōh sē trāṇ milē  
kāmkrōdh kō virām milē  
vō hē mā kā hṛdayagan  
jahā gangā kī dhār milē**

In our divine Mother's heart flows the holy river Ganga. In Her lap devotees find freedom from greed and material attachments. Mother's presence purifies the hearts of Her darling children by bringing an end to lust and anger.

## Cinna cinna kaṇṇā (Tamil)

cinna cinna kaṇṇā sinkāraḱaṇṇā  
cintaiyil kalandiṭum kārmēghavarṇṇā  
cinnañcīru itazhināle anpumozhi pēsavā  
sīraṭṭi pāraṭṭi paluṭṭi talāṭṭa ōḍi vā kaṇṇā

O little Kanna (Krishna), beautiful Kaṇṇā, Your dark-hued form merges into the mind. Utter a few loving words with those tender lips! Come running, O Kaṇṇā, so that we may cuddle and praise You, give You some milk, and sing You a lullaby.

yaśōdayin karampiḍittu taḷirnaḍai naḍantāy  
yārumariyā līlaisydu makkaḷai kāttāy  
yātumariyā siruppiḷḷayāy viḷaiyāḍināi  
yāḍavā mādhavā māyavā kṛṣṇā  
yāḍavā mādhavā māyavā manamōhana kṛṣṇā

You toddled, holding Yashoda's hand. Engaging in divine play without anyone's knowledge, You saved the people. You frolic like an innocent, little child. O Yadava, Madhava, who wields the power of illusion, You captivate the mind!

tunpam tarum asurarai māyaiyāl maittāy  
kurumpāle gōpiyarai anpuḍan īrttāy  
enna nī seydālum unnōḍu kōpamillaiyē  
ennavā mannavā cinnavā kṛṣṇā  
ennavā mannavā cinnavā śrī bālakṛṣṇā

With Your power of illusion, You destroyed the evil demons. And with Your loving mischief, You captivated the milkmaids'

hearts. No matter what You do, we can never get angry with You, O Lord, little One, child Krishna!

**piñjukālāl nañjutarum kālīyanai azhittāy  
añjaneñcil tañjamtandu ānandam aḷittāy  
inampuriyā makizhvaḷitta uravāṭināy  
anpane naṇpane āyanē kṛṣṇā  
anpane naṇpane āyanē gōvindakṛṣṇā**

With those tender feet, You stamped out the ego of the poisonous Kaliya snake. You bestow bliss that removes fear from the heart and that grants refuge. You forge a bond that confers indescribable bliss, O Companion, Friend, cowherd Krishna!

## **Cuṭṭri cuṭṭri (Tamil)**

**cuṭṭri cuṭṭri varukirēnē teriyalayō  
unnai cuttrum inda bālakanai ariyalayō  
pattri undan kāl piṭṭēn pārkkalayō  
unne pattrum endan mēl unakku parivillayō**

Mother, don't You know that Your child is going round and round You? Have You not seen me holding Your feet? Don't You have compassion towards this child who is surrendered to Your feet?

**ēnki ēnki azhukirēnē teriyalayō en  
ekkamadai nīkkitavum manamillayō  
tūnkāmal tavikkirēnē puriyalayō  
tūnkudal pōl naṭikkirāyē kanivillayō**

Don't You know that I'm longing and crying for You? Do You not intend to remove my suffering? Don't You understand that I am suffering, unable to sleep? You are pretending to sleep. Won't You have compassion towards me?

pārkka eṇṇi tuṭikkireṇē pārkkalayō  
pārkka maṭṭum undanukku manamillayō  
vākkadanāl azhaikkireṇē kēṭkkalayō en mēl  
vātsalya mazhai pozhiya manamillayō

Do You not see me longing to see You? You have time to see everything else. Do You not have the mind to see me? Don't You hear me calling out to You? Do you not want to shower Your motherly love upon me?

valaiyil vīzhā mīnuṇḍu vaiyagattil  
vāñcayilā tayumuṇḍō sēyiṭattil  
imaikākkā nilaiyuṇḍu kaṇṇiṭattil bhakti  
valayil varā daivamuṇḍō ivvulakil

In the world, fish are caught in nets. Is there any mother who is not caught in the net of their child's affection? It may come to be that the eyelid fails to protect the eye - but will any god be able to escape from the net of devotion?

ennammā cellammā ennai kaṇ pārammā  
kaṇṇammā ponnammā kaṇṇin kaṇ nīyammā

My Mother, dear Mother, please glance at me. Darling Mother, You are the eye of the eye.

**Ḍam ḍam ḍum ḍum ḍamarū bōle**

(Gujarati)

ḍam ḍam ḍum ḍum ḍamarū bōle  
har har har har mahādevā  
śiv śiv śiv śiv śivagaṇa bōle  
namah śivāya om namah śivāya

The damaru is chanting 'har har har har mahadeva' - in response the Shiva Ganas are chanting 'namah shivaya om namah shivaya'

nīla nīla ākāś bōle  
har har har har mahādevā  
garjjanā kartā mēgh bōle  
namaḥ śivāya om namaḥ śivāya

The blue sky chants 'har har har har mahadeva'. In response, the blue clouds roar 'namah shivaya om namah shivaya'.

sāgar nadī sarītā bōle  
har har har har mahādevā  
ghāṭ ghāṭ ne kinārā bōle  
namaḥ śivāya om namaḥ śivāya

The oceans, the rivers and streams chant 'har har har har mahadeva,' and all the coasts and banks chant 'namah shivaya om namah shivaya' in response.

dhartti van parvat bōle  
har har har har mahādevā  
vṛkṣa latā ne śikharo bōle  
namaḥ śivāya om namaḥ śivāya

The earth, the forests and the mountains chant 'har har har har mahadeva'. The trees, the creepers and the mountain tops chant 'namah shivaya om namah shivaya' in response.

ḍāl ḍāl par pankhī bōle  
har har har har mahādevā  
nṛtṭya karantā mōr bōle  
namaḥ śivāya om namaḥ śivāya

The birds on every branch chant 'har har har har mahadeva'. In response, the peacocks dance, chanting 'namah shivaya om'.

vāṇi vidyā vādyā bōle  
har har har har mahādevā  
sūr sangīt ne sār bōle  
namaḥ śivāya om namaḥ śivāya

Speech, knowledge and musical instruments chant ‘har har har har mahadeva’. All of music, every tune, and every essence chants ‘namah shivaya om namah shivaya’ in response.

**sādhū sant bairāgi bōle**  
**har har har har mahādevā**  
**tum ham sab milkar bōle**  
**namah śivāya om namah śivāya**

The sages, the saints and the renunciates chant ‘har har har har mahadeva’. Let us all chant ‘namah shivaya om namah shivaya’ in response!

## **Dānavāntakā rāmā (Kannada)**

**dānavāntakā rāmā**  
**dāśarathē raghu rāmā**  
**dīna dayālō rāmā**  
**dhīra vīra śrī rāmā**

O Rama, destroyer of demons, son of Daśaratha, and scion of the Raghu dynasty, You are compassionate to the fallen. You are wise and valorous.

**rāmā jaya jaya rāmā**  
**rāmā jānaki rāmā**  
**rāmā paṭṭabhi rāmā**  
**rāmā kōdaṇḍa rāmā**

Victory to Rama, consort of Janaki! You hold arrows, and are heir to the throne.

**prēmabhakti tā rāmā**  
**prārābdhava kaḷe rāmā**  
**pavana suta priyanē rāmā**  
**parama pāvanā rāmā**



O Rama, give me love and devotion, and remove my karmic burden. Beloved of Hanuman, You are of utmost purity.

**vairāgya taḷeso rāmā**

**viśva caitanya rāmā**

**vārija nayanā rāmā**

**vāmadēva sakha rāmā**

O Rama, who is the divine consciousness of the universe, give me dispassion. O lotus-eyed One, You are Lord Shiva's friend.

**niṣkāmi māḍo rāmā**

**nisvārthi māḍo rāmā**

**nirupama guṇanē rāmā**

**nityānandane rāmā**

O Rama, grant me freedom from desires and selflessness. O Lord of incomparable virtues, You are ever blissful.

## **Dayānidhiyē (Kannada)**

**dayānidhiyē kṛpāsāgaranē**

**pāṇḍuranga viṭṭhala jai pāṇḍuranga**

O treasure of compassion, Ocean of divine grace! Victory to Pāṇḍuranga and Viṭṭhala !

**bālyadalli mugdhate tārūṇyadi kāmāsaktatē**

**vṛddhāpyati rōga rujinatē matte sāvige siddhatē**

**intu vyarthadi jīvipa ī narajanmakēṇīḍu ninna**

**nāmasmaraṇē anavaratā acyutanē**

**viṭṭhala viṭṭhala jai jai viṭṭhala viṭṭhala**

Innocence in childhood, attachment to sensual pleasures in youth, illness in old age, and then preparation for death—if we live thus, life will be in vain. O Achyuta, bless me that I may always chant and remember Your name. Victory to Viṭṭhala!

mangana ī enna manasu yocisutā halavu holasu  
ninna mareyutā yēnē kārya māḍalēnu sogasu  
ēkāgratē mūḍhisi ḍṛḍha bhakti irisu  
prēma viśvāsa nīḍi namma munde naḍēsu

The mind, restless like the monkey, dwells on impure matters  
and thus forgets Your name. What then is the point of doing  
selfless service? Bestow on me concentration, firm devotion,  
love and faith, and thus show me the right path.

janma saphala jnāna nīḍi muktīpathada dāri tōri  
nirantara ninna bhajipa mati nīḍu mādhavanē  
sajjana sangavanittu nisvārtha sēvē gaiva  
samājakē sārthaka rīti pālisenna bandhuvē

To make my life blessed, please bestow wisdom on me and show  
me the path to liberation. O Madhava, bless me that I shall always  
sing Your praises. By associating with the holy and engaging in  
selfless service, may my life become beneficial to the world.

## Dayatoru hē kālikē (Kannada)

dayatoru hē kālikē karuṇāmayī kālikē  
anugrahakkāgi nā kādiruvē  
kṛpākāṭakṣa mātravē rakṣē

Be merciful, O compassionate Kalike! I am waiting for Your  
grace. Your merciful sidelong glance is my only protection.

centāvarē hū mogadavaḷe  
pādadaḍi śiva malagiruva  
nī ruṇḍamāleyā dharisiruvē  
vyōmakēśī nī mukaṇṇiyē  
dayatōru hē kālikē, karuṇāmayī kālikē

You have a beautiful red lotus-like face, and Shiva lies at Your  
feet as absolute pure consciousness in its inert form. You are

the manifested energy of potential creative power. You wear a garland of skulls and have the sky as Your hair, and You have three eyes.

kōpāgniyanu badigirisi  
kāppaḍu ninna makkaḷanu  
ā rudhira nālage oḷaseḷedū  
mandahāsa mātra bīrutta bā  
dayatōru hē kāḷikē, karuṇāmayī kāḷikē

Set aside Your fearful wrath - protect us, Your children! Pull in  
Your fierce tongue. Come showering only Your sweet smile on us!

## Dayayālē urukoṇḍu (Tamil)

dayayālē urukoṇḍu  
tān tōtri tāyē  
ātmāvin aṭayāḷam nī  
jīvarāsikaḷ yāvum  
paṇiyum karupporuḷ  
pārāṭṭa vākkētamma

O Mother, by mere will driven by compassion, You ever materialize Yourself in human form. You are the icon of the all-pervasive Atman. O Mother! You are the essence of the Self to whom all beings bow down in reverence. It is ineffable to praise Your greatness.

nī eṇṇi tān pinne  
tān eṇṇum jīvan  
tirumūlakāraṇiyē  
maraipporuḷē yugayugam  
avatāram seytāy  
viḷaiyāṭal arputamē

O Mother, source of everything! Each thought originates in You before coming to the jiva's mind (living being). You are the subtle supreme aspect (of the entire creation). You incarnate Yourself in all ages. Your divine play is really amazing!

**ariyātu pōnālum  
prapañcattil yārum  
tānāga tuṇai seyyum nī  
atarkāka aruḷayē  
uruvāka ēnti  
bhuvanattai idamākkum nī**

Even though the entire universe fails to know You, You voluntarily extend Your help to living beings. Taking a body that is none other than grace itself, You support them, soothing and consoling one and all.

## **Dēvādidevā (Telugu)**

**dēvādidevā ō mahādēvā  
nīvē śaraṇayyā darijērcavayyā**

O Lord of lords, O great Lord, we take refuge in You, take us to the goal.

**jangamadēvarā janimṛtināśakā  
maṅgaḷadāyakā amangalaḥārakā  
kāḷahastīśvarā kalimalanāśakā  
nīvē śaraṇayyā darijērcavayyā**

O Lord of the ascetics with matted hair and ash-marks over their bodies, destroyer of birth and death, giver of auspiciousness and destroyer of inauspiciousness! Lord of Kalahasti, destroyer of evils of Kali Yuga we take refuge in You, take us to the goal!

**rakṣimpavayyā darijērcavayyā nīvē śaraṇayyā**

Protect us, take us to the goal, we take refuge in You.

**bhūtagaṇanāthuḍā śavabhūmivāsuḍā  
praṇavākāruḍā nīpraḷayakāruḍā  
śrīśailavāsuḍā bhramarāmbanāthuḍā  
nīvē śaraṇayyā darijērcavayyā**

O Lord of ghouls (Shiva's companions), dweller of the cremation grounds, the form of the primordial sound, Om, the cause of dissolution. Lord of Srisaila, Lord of Goddess Bhramarambha, we take refuge in You, take us to the goal.

**duḥkhamayasāgaram dāṭimpavayyā  
nī nāmamepuḍu pāḍedamayyā  
ōm namaḥ śivāya śiva ōm namaḥ śivāya**

Take us across this ocean of misery, we sing Your name always, prostrations to Lord Shiva!

## **Dēvi dayākari (Kannada)**

**dēvi dayākari taye  
paripālaki pūraṇi mātē  
tūṣṭiyu nīnē puṣṭiyu nīnē  
annapūrṇēśvari taye**

Compassionate Mother Goddess, protecting and fulfilling mother! You are nourishing, You are nurturing! O Mother Goddess, Annapurneswari.

**jalanidhi battide bhavāgni suṭutide  
bēgeyā tāḷevu taye  
hasiranu uḷisu usiranu uḷisu  
karuṇeya tanbanu nīṭe**

Underground water sources have dried up, and the fire of worldliness is blazing. We cannot bear this heat, O Mother! Save the greenery, protect the air and breath. Give us Your compassionate, cooling relief!

anāvṛṣṭi undeṭe ativṛṣṭi bēreṭe  
ellellu hāhākārā

āśraya nīṭe sāntvana nīṭe  
bāramma bēgane tāyē

Heavy rains here, drought elsewhere, everywhere is in panic!  
Give us support, please give us comfort. Come quickly Mother!

durāse biṭiri atyāse tyajisi  
prakṛtīge vandisi makkale  
prēmāti porēvaḷu prakṛtiyu nammanu  
prakṛtiye pratyakṣa daiva

Give up greed and excessive desire. Children, show reverence  
to nature. Nature protects us with love. Nature is verily God's  
form revealed.

## Devī mahādevī (Hindi)

devī mahādevī  
kāḷī mahākāḷī

O Devi, supreme Goddess, O Kali, great Kali.

śyāme nāthe māye  
vānī gaurī lakṣmī  
bāle līle durge  
śakti devī kāḷī

O dark-hued One, Empress, great Illusion, Goddess of speech,  
auspicious One, Goddess of true wealth, youthful One, playful  
Mother, Mother Durga, supreme energy, Mother Kali.

vedye vidye hṛdye  
dhanye ramye punye  
satye śantye vandyē  
saumye rudre bhadre

You are the embodiment of the Vedas and supreme knowledge, blessed One, beautiful One, You are merit itself. Supreme truth, peaceful One, You are worshipped by all. You are gentle as well as fierce, O excellent One!

**devī tu mahākālī sāvale rang vālī tu sab kī mā  
pyārī mayyā tu māyā mē chip khelne vālī mōhinī  
śaradā kamalālayā durgā pārvatī sab tuhī he  
tere dās brahmā-hari-śiv dev dānav sāre jīv**

O Devi, Great Kali with a dark-complexion, You are the Mother of all. Darling Mother, You are the enchantress, hiding behind the veil of maya and playing with us. Goddesses Durga, Parvati, and Saraswati seated in the lotus - they are all You. You are served by Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva, all the host of gods and all living beings.

**mayyā tu līlāmāyī sārā viśv terī līlā janani  
tū sarvaloka rānī carācar tere me janm lete  
tū palan poṣan kartī duniyā kā naś bhī tūhī kartī  
kāl bhī terā svarūp sabhī-me-tū bastī he mātārānī**

O Mother, You are the Creator of all these lilas - indeed, this entire universe is Your play. O Queen of all the worlds, everything takes birth in You. You nourish the world, and are also the cause of its destruction. Time itself is also nothing but Your form. You reside in all, O Queen Mother.

## **Devī triloki (Hindi)**

**devī triloki men vyāp rahī tū  
khel anokhā rūp anek  
tū dhar mohan rūp sabhī par  
barsātī hai kṛpā aur neh**

Devi You are present in the three worlds. All these different forms are Your strange play. Assuming an attractive form, You shower Your blessings and love on everyone.

devī pyārī janani main  
terā śaraṇārtthī – mujhe  
denā tū sahārā  
sab piḍā har lenā

O dear eternal Mother Devi, I have taken refuge at Your feet.  
Please give me Your support and remove all my sorrows.

vaiṣṇavī devī ghaṭ ghaṭ vāsī  
kānti bharī hai sūrat terī  
ye duniyā hai tujhse hī rośan  
ghaṭ-ghaṭ main tum jyoti jagānā

Vaishnavi Devi, You are present in every form. Your face is always full of beauty and brightness. This world is illuminated by You. Please illumine all the forms with Your light from within also.

tū santoṣī kṣīr bhavānī  
vindhyānivāsini śailanandini  
tū kharvāhini śītālā dēvi  
tan man śītal karnī janani

O Santoshi, Mother of contentment, Bhavani, You dwell in the Vindhya Mountains and rejoice on the peaks. O Mother Seetala Devi, You cool down the body and mind of the afflicted.

jal thal agan samīr kārīṇī  
gagan sarīkhī sirmal rūpiṇī  
nirakh mane tū niraj locanī  
nit nav mangal modavarṣiṇī

You are the cause of water, earth, fire, and space. Your form is soft and vast like the sky. O Mother with eyes bright like the sun, You shower the bliss of eternal happiness.



**ma jai jai ma ma jai jai ma**

Victory to the divine Mother!

## **Dil me terī (Hindi)**

**dil me terī ās hai**

**darśan kī pyās hai**

**taras rahā hai yē man**

**aj bhakto ke sang khel holī kā rang**

**sāri duniyā ko apne hi rang me rangālo mā**

**jagadīśvari! prema ke rang me rali**

There is only one desire in my heart: to attain Your darshan. Please play holi with Your devotees and color the entire world with Your divine colors. O Goddess of the world, who revels in the colors of love!

**meri sun le araj banke mamtā baras**

**tere dāman me mujhko samāle**

**sāre jagse judā dekhū tujh me khudā**

**pyār bhakton kā tujhko bulāye**

Please listen to my prayer and shower Your compassion on me. Keep me tied to the end of Your sari, close to You. I see the world as different and see God in You. The love of the devotees is calling You.

**ye jīvan ḍagar hai muśkil magar**

**tere hātho ne hamko sambhāle**

**cāhe tujhse dulār āye bande hazār**

**tere āhaṭ ke vyākul hai sāre**

This path of life is extremely difficult, but your hands are here to protect me. There are thousands of people who crave to be dear to You. Everyone is just eager to hear Your voice.

## **Durge durgati (Hindi)**

**durge durgati harane dinodharane  
devi dayāmayi janani  
lalite līlā lole mātē  
manme basnevālī**

O Goddess Durga, remover of misfortune, uplifter of the down-trodden, Devi! Compassionate Mother, Goddess Lalita who revels in divine play! O Mother who resides in the mind!

**bhuvan racānevālī sārē  
bhuvan me rahnevālī  
duḥkh daridra miṭānevālī  
dīna janāvani janani**

O Creatrix of the world, You permeate the entire Universe! You are the Mother who alleviates sorrow, eradicates poverty and cares for the downtrodden.

**śakti traya mūrte bhakta priya citte  
tū he varalakṣmi nit terī jai gāve ham  
terī duniyā me tūhī he sab me basī**

You are the embodiment of shakti, the consciousness worshipped by the devotees. You are Lakshmi who bestows boons. We will always sing Your glories- You alone exist within Your whole creation!

**jai mā... jai jai mā... jai mā... mā... jai jai mā**

Victory to the divine Mother!

**satyavrata vandyē mukti prada haste  
kijē karuṇā tū vinatiyē sunlē mayyā  
mere dil me tū āve he devī mayyā**

O Mother, You are worshipped by the sage Satyavrata, and You grant liberation, please be compassionate! Hear this prayer and come into my heart, O divine Mother!

sāre jag ko tū var dettī mā  
sohe tavamūrttī hṛdayo me sab ke sadā  
nāce sab me tū śubhhyoti jagajāye mā

May Your divine form reside always in the hearts of all! You  
dance in all of creation. O Mother, may divine light dawn within!

## Ēkantatayuṭe āzham (Malayalam)

ēkantatayuṭe āzham tōrum  
vēdana ninnu miṭippū  
nīla kaṭalinuḷḷil tēngum  
pōya yugaṅgaḷ pōle, pōya yugaṅgaḷ pōle

Pain is pulsating in the depths of loneliness, like bygone ages,  
like bygone ages moaning in the depths of the blue ocean.

vannīṭaṇam hṛttil vannīṭaṇammē  
ammē ammē atmarūpiṇi

Come to my heart Mother, please come, Mother, my Mother  
who is none other than my own Self!

ēkāntatayuṭe gaganapathattil  
tārakaḷ ninnu tuṭippū  
nī pāṭumbōḷ kūṭe mūlum  
māmaka hṛdayam pōle, māmaka hṛdayam pōle

In the loneliness of the paths of the sky, stars keep pulsating, like  
my heart, like my heart that hums along with You as You sing!

ēkāntatayuṭe pāyilellām  
ninde mukham kaṇunnu  
ārō kaṇṇukaḷ tēki nanakkum  
pūjā puṣpam pōle, pūjā puṣpam pōle

In all the pathways of loneliness, I see Your face, like a flower  
nurtured by someone's tears, like a flower for worship.

## Ēlappulayēlō (Malayalam)

ēlappulayēlō ēlappulayēlō

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kalluṇḍē mulluṇḍē karimalayēṛi varunnuṇḍē

kāṭallē mēṭallē kālitu tellumariññillē

We didn't feel any pain in our legs while climbing up the mountain forest full of stones and thorns!

pon mala mēṭu kaṭannu patineṭṭu paṭi kaṭannu

ayyappa svāmiye kaṇān kāttin kāṛ ēraṇa pōle

When coming to see Lord Ayyappan, we cross the holy mountain and climb the eighteen steps- we feel like a cloud in the wind!

uḷḷale onnāke ottu śaraṇam viḷichāṭṭē

kayyāle meyyāle ellām marannu viḷichāṭṭē

Let us all chant 'Ayyappa sharanam' with complete devotion!

Let us chant 'Ayappa sharanam', forgetting our mind and body!

pēṭṭayil cuvaṭu vechu tāḷattil meyyuzhiññē

ārkkāṇa āṛppu kaṇḍā āzhittira ēraṇa pōle

Seeing the devotees dancing to the rhythm in 'petta', one is reminded of waves rising in the ocean.

kai tozhutu munnil ninnāl antimegha cintu pōle

ney viḷakkin nērariññāl neñcilennum dipa śōbha

Standing with devotion in front of the Lord feels like a cloud in the evening sky. Arati lamps fill my heart with divine light.

uḷḷariññu kaṇṇaṭachāl svāmi pādamuḷḷuṇarum

uḷḷunontu nām viḷichāl ayyanuḷḷilōṭiyettum

Standing with my eyes closed, I can see the Lord's holy feet in my heart. If You call the Lord with devotion, he will certainly come.

kāladōṣa kanmaṣangal nīkki-yennum kāttiṭunne

pambāvāsā ninde nāmam pārinennum puṇyapūram

O Lord, please remove all my obstacles and protect me all the time. Lord of Pamba River, Your name is a blessing for the world!

## **Ēlō ēlō (Malayalam)**

ēlō ēlō ēlelō ēlō ēlelō ēlelō  
ēlō ēlō ēlelō ēlō ēlelō ēlelō  
ādiyum antavum ētumezhāttoru  
ādi parāpara gaṇapatiyē  
nādam gītam rāgarasāmṛtam  
gānam aruluka ivanini nī

You are beyond beginning and end, You are the highest of the high, O Ganapati! Please bestow on me the nectar of music.

buddhiyum śaktiyum ottizha cērnnoru  
śakti ivanini nīyarulū  
śankara nandana akṣara hṛdayā  
jnānamēkuka ivanini nī

Please bless me with the combination of intellect and power,  
O son of Shiva, immortal heart!

vāraṇa vadanā vārija nayana  
nīyē varaṇam tuṇayatināy  
kadanam kadalikkulayāyaṭiyan  
vayppūyiviṭe aṭimalaril

O One with the elephant face and lotus eyes, please come, You are my only refuge. I take refuge at Your feet. Please remove my sorrows!

avilum malarum śarkkarayum itu  
vaypū hṛdayam nakkilayāy  
manassō uṭayum kēramatalē  
nilpū munnil guṇanidhiyē

We offer You parched rice and jaggery with all our heart. You have all the auspicious qualities!

**śankaranumayum arumukhanum nin  
tiruvuṭalanpilaṇaykkunnē  
dēvanmārum munijanavum nin  
tiruvuṭalullilaṇaykkun nē**

Lord Shiva and Parvati embrace You with affection. The gods and the sages reside in Your Self.

## **Enakkullē nīyum (Tamil)**

**enakkullē nīyum unakkullē nānum  
irukkinṭra pōdu iṭar enbatētu  
kaṇakillai ammā piṇakillai ammā  
kanivilum kanivē nī kāṇbadu niraivē**

O Mother, when You are in me, and I in You, how can there be sorrow? Mother, Your love is limitless, and You are free of enmity, for You behold fullness everywhere, O most merciful One.

**kaṇmūṭi unnai kāṇbadu dhyānam  
kaṇtirandetilum kāṇbaduvum dhyānam  
annilaiyil dhyānam seydiṭa munaindēn  
ammā unaittānē anaittilum ninaindēn**

Visualizing You with eyes closed is meditation. So, too, is seeing You everywhere with open eyes. As I strove to meditate in that state, I beheld only You everywhere.

**kaipiṭittu ennai kāl naṭatti senṭrāy  
kāl naṭandu vandēn kaiyaṇaittukkoṇḍāy  
un arulāltān nān unniṭattil vandēn  
enseyalāl ēdum āvatinkuṇḍō**

Holding my hands, You led me every step of the way. When I

stumbled, You caught hold of me. I came to You by Your grace alone. Can my mere effort achieve anything?

## **Enkirundu vandōm (Tamil)**

**enkirundu vandōm  
edai koṇḍu vandōm  
ematendru kūriṭavē  
edai izhandu ninḍrōm**

Where did we come from? What did we bring? What have we lost that we can say belonged to us?

**edanai iccittōm  
epporuḷil pattru vaittōm  
pārtannil kaṭṭuṇḍē  
paritavittu nirkkinṭrōm**

What did we desire? What did we have attachment towards? Bound by the objects of the world, we are suffering.

**kayirinaḥ pāmbenṭrōm  
kāṭci tanil āncukinṭrōm  
maṇ peṇ pon enṭru  
matimayanki vāzhukinṭrōm**

We mistook the rope for a snake and became afraid of its appearance. We are fascinated by wealth and physical pleasure.

**pirantiṭavittiṭṭōm  
irappinilē sikkunṭṭōm  
mummalamum nīkkiṭuvōm  
mukṭiyinai aṭaintiṭuvōm**

We sow the seed for birth, we are tied to the fear of death. Let us remove the ego, the sense of doership and illusion, and thus attain liberation.

## Engum annaiyun (Tamil)

engum annaiyun vaṭivām  
edilum annaiyun vaṭivām  
ponkum kaṭalilum pudunilavadilum  
pozhundiṭum un ezhil amudām...

Mother, Your form pervades everywhere. Your form pervades everything. The rising ocean and moon light shower Your nectarean beauty.

makkaḷin manam tanil oḷirvāy – nī  
makizhvuṭan vāzhndiṭa aruḷvāy  
kāṭṭrāy mazhaiyāy kanalāy nilamāy  
vānamumāy nī tikazhvāy

You shine in the hearts of Your children and bless them with a happy life. You manifest as breeze, rain, fire, earth and sky.

pārpukazh annai pādām tudittē  
pāriṭamellām pāṭiṭuvōmē

Let us sing everywhere the glory of Your lotus feet!

## En mannassiloru maunam (Tamil)

en manadil oru maunam  
maṇivaṇṇan varādadin maunam  
kaṇṇane kāṇādurugi urugiyen  
kaṇḡaḷil kaṇṇīr perugum  
ānirai mēyttu varādadō – kaṇṇan  
āzhtuyil nīnki ezhādadō  
kārmukil vaṇṇanai kāṇattuṭikkumen  
vāṭiya kōlam marandadō

pālveṇṇayum kiṭaikkādadō – piṇcu  
pādām iṭari vizhundadō



nin malaraṭigaḷil tēn nukara  
bhaktavaṇḍukaḷ mūṭi maraittadō

ēn vara tāmadaṁ innum – kaṇṇan  
ennai marandiruppānō  
kaṇṇā varugaṇī kārmukilvaṇṇā – en  
kaṇṇīr vizhigaḷin munṇē

## Ennadu yāvudammā (Kannada)

ennadu yāvudammā – tāyē  
anyaradyāvudammā?  
ellā saubhāgyavu ninadāgiralāgi –  
ennadu yāvudammā tāyē?

What is mine, O my Mother? What is others'? When all good  
fortune is Yours alone, what can be mine, O Mother?

aihika sukhabhōga bēḍuve nādare  
aitindriyavū ninninda vimukha  
aihika sukhabhōga iruvalli nī nilla  
endu nā aritu ēnanu bēḍali ?

If I ask for worldly pleasures, all five senses will turn away from  
You. Where there is only worldly pleasure, You are not there.  
Realizing this, what shall I beg of You?

ommana bēḍuve ondē mana bēḍuve  
ondare kṣaṇavū agaladiru  
ondē manadali ninnanu dhyānisi  
ondāgi hōguve ninnalli jagadamba

I beg for one-pointedness of mind. Do not leave me even for a  
second. Let me meditate upon You with one-pointed concen-  
tration, mother. Let me become one with You, O Mother of  
the world!

## Ennai nān maranda (Tamil)

ennai nān maranda vēlai  
unnaiyē ninaikka vēṇḍum  
unnai nān maranda pōdum  
ennil nī irukka vēṇḍum

When I forget myself, I should be thinking of You. Even if I forget You, You should remain with me.

kaṇṇil nī maṇiyumāvāy  
karuttinil oḷiyumāvāy  
uṇṇum poruḷ nīyumāvāy  
ulakattin tāyumāvāy  
enkenku sendrālum en vizhi kāṇbadu  
ammānin ponrūpamē

You are the pupil of my eye. You are the light of my thoughts.  
You are my nourishment, You are the Mother of the universe.  
O Mother, wherever I cast my eyes I see Your effulgent form

tāyāvāy makaḷumāvāy  
tānkiṭum tōzhiyāvāy  
anbirkku viḷakkamāvāy  
ammā nī anaittumāvāy  
enkenku sendrālum en vizhi kāṇbadu  
ammānin ponrūpamē

You are Mother, daughter and supportive friend, O embodiment of love, You are everything. O Mother, wherever I cast my eyes I see Your effulgent form.

## Ennō ennō (Telugu)

*sarva-svarūpē sarvēśē*  
*sarva-śakti samanvitē*

***bhayēbhyastrāhi nō dēvi***

***durgē dēvi namōstutē***

You exist in all forms. You possess all powers. O Devi, please protect us from all fears. Salutations to You, Goddess Durga!

***ennō ennō ennō rūpālu***

***upādulanni nīvēle nīvēle***

How many myriad forms there are! You are verily all of them.

***ennō dehālani meghālu – avi***

***kadile cidākāśam nīvēle***

***ennō bhāva-tarangālu – avi***

***pongē mano kaḍali nīvēle***

***ammā nīvēle antā nīvēle***

How many bodies move like clouds in the sky of consciousness!

How many emotional vibrations rise like waves in the ocean of the mind! O Mother, You are that! That You are!

***ennō jīvita-dṛśyālu – avi***

***kanabaḍe darpaṇam nīvēle***

***visvamantā unnadi nīvēle***

***nīvu nīvēle nēnika lēḍule***

***ammā nīvēle anta nīvēle***

How many scenes of life are reflected in the mirror that You are!

You pervade the entire universe. I, too, am You; and therefore, 'I' do not exist. O Mother, You are that! That You are!

***ammā nīvēle antā nīvēle***

***ambā nīvēle jagadambā nīvēle***

***ammā nīvēle antā nīvēle***

***ambā nīvēle jagadambā nīvēle***

O Mother, You are that. That You are. O Mother of the Universe, You are everything.

## En piravi muṭindiṭumō (Tamil)

en piravi muṭindiṭumō ammā – unai ariyāmal  
en jivan pirindiṭumō – un anbai parugāmal  
gangaiyin karaiyinilē dāhattil tavippaduvō  
karppaka nizhalinilē śōkattil tuṭippaduvō

O Mother, will my life end without my knowing You? Will my soul depart without my drinking the nectar of Your love? Is it right for me to feel the pangs of thirst while sitting on the banks of the Ganges? Is it right to grieve while sitting in the shade of the kalpaka (wish-fulfilling) tree?

poyyuruvai meyyuruvāy ittanai nāl eṇṇi vandēn  
meyyuravāy nī vandum mēnmayinai nānariyēn  
unniraṇḍu tālkaḷaiyē taṅcamena kolkkintṛēn  
enniraṇḍu kaipitṭu un vazhiyil naṭattiṭammā  
un vazhiyil naṭattiṭammā

All this time, I mistook false relationships for true ones. Though You came, the only true kin, I failed to understand Your glory. I took refuge at Your feet. O Mother, please take my hands in Yours so that I may walk in Your path.

nāṭkaḷum oṭiṭudē āṇḍukaḷum maraindiṭudē  
nānirukkum nilaiyeṇṇi nāḍiyellām taḷarndiṭutē  
ettanai pirappetuttu ilaittappin unai kaṇḍēn  
ippirappum tappiviṭṭāl eppirappil śaraṇaṭaivēn  
eppirappil śaraṇaṭaivēn

Days and years are passing. Thinking of my state, my body and mind are becoming fatigued. I have met You after many a tiresome birth. If this lifetime, too, is wasted, when will I ever take refuge with You? I must do it now.

## Ētayō tēṭi (Tamil)

etayō tēṭi alaintu inṭru unai tēṭukirēn  
kaṇmaṇiyē karuṇaimazhayē iruppiṭam tanai sol

All these years, I ran after worthless things. Today I look for the one who is full of compassion- please tell me where You live.

maunattil lakṣam pāṭhankaḷ tantāy  
purintatellām appōt  
sūzṇilai vantal ellām marantēn  
iggati toṭarntāl narggatiyuṇḍō ?

Through silence, You teach me millions of lessons, and I understand it all quite clearly, but when new situations arise, I forget it all. Is it possible for me to progress with such a mind?

pāpangaḷ janmangaḷāyi sumantēn  
inṭr tān bhāram eṇṭruṇarntēn  
dēhattil saṅcarittiṭumbōtē  
bhārattai irakkiṭa mārggam kāṭṭu

For all of my previous births, I have been carrying a load of sins; only today did I realize that they are nothing but burdens. Show me the way to unburden myself of this weight while in this present body.

## Ēttanai vēdanai (Tamil)

ettanai vēdanai unakku nān tantālum  
ittanai karuṇayō unakku enmēl  
vaḷayā neṅcattil ahankāram sumantēn  
kaṇḍu en ammakku vēdanayō – vēdanayō

Though I caused You great pain, You have so much compassion for me. In my brittle heart, I only held on to my ego. When You observed this, I caused You great pain.

īṭayūru kaṇḍu varunneccarittu  
tirukkaikaḷ iruka kōrttennai piṭittu  
kāttiṭum sumayai muzhuvatum ēttu  
enakkaka tāy paṭum pāṭṭai kaṇḍen

Cautioning me about the obstacles, You held me tightly in  
Your divine arms. I saw how much You suffered by accepting  
the total responsibility of protecting me.

uyarvāna cintai paṇikintra guṇamum  
taṇintiṭum idayam telivāna pārvai  
nōkkam mārātu ūkkankaḷ tantu  
enakkaka tāy paṭum pāṭṭai kaṇḍen

I see how much You strive to nurture noble thoughts in me  
such as having humility, a compassionate heart, and clear vision,  
without deviation, for my journey towards goal.

## Gajānanā he gajānanā (Tamil)

gajānanā he gajānanā  
gajānanā he gajavadanā

O Gajanana, elephant-faced Lord!

vezha mukhattu vināyakanē  
viḷanku sindūra vināyakanē  
aindu karankaḷ uṭayavanē  
ankuśa pāsam koṇḍavanē

O elephant-faced Lord, destroyer of our miseries! You wear  
kumkum, have five arms and bear the goad and the noose.

aimpula vēṭkai aṭakkiṭuvāy  
aṅcēl eṇṭrē kāttiṭuvāy  
allalakaḷ nīkki aruḷ taruvāy  
anbāl emmai āṇṭiṭuvāy

You keep our five senses in control. You show the mudra of fearlessness. You remove our worries and rule over us lovingly.

## **Gaṇanāthā he gaṇanāthā (Tamil)**

gaṇanāthā he gaṇanāthā  
gaurīnandana gaṇanāthā  
gaṇanāthā he gaṇanāthā  
gaurīnandana gaṇanāthā

O Ganesh, Lord of the Ganas, son of Parvati!

gaṇanāthā ena azhaittiṭuvōm  
kāriyankaḷ tamai tuvankiṭuvōm  
kālaṭiyil talai vaittiṭuvōm  
kavalaikaḷ yāvum venṭriṭuvōm

Let us pray to Ganesh, the remover of all obstacles, before we begin our activities. Let us surrender to His lotus feet and thus overcome all our difficulties.

ōmkāram un vaṭivamanṭrō  
ulakamellām atil aṭankumanṭrō  
āṇavam tannai akattriṭuvāy  
ānma oḷiyinai tandiṭuvāy

You are the embodiment of the sacred syllable Om, wherein the whole world is contained. O Lord, please remove our egos, thereby making us Self-realised.

## **Gaṇaṅgaḷin nāthā (Tamil)**

gaṇaṅgaḷin nāthā kaitozhutōm  
kavalaikaḷ tīrkka kaitozhutōm  
guṇaṅgaḷin adhīpā kaitozhutōm  
kuṭṭrankaḷ poruttiṭa kaitozhutōm

O Lord of divine beings, we worship You! We worship you, seeking an end to our worries. O Lord of all good things, we worship You! We worship You that You may forgive our bad actions!

**seyalkalai toṭankiṭa unai paṇivōm**  
**jayankaḷai aruḷi kurai kaḷaivāy**  
**uyyum vazhi tannai emakkuṇartta**  
**uvappuṭan unnai kaitozhutōm**

We surrender to You that You may give us strength to act. Grant us success in all that we do and correct our mistakes. Show us the correct path! We worship you with great sincerity.

**kavalaikaḷ ellām tīrttiṭuvāy**  
**kaṭum pakai tannai azhittiṭuvāy**  
**abalaikaḷ enkaḷai kattiṭave**  
**anbarin tuṇaivā vandiṭuvāy**

Remove all our worries, destroy the hatred that arises in our minds. O Savior of good people, please come and protect helpless ones like us!

**ādimudalvanai ānaimukhattanai**  
**aindkarattanai vaṇankiṭuvōm**  
**vēdamudalvanai jñānakozhundinai**  
**iruvinaḷ nīnkiṭa vaṇankiṭuvōm – nām**

You are the first leader, elephant-faced One. You have five arms, and are the first knower of the Vedas. Quintessence of all Knowledge! We worship You, that You may remove our bad karmas!

## **Gaṇapati guṇanidhi (Hindi)**

**gaṇapati guṇanidhi tērē**  
**guṇḡayak ham pyārē**  
**sab vidhi tū rakhvārē**  
**har lē duḥkh hamārē**



O Lord Ganapati, You are the protector of Your devotees. We sing Your glories; please remove our sorrows.

**gaṇapati karuṇā karnā tū  
guṇanidhi sab var dētā tū  
gajamukh mangal bharnā tū  
gaṇanāyak bhay harnā tū**

O Lord Ganapati, treasure-house of compassion, O Lord who bestows boons, fill our lives with auspiciousness and remove our fears.

**bahuvīdha kaṣṭh mē paḍkē  
din banē ham rōkē  
ab tū rakṣak bankē  
ājā gajmukh dōḍ kē**

We are in deep sorrows; we are helpless. O Lord Ganapati, we are crying. Please come running and free us from the burden of sorrows.

**sundar kajñara vadanā  
jana par karuṇā karnā  
muda mangal sab bharanā  
tū karuṇā kā jharanā**

O Lord, You speak beautifully and are the river of compassion. Grace us Your compassion and bring prosperity to our lives.

**giriajā nandan var dē  
pada vandana ham kartē  
tērā yaś jō gate  
unke bandhan miṭ tē**

O Lord Ganapati, son of Goddess Parvati, we worship Your lotus feet. We sing Your glories: please bless us that we may be freed from the bondage of worldly attachments.

## Gōkula bālā gōvindā (Malayalam)

gōkula bālā gōvindā  
gōkula pālā gōvindā  
gōpakumāra gōvindā  
gōvindā hari gōvindā

O boy of Gōkul (cowherd clan), Protector of cows and the  
cowherd clan, cowherd boy, O Vishnu!

vārmuṭiyil cārttiyatārī  
varṇṇappīli mayilppīli  
vākaccārttinu vannavarō  
vṛndāvanattile gōpikaḷō

Who adorned Your beautiful locks with the colorful, peacock  
feather? Was it those who came for the morning worship or  
the milkmaids of Vṛndāvan?

pūntānam nalkiyatallē  
ponnuṇṇikkīvanamāla  
mēlppattūr nalkiyatallē  
muktakamāla maṇimāla

Wasn't it Puntanam who offered You, O darling Kṛṣṇa, the  
garland of wild flowers? Wasn't it Melppattur who offered You  
a poem of free verse?

tirumadthuram nēdikkām  
tuḷasippūkkaḷ cūṭikkām  
tarumō tarumō kārvarṇṇā  
tāmarakkaiyyile tūveṇṇa

We shall offer You sweet pudding and tulasi (basil) flowers.  
O dark-hued One, won't You offer us some of the butter from  
Your lovely hands?

## Gopiyara usirē (Kannada)

**gopiyara usirē kṛṣṇa gōpālakṛṣṇa**  
**govarddhanadhara kṛṣṇa gītanāyaka kṛṣṇa**

The very life breath of the gopis, O Krishna, Gopala Krishna. The  
One who lifted the Govardhana Mountain, Lord of the Gita...

**yaśoda nandana kṛṣṇa yadukulatilakane kṛṣṇa**  
**yamunā taṭadī kṛṣṇa rāsavihāri kṛṣṇa**

Son of Yashoda, King of the Yadukulas, the One at the banks of  
the Yamuna. The One who revels in the Rasa (the divine dance).

**kṛṣṇā hare kṛṣṇā kṛṣṇā giridhara kṛṣṇā**

O Krishna, O Hari...

**sarōjanētrane kṛṣṇa ninnaya samayār kṛṣṇa**  
**varṇisalasadaḷa kṛṣṇa guṇasāgaranē kṛṣṇa**

Lotus-eyed Krishna, who can be equated with You? Krishna is  
beyond description, Krishna is the Ocean of divine qualities.

**kṛpārdra hṛdayane kṛṣṇa karuṇārasanē kṛṣṇa**  
**dāsara prāṇanē kṛṣṇa dāsara dāsanē kṛṣṇa**

Your heart is soaked in grace, You are compassion personified.  
You are the soul of Your servants, and You are also the servant  
of Your servants.

## Gōpiyarkaḷ (Tamil)

**gōpiyarkaḷ ellōrum gōpālan tanakkentṛē**  
**kōṇḍāṭi avan mukhattai pārttirundanan**  
**āyarpāḍi māyavanum āmām nān unakkentṛē**  
**anaivarukkum adaikkūri pūttirundanan**

Imagining Gopala to be theirs alone, the gopis gazed at him  
in celebration. With a mischievous smile, the rogue of Gokula  
reassured each one of them that he belonged to her alone.

pankiṭṭāl kuraivatillai pazhiyiṭṭāl veruppatillai  
kumbiṭṭāl maruppatillai kūppiṭṭāl viṭuvatillai  
vambiṭṭāl vazhiyumillai vazhakkiṭṭāl kiṭaippatillai  
nambiviṭa kēṭumillai avanaruḷa taṭaiyumillai

His love does not diminish when shared. He does not hate when blamed, and has no objection to being worshipped. He forsakes none who calls, and can never be annoyed. He is not attained by argument. Faith in Him removes difficulties. His grace flows without any hindrance.

paṣiyenbatavan ēkkam pālamudam avan ninaivu  
kasiyā manamenum kallinuḷḷum īram vaittān  
attanaiyum turanduviṭṭāl anaittum nam sondamentṭrān  
aṭiyēṭuttu vaittuvuṭṭāl avan namadu bandamentṭrān

Intense longing for him is hunger, thoughts of Him are nectar. He has filled even the hardest of hearts with the waters of tender love. He declares that one gains everything by total renunciation. He says that if we take even one step towards Him, He becomes our very own.

## Gōpiyarkaḷ uḷḷankaḷai (Tamil)

gōpiyarkaḷ uḷḷankaḷai koḷḷai koṇḍavā  
gōkulattiḷ oṭiyāṭi gōkkaḷ mēykkavā  
gōvindā gōpālā gōkuleśvarā  
kōṭiyinbam tandiṭuvāy kōdai nāyakā

O Thief who captivated the hearts of the gopis (milkmaids)!  
O Krishna who frolicked in Gokula as the cows grazed! Hey  
Govinda, Gopala, Lord of Gokula! Shower eternal bliss on  
us!

aṭippaṭi kaḷittiṭavē nīyum vārāyō  
āyarppaṭi āṇḍavanē ānandakkaṇṇā

**uttamanē pittanānēn un ninaivālē  
uṇṇavillai urankavillai un pirivālē**

Denizen of Gokula, blissful Krishna, come to dance and play with us. Supreme One, we have become crazed by thoughts of You. In our separation from You, we have forgotten food and sleep.

**edarkku inda poykkōpam enkaḷin nāthā  
ēn inda pāramukham vēnkaṭanāthā  
azhaippadanai niyum inṭru kēṭakka kūṭādō  
anbil tōynda idayam tanai ērkkakūṭādō**

O Krishna, why do You pretend to be angry with us? Why are You ignoring us, O Venkateswara? Won't You hear our calls? Won't You accept our hearts, steeped in love for You?

**nin nāmam ennālum enkaḷin vēdam  
nin ninaivē ennālum enkaḷin dhyanam  
niyinṭri vāṭiṭutē enkaḷin ullam  
nittiyanai vandituvāy nirmmalakaṇṇā**

O Krishna, Your name is scripture to us. Thoughts of You are our meditation. Without You our hearts are pining. Eternal and pure One, O Krishna, come running to us!

## **Gopiyarkoṇcum (Tamil)**

**gopiyarkoṇcum rādhaiyin kaṇṇā  
mālē maṇivaṇṇā  
kuvalayam keṇcum kuzhalisai kaṇṇā  
malarmakaḷ mannā maṇivaṇṇā**

O Krishna, darling of the gopis, beloved of Radha, emerald-hued One. Lord of Lakshmi, the whole world yearns to hear the mesmerizing music of Your flute.

**kaṇṇanai kaṇkaḷ kāṇavum vēṇḍum  
kaṇamum imaiyā kaṇkaḷē vēṇḍum**

Bless me so that my eyes never blink and are thus able to see  
You always.

**ennatān seyvēn edai nān taruvēn  
enadenbadēdu unadu tān ellām  
ennaiyē tandēn unai nān koṇḍēn  
ennilē uraiyum unai nān kaṇḍēn**

What can I do for You? What can I give to You? What is mine  
anyway? Everything is Yours. So, I offered myself to You. You  
gave Yourself to me. I then beheld You within me.

**vānamun siramē vaiyamun aṭiyē  
kānamun ezhilē kaṭalun niramē  
ennilum nīyē edilum nīyē  
uḷḷad yāvum nīyē nīyē**

The sky is Your head, and the earth Your feet. Nature is Your  
beauty, and the ocean, Your hue. You reside in me and in  
everything else. All that exists is nothing but You alone.

**gōkulakṛṣṇā gōvindakṛṣṇā  
gōpālakṛṣṇā rādhēśyām  
sanmayakṛṣṇā cinmayakṛṣṇā  
ānandakṛṣṇā rādhēśyām**

Krishna of Gokul, cowherd Krishna, protector of cows, beloved  
of Radha. You are existence, knowledge and bliss!

**Hanumat bal do (Hindi)**

**hanumat bal do bhagvān  
amar vīr hanumān**

**gun sāgar pehcān terā  
param śiṣya kā sthān**

O Lord Hanuman, give us strength! Immortal, valorous Hanuman, You are known as the ocean of virtues and the foremost amongst disciples.

**bhagvān, balvān, hanumān, terā gun gān**

Lord Hanuman, mighty One, we sing your glories!

**siyāvar rāmacandra kī jai!**

**pavan sut hanumān kī jai!**

**bolo bajrang balī kī jai!**

**bolo mahā dhīr vīr kī jai!**

Victory to Lord Rama, consort of Goddess Sita and son of the Wind-God! Victory to the One who is as powerful as thunder, as fast as lightning and foremost amongst the valorous!

**rām rām jo gāve tere**

**man ko vo bhāve**

**aisā var vo pāve**

**śraddhā amṛt pāve**

You are pleased by those who sing the divine name of Lord Rama. You bestow upon them the boon of awareness and the nectar of immortality.

**atulit bal kā dhām**

**kiñcit nahi abhimān**

**kar ye śakti pradān**

**dhṛḍh bhakti kā dān**

Abode of unparalleled power who has not even the least of pride! Bless us with strength and grant us unflinching devotion!

## Harē śankha cakra dhāri (Kannada)

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harē dēva kṛṣṇa

O Hari, bearing conch and disc, O Lord Krishna!

biḷigiri ranga kṛṣṇa

uṭupiya svāmi kṛṣṇa

guruvāyūra kṛṣṇa

nanna ninna celva kṛṣṇa

O Krishna in Biligiri as Ranga, the Lord in Udupi, Krishna of Guruvayur- he is the same Krishna dear to me and to you..

kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa gopi kṛṣṇa

kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa gopala kṛṣṇa

Krishna! O Gopikrishna, Gopalakrishna!

mīrābāyi bhajipa kṛṣṇa

rādhā dēvi smaripa kṛṣṇa

āṇḍaḷu sēvipa kṛṣṇa

ninna nanna canda kṛṣṇa

O Krishna, praised by Mirabai, and remembered by Radhadevi!

O Krishna, served by Andal- He is the same Krishna, dear to you and to me.

kanakana natha kṛṣṇa

sūradāsa kaṇḍa kṛṣṇa

narasi mehta nāpta kṛṣṇa

nammellara amṛta kṛṣṇa

O Krishna, worshipped by Kanakadas! O Krishna, seen by Surdas, the blind devotee! O Krishna, dear to Narsi! He is the same immortal Krishna dear to all of us.

namellara amṛta kṛṣṇa

snighdhāpānga lōla kṛṣṇa



**mandasmita vadana kṛṣṇa**

**citta cōra īśvara kṛṣṇa**

Immortal Krishna, dear to all of us, looks at us with love.  
Krishna has a smiling face, he is the Lord that steals our hearts.

**Hare tū hamārē (Hindi)**

**hare tū hamārē**

**hṛdaya kō curākē**

**virah kī agan mē**

**hame kyō jalātā**

O Lord Hari, You have stolen our hearts. Why do You burn  
us in the fire of separation?

**hare kṛṣṇa śaurē**

**vibhō viśvamūrttē**

**mukundā murārē**

**yaśōdā ke pyārē**

O Lord Krishna, Lord of the universe, destroyer of the demon  
Mura, You are the darling son of Yashoda.

**kabhī bānsurī mē**

**madhura tān chēṭakē**

**lubhātā tū hamkō**

**dars tō na dētā**

You enchant us by playing sweet music on Your divine flute,  
but You never show us Your divine form.

**niṭhūr hōkē dilse**

**madhur muskurātā**

**nacātā hē apanē**

**īśārē par sabkō**

You have become so uncaring, and yet You smile at us and  
make us dance at Your command.

nichāvar hē mādhav  
pagōm par ham cākar  
hamē tū na chōḍnā  
abhī āke milnā

O Madhava, this servant of Yours is an offering at Your lotus feet. Please do not leave us, come and grant us the vision of Your divine form.

## Harim śyāmavarṇam (Sanskrit)

harim śyāmavarṇam vidhum vārijākṣam  
mudā cārurūpam sadāmālyagātram  
priyam lokapālam atīndram mukundam  
vasum vaiṣṇavam viṣṇumādyam namāmi

I salute Vishnu the primordial One, treasure of the Vaishnavas. O Hari of dark complexion, You please all and You have lotus eyes. You are ever cheerful, Your form is beautiful, always adorned with garlands. Dear One, protector of the world, You are unfathomable to the sense organs. O Mukunda!

kare pāñcajanyaṁ tanau pītavastram  
mahāviśvarūpam mahāviṣṇudevam  
trayīpālanatham bhuvam pālayantam  
vasum vaiṣṇavam viṣṇumādyam namāmi

I salute Vishnu the primordial One, treasure of the Vaishnavas, who has the Panchajanya conch in His hand and wears a yellow garment. Your form is that of Vishwarupa, you are the great Lord Mahavishnu, protector of the three Vedas and protector of the Earth.

gale puṣṭhāraṁ sadā dhārayantam  
caturbāhurūpam hṛṣīkeśadevam  
samudre vasantam murārim mahendram  
vasum vaiṣṇavam viṣṇumādyam namāmi

I salute Vishnu the primordial One, treasure of the Vaishnavas, who always wears a garland of flowers on His neck. You have four arms and are Lord of the sense organs. You dwell in the milky ocean, and you are enemy to the demon Mura, O great Lord!

**anante śayānam jagadrakṣakam tam  
gadāśamkhacakram ca padmam dharantam  
sadānārādādiprapūjyam harīndram  
vasum vaiṣṇavam viṣṇumādyam namāmi**

I salute Vishnu the primordial One, treasure of the Vaishnavas, who reclines on the serpent Ananta. You are protector of the universe, bearing the mace, discus & lotus. You are always worshipped by Narada and others. You are the best among devas!

**jagadpālakam tam ramākāntadevam  
gurum śrīpatim divyavaikuṇṭhanātham  
daśākāradevam trilokādipālam  
vasum vaiṣṇavam viṣṇumādyam namāmi**

I salute Vishnu the primordial One, treasure of the Vaishnavas, who is the maintainer of the worlds and the Lord of Lakshmi! You are the Guru, the consort of Shree, and You dwell in Vaikuntha; You took ten forms, and You are the protector of the three worlds.

## **Harsut akhila (Hindi)**

**harsut akhila amangala har  
mud mangala dātā  
hāthī mukh hasmukh sundar  
candra mukuṭ vala**

O Lord Ganesh, Son of Shiva, You eliminate all inauspiciousness in the world and bestow auspiciousness. O Elephant-faced One, You have a beautiful smile and bear the crescent moon on Your crown!

**āgē badhe pagpag par bole vignarāj kī jai**  
**pāve vidyā vijay viśvame lāve śānti gaṇeś**

Moving ahead, chant at every step: “Victory to the Lord who removes obstacles! May we achieve success in our quest for knowledge!”. Lord Ganesh brings peace to the world.

**jai ekadant kī jai**  
**jai vakratūṇḍ kī jai**  
**jai vighnarāj kī jai**  
**jai divyarūp kī jai**

You have a single tusk and a big belly, victory to You! You are the destroyer of obstacles and have a divine form, victory to You!

**tume vandan śankar nandan sundar dantikāy vande**

We sing Your praises, son of Lord Shiva. We bow before the One with the beautiful tusk!

**kalmaṣ bhañjan kari vadana**  
**karma bandha hārī**  
**dhavala kalebar dharma niketan**  
**bhīma deh bhārī śrī gaṇeśa varadānī**

You eliminate impurities. You are the Elephant-faced One who removes the bondage of karma. Your complexion is white, Your body is mighty, and You are the Embodiment of Righteousness. O Lord Ganesh! You are the Bestower of Boons.

**vighna nivārak śvetāambaradhar**  
**tū antaryāmī**  
**bhagat janāvan gaṇapati śivsut**  
**ho prasann svāmī śrī gaṇeśa varadānī**

You eliminate all obstacles and are dressed in white. You are the indweller and the protector of devotees. O Lord of the Ganas, Son of Shiva, may You be pleased!

## **Hē mañjunāthā (Konkani)**

**hē mañjunāthā karttā praṇām  
kailāsavāsa karttā praṇām**

O Lord of the snowy mountains (Lord Shiva), I bow down to  
You. O One who resides on Mount Kailash, I bow down to You!

**vyāgrāmbara tū dhāraṇ kōrnu  
sarppā bharaṇāna śōbhita jhāvno  
vṛśabhava vahanāri savāri evnu  
jaṭājūṭadhara yōre dhāvun**

Covered with a tiger skin, adorned with a serpent, riding on  
the sacred bull, please come soon and elate the world!

**hē mañjunāthā kailāsavāsa  
hē mañjunāthā kailāsavāsa**

O Lord of the snowy mountains, residing on Mount Kailash!

**paśupati tū paramadayālu  
kaśśi sāgūre manāntle taḷamaḷ  
karttā smaraṇa sarvākālu  
dākkāyi karuṇa kōrṇuka vēlu**

Lord of animals, You are the kindest. How do I express my  
desperation to You? I remember You all the time. What is  
keeping You for so long?

**himaparvatā vairi ityatu baslā  
bhagutāle bhagutiku parvatu kirlā  
manamandirāntu baisūn paḷe  
daruśana mātrāna dhanyatī dhōḷe**

He resides on the peak of the Himalayas- those mountains have  
turned due to the sheer devotion of this devotee. Look into the  
temple of your soul, and your eyes are sanctified by the very  
sight of the Lord.

**jaya jaya śambho he mañjunāthā  
hē mañjunāthā kailāsavāsa**

Victory to You, O Lord Manjunatha!

**He śrīnivāsa (Kannada)**

**he śrīnivāsa he ṛṣikēśa  
karuṇadi pālisō hē pāṇḍuranga  
bhavasāgaradi bendu bendu nondenayya  
tande bandu salahayya śrī mukunda**

O Srinivasa, O Rishikesa (names of Vishnu), please take care of us with compassion, O Panduranga. I've been in pain, burning in the ocean of transmigration. Please come and console me, O Sri Mukunda!

**kāmakañcanagaḷige mōhitanāgi nā  
ninnanu stutisadē matihinanāde  
janmada lakṣyava tīḷiyade vyartthavāgi  
pāramārtthava toredu ninnane marete**

I have been disillusioned by desire and greed. I was foolish for not remembering You. Not knowing the goal of this life, I wasted it. I forgot You and lost sight of the ultimate goal

**hē śrīnivāsa hē ṛṣikēśa hē padmanābha hē pāṇḍuranga**

O Srinivasa, O Rishikesa, O Padmanabha, O Panduranga!

**mōhada baleylli siluki oddāḍide  
dāriya kāṇade baḷalide toḷalide  
nijavanu aritu śaraṇu bandihenīga  
tvaritadi kāyō hē pāṇḍuranga**

I lost my way getting caught in the net of desires. I lost sight of my path and suffered for it. Now I understand the truth and I have come in surrender to You. Please come and save me right away!

**viṭhala pāṇḍuranga viṭhala pāṇḍuranga**

O Vithala, Panduranga! (names of Lord Vishnu)

**Holi hai āyī (Hindi)**

*ye hai vraj ke holī holī holī*

*kāhā kī anokhī holī holī*

*āvo sab mil kānhā sang*

*khele ye holi nirālī*

This is the festival Holi of Vraj, this is the unique Holi of Krishna.

Let us all come together and play this exceptional Holi with Krishna!

**holi hai āyī rangīlī**

**nikli kānhā kī ṭoli**

**rādhā sang vraj khele āj**

**fāgun kī ye holī**

**holī... holī... holī... holī... hoy... hoy... hoy...**

Colourful Holi has come, Krishna's troupe has come out! Radha and the whole of Vraj are playing today - the festival Holi in the month of Phagun.

**yahān vahān gopiyān daude**

**āpas me rang vo fenke**

**hāthon me lekhe pichkārī**

**rang chīṭke giridhārī**

**holī... holī... holī... holī... hoy... hoy... hoy...**

Gopis ran here and there, throwing colours at each other. With piston in hand, Lord Giridhari sprayed colours.

**rang me ḍubāye kānhā**

**jo bhī āye vahān**

**khele aisa madhur holī**

**vraj vāsī hogaye rangīle**

holī... holī... holī... holī... hoy... hoy... hoy...

Krishna drenched everyone present in colour. They played such a sweet Holi that all the inhabitants of Vraj became colourful!

kānhā kyā rang jamāye

vraj me khuṣiyā chāyī

ānand se nāc uṭhe dekh ke

prabhu kī mastī bhārī holī

holī... holī... holī... holī... hoy... hoy... hoy...

Krishna made a colourful impact, the whole of Vraj rejoiced. All came to see the Lord's prank-filled Holi.

jaya rādhe rādhe rādhe rādhe śyām rādhe

govinda gopāla hari kṛṣṇa murāre

Victory to Radha and Shyam!

## Hṛdoye ācho mā tumi (Bengali)

hṛdoye ācho mā tumi

tobu pāina tomāre

ekī khelā tomār

kemone bujhibo, tumi nā bojhāle

Though You reside in my heart, I don't feel Your presence.  
How am I to understand Your game if You don't explain it to me?

kakhono dāo je dhorā

kakhono adhorā lūkāo chokote kotha?

keno je tumi omon karo mā?

a kemon dhārā tārā, a kemon dhārā?

Sometimes You are within reach and sometimes You hide, going out of bounds. What is this way of Yours, Mother Tara (Kali)?



**tārā tārā tāro tāro tāro mā**

O Tara, please rescue me!

**snehamoyi tumi karuṇāmoyi**

**tobe keno chalonā, niṭhūr chalonāmoyi?**

**śudhu tomār mojā ār amar śajā?**

**a kemon khela tārā, a kemon khela?**

You are full of love and compassion. Then why this cruel deception? You have all the fun and I get only punishment? What kind of game is this, Tara?

**ār keno karo chalonā?**

**tomār chele āmi ṣeṭā bhūlonā**

**tomāy āmi kobhu chāḍbonā**

**jatokhon nā tumi debe dhorā**

Why do You fool me? Don't forget, after all I am Your son. I'll not stop pursuing You until You come to me.

## **Illāmai enbatilum (Tamil)**

**illāmai enbatilum ullāḷ aval**

**illāmai āgavē illātaval**

**kallātavan anbōṭaizhaittalaval**

**nillātu parivōṭu selvāḷ aval**

She exists even in nothingness. So there is no nothingness for Her. Even if an unrefined person calls out to Her, She will run to help without delaying even one second.

**pollātavan pōttra mayankātaval**

**nallōruṭan avanai iṇaikkindraval**

**ariyāmai rōgattin marundānavāl**

**piravāmaikkuriya vazhi tānānavāl**

She will not fall prey to the flattery of a wicked man. She will instead connect him to the supreme soul in order to elevate him. She is the medicine for the disease of ignorance. She Herself becomes the sole way to escape the cycle of birth and death.

**arugāmayāl neñcil pularvāḷ aval  
tīmai viḷai seyalinai porukkātavaḷ  
tuvaṇḍu viṭum aṭiyārin balamānavaḷ  
akhaṇḍajapam seyvittu kanivaḷavaḷ**

By Her nearness, She will manifest herself in our hearts. She will not put up with any ill-wished actions. She is the source of support for the devotees who lose hope in their pursuits. She rejoices by inducing them to chant incessantly and bestows grace upon them.

**varaṇḍuviṭṭa idayattil nīrānavaḷ  
aruḷamudam tiraṇḍuvarum kāṭṭāravaḷ  
marayōtum periyōr mun nirppaḷavaḷ  
kurai kūruvōreyum sahippāḷavaḷ  
sirai iruntu viṭuvikka varuvāḷavaḷ  
ammā endrāl kural taruvaḷ aval**

She becomes water for those hearts in dryness. She is an abundantly flowing thunderous river of nectar. She will give heed to those souls who sing the hymns of the Vedas. She is absolutely unaffected by any criticism against Her. She will release one from the jail of material bondage. She will respond to the sincere calls of Her devotees.

## **Indu nammamma (Kannada)**

**indu nammamma na mūrige bandaḷu  
harṣada varṣava karedihaḷu**

Today my Mother has come to our town. She has brought down a rain of joy.

**makkaḷa kāṇalu tavakisī nannamma  
bēgane lōkava suttāṭi bandaḷu  
hōdalli bantalli muddina maḷegaredu  
duḷkhavu mithyavu entutā nuṭiḷu**

My Mother, eager to meet her children, travels all over the world at good speed. Wherever she goes she showers love and kisses, and tells us that sorrow is unreal.

**kaicācci baḷigenna seḷedukoṇḍihaḷu  
maṭilalī malagisī maidaṭa vidaḷu  
muddū maguvē bhayapaṭadirentu  
tabbimuddāṭi prasāda koṭṭaḷu**

She stretched out her hand and pulled me to Her. She put me in Her lap and patted my back. She told me, darling child, don't be afraid. She hugged me, kissed me and gave me prasād

**ībhavasāgara dāṭisu tāyē  
dīnaḷa imore keḷamma tāyē  
mōhakke bedaruve kapaṭakke hedaruve  
dāriya kāṇadē dikkeṭṭu aledihe**

O Mother, help me cross this ocean of worldliness. O Mother, please listen to this helpless one. I fear attachment and I fear deceit. I have lost my way and am wandering aimlessly.

**mithyava nīgū satyava tōrū  
kattale nīgū beḷakannu tōru  
mṛtyuva nīgū amṛtatva nīḍu  
lōkakke śānti nīḍu – tāyē  
samastake sukhava nīḍu tāyē**

Lead us from untruth to truth; From darkness to light; From death to immortality. May all beings in all the worlds be happy.

## Iniyoru janmam (Kannada version)

innondu janma nīḍadīru kṛṣṇa  
madamōha rāṭige dūḍadīru  
nīḍidare nina dāsānudāsiya  
janmava enage karuṇisayyā

nina nāma manadali sthiravāgali kṛṣṇa  
nina pādapatmā sadā beḷagali  
sakalava ninna pratibheyāgi kaṇḍu  
samaniladali mana sadā nillali  
kṛṣṇa karuṇānidhē  
karajōḍisi kaimugive

avaniyilupakāra pradavāgali janma  
avinaśa sukhadāna ennindāgali  
adakāgi janma nīḍuve yādare  
agaṇita narajanma enage nīḍu

## Inkē irukkum (Tamil)

inkē irukkum unnaikkāṇā alaikirārē śankarā  
enkēcenṭru etanai kāṇpār yārarivār śankarā  
ankē inkē alaintu ōṭi taḷarumvarai śankarā  
śankēseviṭan kātīlpōla muzhankiṭumē śankarā

O Shankara (Lord Shiva), You are right here but people are wandering to see You elsewhere. Where will they go and what will they see? No one knows. People wander here and there till they get exhausted, like a conch sounding before deaf ears.

āśaiyatan āttalālē tavaruseyvār śankarā  
arivin āttal kūṭumbōtu uṇarntiṭuvār śankarā

**uṇarntavarō varuntumbōtu tiruntiṭuvār śankarā  
tiruntiyavar unataruḷāl uyarntiṭuvār śankarā**

O Shankara, people make mistakes because of the power of their desires. They realize this when their knowledge increases. They change themselves when self-realized people repent their mistakes. Changed people will reach a high status by Your grace.

**tannil unnai kaṇḍukoḷḷa tavariyavar śankarā  
mattravarai tāzhtavarāy kaṇḍiṭuvār śankarā  
tannil unnai kaṇḍukoṇḍa uttamarō śankarā  
enkum etilum unnaikkaṇḍu vaṇankiṭuvār śankarā**

O Shankara, those who don't find You in themselves will see others as inferior. Great are those who find You within- they worship You in each and every thing.

**śankarā śiva śankarā śiva satguru nāthanē śankarā  
śankarā śiva śankarā tiru kailāsa nāthanē śankarā**

O Shankara, absolute One, Self-realized Master, Lord of Mount Kailash.

**Īrattē tūpanāru (Tulu)**

**īrattē tūpanāru amma īrattē kāpunāru  
sakala jīva rāśiga ādhārō īrē  
nambudulḷe amma īrēnu pādonē  
śuddha bhakti kōrdū kapulemma dēvi**

O Mother, aren't You the one who protects and looks after me? You are the sole support of all beings. Goddess, You are my sole refuge. Bestow on me pure devotion and save me.

**dinja duṇḍu uḍuluḍu duhkha duriṭōlu  
enka enna panpi malla svārtthōlu  
parōpakāra malpare manasa kōrpadu  
kanalē namana badukugu śānti saukhyonu**

Owing to selfish and egoistic thoughts, my heart has become filled with sorrow and strife. Give me a mind that yearns to help others. Thus, fill my life with peace and well-being.

**janmōletu yānu nashta malte ammā**

**īreṇa pāda smaraṇē malpande**

**sampattu sambandhō ḍālu kēnujamma dēvi**

**nijala kanala smaraṇē kōrdu kāpulēmma dēvi**

I have wasted many lives because I neither remembered You constantly nor surrendered at Your feet. I do not desire wealth or good relationships. Bless me that I may remember You while awake and when dreaming, and in this way redeem me!

## **Iyarkaiyammā (Tamil)**

**iyarkaiyammā iyarkaiyammā**

**enkaḷiṭam irakkam koḷvāy**

**uyirkaḷellām vāṭudammā un kōpam taṇindiṭuvāy**

**erimalaiyāy kodikkinṭṛāy veḷḷamāga azhikkinṭṛāy**

**puyalāga aṭikkinṭṛāy bhūkambamāy veṭikkinṭṛāy**

O Mother Nature, please have mercy on us. The earthly creatures are suffering. O Mother, may Your rage be appeased. Volcanoes are exploding, floods are swelling, cyclones are raging, and earthquakes are striking.

**eṭuppadpōl koṭuppadu tān ivvulakin niyatiyanṭrō**

**eṭuttukkoṇṭē irunduvittōm koṭuppadarkku marandvittōm**

**unnarumai marandvittu tannalamāy irundatināl**

**unporumai maraindviṭa maṇṇulakam tavikkudammā**

Although it is nature's law that one should give as much as one takes, we have forgotten Your sublime ways, and have been taking without giving. Seeing this, You have lost Your patience, making us tremble in fear.

pālūṭṭi aṇaittavaḷē kainīṭṭi aṭippaduvō  
sōrūṭṭi vaḷarttavaḷē tīmūṭṭi erippaduvō  
uḷḷattil valiyrundāl unniṭattil uraittiṭuvōm  
unnalē valiyenṭrāl yariṭattil muraiyiṭuvōm

Will a mother who has breastfed her baby punish the child?  
Will a mother who has nourished her child prepare the funeral  
pyre for her child? When difficulties arise, we take refuge in  
You. But if You punish us, where else can we find refuge?

un sēvai seydiṭuvōm unaivaṇanki vāzhndiṭuvōm  
munṇōrkal sonnavazhi ennaḷum naṇandiṭuvōm  
tattalikkum kuzhandaikaḷai dayaikoṇḍu kāttiṭammā  
tavarizhaikkum makkaḷuṇḍu dayayillā tāyumuṇḍō

We will adore and save You. Henceforth, we will follow the  
wisdom of our ancestors. Save Your children who are in the  
throes of suffering! There may be children who err. But can  
there be a mother without compassion?

jagajjananī kaitozhutōm jaganmātē kāttiṭammā

Mother of the world, our prostrations to You! Mother of all,  
protect us!

## Jagajjananī (Marathi)

jagajjananī ambā bhavanī ālō mī darśnālā  
vāṭ pāhū kitī ambā darśan dē tū malā

O universal Mother, we have come for Your darshan. We have  
been waiting for You since so many days. O Bhavani, please  
give us Your darshan.

andhārātun rastā chuklā jhālō bejār  
ṭēch laglī tarihī nahi sōḍu nirdhar  
pāy śiṅlē cāl cālunī ālō tujhiyā dāri  
vyākul jhālā jīv ambā kṛpā karī majhvarī

I had lost my path in darkness. Even though there are difficulties, I am not shattered by them. My feet are becoming feeble. Still, I have come to see Mother. My heart is in pain. Please shower Your blessings.

**phulē bhaktīchi nirmaḷ arpaṇ tujhiyā charṇī**  
**jyōt dōlyānchī ambābāī ōvālū aratī**  
**besūr mājhī vāṇī tarī gāvūn tujhīch gāṇī**  
**ambē bhavānī mahān mahimā pāvan kar tū malā**

I have pure love for You. I am offering that love as flowers at Your feet. I offer arati to You with the lamps of my eyes. Though I don't know to sing, I still sing Your glories. O Mother, I heard of Your greatness. Please shower Your blessings!

## **Jai jai rāma (Kannada)**

**jai jai rāma sannuta nāma**  
**jānaki jīvana vandanam**  
**kuśalavatāta kuśalapradāta**  
**daśaratha putrasu vandanam**

Victory to Rama of praiseworthy name, the very life of Janaki. Prostrations to the father of Kusha and Lava, the son of Dasharatha, the one who makes action skillful.

**raghupati rāghava rāja rām**  
**patita pāvana sīta rām**

Hail King Rama, Lord of the Raghu dynasty, who uplifts the downtrodden, and who is Sita's consort!

**lōka bhayankara rākṣasa mardana**  
**lōka śubhākara vandanam**  
**karuna samudra suranara vandita**  
**carana sarōjake vandanam**



Salutations to Rama, the demon slayer feared by the world, and who lends auspiciousness to the world. Prostrations at the lotus feet of Rama, who is an ocean of compassion and whom the celestials and humans worship.

**ayōdhyavāsi ahalyōdhāraka  
vānara sēvita vandanam  
mangalānga hē ananga pālaka  
tunga vikrama vandanam**

Salutations to Rama, citizen of Ayodhya, who liberated Ahalya, and whom the vanaras (monkeys) serve. Prostrations to the auspicious-limbed Rama, who protects the God of love and is of immense valor.

**raghupati rāghava rāja rām  
patita pāvana sīta rām  
jai jai rām sīta rām  
jai jai rām sīta rām**

Hail king Rama, Lord of the Raghu dynasty, who uplifts the downtrodden, and who is Sita's consort! Victory to Lord Rama and Goddess Sita!

## **Jamuna kināre (Hindi)**

**jamuna kināre muraḷi bajāne  
madhuban me nit rās racāne  
gopī ghar navanīt curāne  
giri kānan me dhenu carāne**

To play the flute on the banks of the Yamuna river, to blissfully dance in the gardens, to steal butter from the house of the gopis, to feed the cattle on his mountain...

**navghan nīla kaḷabar aya  
vṛndāvan kā pyārā**

**kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa**  
**kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa**

...the dear One of Vrindavan with a dark blue complexion has come! O Krishna.

**āyā sāvrā, pyārā sāvrā**  
**ayā pās bajāyā bāsuri**

Playing the flute, the dear dark One has come close to us.

**māyā me nij rūp chipāke**  
**nitnit navnav līlā karne**  
**mere dilme jyoti jagāne**  
**gokul me to śor macāne**

Concealing His true form behind the veil of illusion, performing new lilas again and again. to awaken the light in my heart, and create a commotion in Gokul.

**madhurhasī se sabko lubhāne**  
**muh me sārā viśv dikhāne**  
**braj jan manme madhubarsāne**  
**govardhan giri karme lene**

To endear everyone with His sweet smile, and show the entire cosmos in His mouth. Showering bliss in the minds of the people of Vraj, lifting the mountain with His hand.

## **Janmāntarapathikan (Malayalam)**

**janmāntarapathikan ñān tēṭiṭum**  
**ambikē nin caraṇam**  
**janma marīcikayām kanavakalān**  
**nin kṛpa tān śaraṇam**

I'm a pilgrim travelling through many a birth in search of You.  
Your flowing grace is my sole refuge, please make this mirage

of births dissolve.

**sankaṭamōcinī nin kaṭamizhitan  
amṛtoḷi puraḷānāy  
ulḱkaṭa mōhamatonnuṇḱennil  
ulḱkaṭalāyenum**

O Mother, remover of all sorrows, within me lies an ocean of hope. The hope of being engulfed at least for once by the splendor of Your glance.

**ennile nānākē ninnilaliññiṭaṇē  
en matitēḷiyan anpoḷi paṭarān  
amma kaniññiṭaṇē – ennum  
amma kaniññiṭaṇē**

Let the 'I' in me become merged completely with Your Self. Be kind, and make my mind so pure that the light of Your love will shine through.

**nīrava nīsatān vīthiyilalayum  
oru virahārtta vilāpam  
priya jana caraṇadhvanitēṭiṭum  
vijana vimūka vihāram**

I am just a smothered cry that roams the streets of silent nights. An empty home - listening out to hear the familiar steps of someone dear.

**viṇṭala śobhini nī  
mṛṇmaya bhājika nān  
nin mṛduhāsa nilā mazha pozhiyān  
amma kaniññiṭaṇē – ennum  
amma kaniññiṭaṇē**

You shine so bright in the night so high. Me, down here - mere earthenware. Shower Your grace and fill me with the cool beams of Your gentle smile.

## Japo re (Hindi)

japo re japo re japo re japo  
rām kā nām japo  
subah ke vakt japo  
aur har śyām japo

Chant, chant, chant the name of Ram! Chant it in the day and  
chant it in the night!

rām nām japune se  
hote hai kaṣṭ dūr sabhī  
rām nām japune se dil  
ko mile surūr sabhī  
rām jī kā nām japo  
subah aur śyām japo

Chanting Ram's names expels sorrow, chanting his name gives  
peace of mind. Chant his name day and night!

rām nām aisā he jiskī  
na koyī kīmat hai  
rām nām esā hai jo  
khud hī ek dōlat hai  
rām jī kā nām japo  
subah aur śyām japo

Ram's name is such that it cannot be equaled in value, His  
name is itself the biggest wealth. Chant His name day and night!

rām kā nām japo  
rām rām rām rām rām kā nām japo

Chant Ram's name!

## Jaya jaya hō! (Telugu)

jaya jaya hō! śrī mātā!

**sṛṣṭi-sthiti-laya-kāriṇi jōta!**

Hail, hail, O divine Mother! Salutations to the creator, maintainer and destroyer of the universe, hail!

**nī sankalpamē praṇava nādamai**

**sṛṣṭiki ūpiri ūdinadā!**

**pracānda tējamē bhānukōtiyai**

**rōdasi kāntula merasinadā!**

Your resolve resonates as the sound ‘aum’, creating the universe. Your astounding brightness radiates more brilliantly than millions of suns illuminating the cosmos. Hail!

**apāra prēmāyē amṛta dhārayai**

**pālapuntalālō ponginadā!**

**mūrtibhavincina mātṛ prēmāyē**

**avanī mātaga velasinadā!**

Your unlimited divine love, transformed as nectar, overflows throughout the Milky Way. Mother Earth is an embodiment of Your motherly love. Hail!

**avyāja karuṇē ambu rāśiyai**

**kṛpā sindhuvula ninpinadā!**

**caitanya diptiyē pavana vīcikai**

**prāṇikōti prabhavincinadā!**

Your unconditional kindness is like a huge ocean of grace. The brilliance of Your cosmic consciousness has become the wind, giving birth to billions of beings. Hail!

**kanureppa pāṭuna kālayavanika!**

**śṛuti laya vinyāsa viśva vēdika!**

**ānanda tāndava ṇṛtya kēlika!**

**andapinda brahmānda prahēlika!**

The wink of Your eye becomes the curtain of time. The Universe, vibrating with divine musical harmony and cosmic

rhythm, forms a dais upon which Your eternal dance of bliss is the sacred play. Your maya creates the mirthful magic of the magnificent Universe with all its splendid beings. Hail!

## **Jaya jaya rāma jānaki rāma (Kannada)**

**jaya jaya rāma jānaki rāma  
mēghaśyāma raghukula sōma**

Hail to You O Rama, dark as clouds, moon of the Raghu clan.

**āgali ennaya hṛdaya rāma  
nitya ninnaya prēma dhāma  
dēha vīṇeya mīṭalu rāma  
mūḍali sumadhura tārakanāma**

May my heart become Your abode of love for ever. When the veena of my being is played, may Your saving name be the only sound emerging from it!

**rāma ennalu gadgata svaravu  
hṛdayadi bhaktiya bhāvada honalu  
nayanadi prēmada mēghada maḷeyu  
bārade ā dina karuṇārāma**

O Rama, my throat chokes when I utter Your name. A torrent of devotional fervour shall spring forth from my heart, and rains from clouds of love will pour from my eyes- will a day such as this not come, O compassionate Rama?

**janamana rañjaka jagadabhirāma  
janimṛti nāśaka jayajaya rāma  
bhaktajana prāṇadhana rājārāma  
ānandarūpanē atmārāma**

You are the Lord who keeps all the beings in the world happy. O Rama hail to You, destroyer of birth and death! You are the most precious treasure of the devotees. O Rama who reposes in the supreme, You are the embodiment of bliss.

## Jaya māt bhavāni (Sanskrit)

*bhaktim dadātu me premam dadātu me  
viśvāsam dadtvā mama rakṣām karotu jagadambā*

Please give me devotion, please give me love, O Mother of the universe, protect me by bestowing faith.

**jaya māt bhavāni namāmi śive  
śivaśankari śāmbhavi pāhi rame  
praṇamāmi śubhankari śrī laḷite  
jaya he asurāri mahēśa priye**

Victory to Mother Bhavani, I bow down to the auspicious one. Protect me Mother, Shankari, consort of Shiva. I bow down to Sri Lalita who bestows auspiciousness. Victory to the divine One who is averse to negativity

**amṛteśvari śrīkari pālayamām  
śaraṇāgata pālaya śrī amṛte**

O eternal Goddess who bestows prosperity, please protect me. Divine and immortal One, please protect us who have taken refuge in You!

**jaya he tripureśi maheśi ume  
varadātri nirantari muktiprade  
manamohini kṣīrapayodhi sute  
amṛteśvari śrīkari pālayamām**

Bestower of boons, eternal one who grants liberation. I bow down to the One who captivates the mind and has manifested from the milky ocean.

**bhuvaneśi kṛpākari haimavati  
paśupāśavimocini mantramayi  
bhavasāgaratāriṇi śrī janani  
amṛteśvari śrīkari pālayamām**

O Parvati! Goddess of the universe, compassionate one who releases from worldly bondages. You are the form of the mantra. O divine Mother, You take us across the ocean of transmigration.

**hṛdayeśvari bhairavi bhāvaghane  
śivaśakti svarūpiṇi prāṇadhane  
sachidānandarūpiṇi bhaktipriye  
amṛteśvari śrikari pālayamām**

O Bhairavi, Goddess of my heart, You are adept in divine manifestation. You are of the form of Shiva and Shakti, and the wealth of life-force. Your form is existence, knowledge and bliss, and You are fond of devotion.

## **Jhala jhalavena (Tamil)**

***anbu vaṭivānaḷ annaiyaḷ varukirāḷ  
akilattil vizhākkōlam annai makkaḷin porkkālam  
amudamazhayāy avaniyil ānandamē pozhiya  
ādiśakti bhuvanattil bavani varukirāḷ***

That embodiment of love, the divine Mother, is coming! It is a universal festival, the golden age for the children of the divine Mother. The Goddess of supreme power is coming, leading a procession to shower the nectar of bliss over the entire universe.

**jhala jhalavena salankai kulunka  
kalakalavena sirittukkoṇḍu  
palapalapala līlai purintu bavani varukirāḷ  
amma bavani varukirāḷ**

Mother is leading the procession, anklets jingling. She is laughing, and performing many, many lilas!

**om śakti paraśakti om śakti mahāśakti  
akilattai aravaṇaittiṭa bavani varukirāḷ**



**ammā bavani varukirāl**

The essence of Om, the ultimate power of the universe, is coming in a procession to embrace the world!

**kālī mahakālī devī parāśaktī**

Divine Mother Kali, supreme power of the universe!

**arttamillā vārttaikaḷai arttamullātakkivaittu**

**arttamilla siruvāzhvil anpatanai tantarūḷi**

**arttamuṭanē vāzhavaippāl anbunāyakī**

**akilalōka rakṣakiye jagadīśvarī**

Filling empty words with significance, blessing our short, aimless lives with love, the Goddess of love, protector of all the worlds, the Queen of the universe, will make our lives meaningful.

**dēhamēgam sūzhntālum ātmasūrya olivīśum**

**ēkaśakti katiravanām parāśaktiyē**

**katiravanai tilakamākki tarittukkoṇḍavaḷē**

**kātaṇiyai veṇṇilāvāy māttri vaittavaḷē**

Although we are surrounded by the dark clouds of body-consciousness, You come as the sun that showers us with the rays of consciousness. O Mother! You wore the sun as the tilakam mark on Your forehead and made Your earrings shine like the moon.

**manamenum pū malarkiratu tēnenum bakti niraikiratu**

**manakōvilil niraintiṭa devī varukirāl**

**kaliyukattin iruḷ maraya aruḷ vēṇḍumē**

**kalidōṣam nīkka jñāna mazhai vēṇḍumē**

The flower of the mind opens, and is filled with the honey of devotion. Devi is coming to reside in the temple of the mind. We need Her grace to remove the darkness of the Kali Yuga. We need the divine shower of self knowledge to remove the evils of Kali Yuga.

## Jñānakaṭaltannai (Tamil)

jñānakaṭaltannai mīn aḷakkalāmā  
aḷakkintra potu sirikkintrāy tāyē  
mīn sintum kaṇṇīrkkaṭal sērumō  
sirumīnin kaṇṇīrkku vazhi sollumō?

Can an ignorant fish measure the depth of the ocean of knowledge? If it tries at all, O Devi, You laugh at its attempts. Will the tears of this fish reach the ocean? Will Devi, knowledge personified, offer a solution?

unnai tēti aṭaya uḷ nōkkumbōtu  
alaimōtum eṇṇankaḷ taṭam mātrakkūṭum  
īrkintra śaktivaṭivāna amma  
varaveṇḍum varaveṇḍum nizhalāka dēvi

As I wander in search of You, unwanted thoughts may come and distract me, pulling me in another direction. O She who attracts the masses! Come and stay with me like a protective shadow.

uyirōṭu uyirāka kalantiruppāyē  
kaikūppi siram tāzhta kaṇ pārppāyē  
sodanaikaḷ tantu āzham pārkintrāy  
padam pārttu nal bhakti nalkukintrāy

When I bow in reverence, remaining as one with the Soul, You glance at me with love and compassion. To check the intensity of my search, You test me in different ways, and then grant me pure bhakti.

## Kab āye gā (Hindi)

kab āye gā vō din prabhuji  
chabi tērī dēkh pāvū me  
param prēm kē gangā jal me  
har pal nahavūm me

O Lord, when will that day come when I will see Your image? When I will bathe every moment in the holy Ganges water of eternal love?

**tēre vacanō kō suntē prabhujī  
bhāv vibhōr hō jāvūn me  
man mandir kē vṛndāvan me  
divya rās racāvūn me**

O Lord, when will I be overcome with love while listening to Your words? When will I perform the diving dance in the Vrindavan of my mind?

**ahankār kī ghōr pakad se  
mukt hō jāvūn me  
tēre hāthō me basūm prabhujī  
tērī bānsuri ban jāvūm me**

When will I be free from the strong hold of the ego? It will come to be when, in Your hands, I become Your flute.

**prēm kā ras pān karke  
prēm hī ban jāvūn me  
sāgar me jese saritā mile  
tujh me ghulmil jāvūn me**

Drinking the nectar of love, when will I become love itself? When will I become one with You, as the river merges into the ocean?

## **Kadiranu enagende (Kannada)**

**kadiranu enagende udisidarēnu  
tingaḷanu enagāgi beḷagidarēnu  
ninna kṛpā kiraṇa enna hṛdayava  
hūvāgi araḷisadīralu amma**

So what if the sun rises for my sake? So what if the moon shines for my sake? What is the use unless the ray of Your grace makes my heart blossom into a flower?

jīvana nadigunṭu aṭe taṭe anēka  
viparītanēka viparyāsanēka  
sulīyali silukadantiralu nā ammā  
vilavilā horaḷāḍutiruve ammā

The river of life has many obstacles, many contradictions, many paradoxes. I am struggling, turning around and around, to avoid getting caught in the whirlpool.

śaraṇu bandavagē nī karuṇe tōrammā  
pāpa maguvendu ennatta nōṭamma  
hūvāgi aralaḷi hṛdayavu indē  
minugali kṛpā kiraṇa ammā

Mother, please be compassionate towards those who have come seeking refuge! Please glance at me, in my pitiful state. Please make my heart blossom like a flower, and shine Your grace on me.

## Kalamurali (Tamil version)

kuzhalisaiyāl emai mayakkum mukundā  
niyāṭum arankāgaṭṭum en manam

pulavar punaindadu puṣpavimānam  
en ullamē undan ratnavimānam  
iṭṭinaiyillā ezhilmigu vaiyam  
nī naṭam puriyum nāṭṭiya mēṭai

oru piṭi avalāl perum pēraḷittāy  
oru sir ilaiyai amudena koṇḍāy  
tuyaram migundu kaṇṇir sindum  
draupadikaḷ – tuyar nīkki aruḷvāy

eḷiyavarkkeṇtrum naṇbananṭrō nī  
eḷiya kuzhalilum pozhivāy amudai

mayirpīli aṇiyum yadukula bālā  
līlai seydālum yōgiyanṭrō nī

**Kālī kālī kālī (Gujarati)**

kālī kālī kālī tane śāne kahe mā  
tārā jevū sundar nathī koyī ā jagmā  
kālī mā o kālī mā

O Kali, why do they call You ‘the dark One,’ when there is no one as beautiful as You in the whole world? O Kali Ma.

ami bhari tāri draṣṭi  
karuṇabharya tārā nayn  
tujhthī chūpū nathī  
kayī ā jagmā

Your eyes are full of divine nectar and compassion. Nothing remains hidden from Your eyes.

kālī kālī mārī kālī  
vālī kālī pyārī kālī kālī mā o kālī mā

My Kali, my dear Kali, my darling Kali Ma.

tū mārī vālī kālī  
tū mārī bhoḷī kālī  
bhoḷī chatta śāṇī kālī  
tārā jevū nathī koyī

You are my dear Kali. Kali, You are so innocent, but no one is as smart as You in the whole world.

tū kālī mahakālī  
darśan de de mātārānī  
dauḍī dauḍī āv kālī  
tane pokārū laḷi laḷi

You are Maha Kali! Give me Your darshan, O Queen Mother.  
Come running Kali, I am calling out to You!

**rūmjhum rūmjhum āv kālī**  
**rās ramvā āv kālī**  
**jay jay kālī mahākālī**  
**kālī kālī jay ho kālī**

Come, Kali, with Your anklets jingling. Come Kali to dance  
with us. Victory to You Kali!

## **Kālī mātēyē (Kannada)**

**kālī mātēyē kārūṇya kīrtiyē**  
**vāñchita phala dātēyē amṛtānanda mūrtiyē**

O Mother Kali, You are renowned for Your compassion.  
Bestower of desires, You are of the form of immortality.

**ninna makkaḷu nāvu namma irisu satya mārgadi**  
**kaṣṭaveṣṭe barali koḍu śakti śānti nemmadi**  
**svārtha biḍisi tyāga beḷesi naḍēsu namma avirata**  
**kāma-krōdha mōha-lōbha mada-matsara kaḍiyuta**

We are Your children. Please keep us on the true path. Let there  
be any amount of difficulties in our lives. Please give us strength  
and peace. Please remove selfishness and may the attitude of  
sacrifice grow in us. Keep us on this path incessantly. Please  
remove lust, anger, delusion, greed, pride and envy.

**kālī mā jai jai kālī mā**  
**kālī mā jai jai durge mā**

Victory to Mother Kali. Victory to Mother Durga.

**janani ninna beḍutihevu bhaktiyinda bhajipevu**  
**irisu namma mukti-pathadi eḍebiḍadē satatavu**  
**māyayinda dūramāḍu svārthavillade duḍivevu**

**sulabhamukti mār̥ga tōru dēvi ninna stutipevu**

O Mother, with devotional hymns, we beg You to always keep us on the path of salvation. Please keep delusion away from us, and we will strive selflessly. Kindly show the easy path to liberation while we sing Your glories.

**Kallum avanē (Tamil)**

**kallum avanē kaṭavuḷum avanē  
ellām śivamayamē  
ellām śivanē ellām śivanē  
ellām śivamayamē**

Everything is Shiva. He is the stone idol. He is also God, everything is Shiva.

**sattenum sollum śivamayamē  
cittenum sollum śivamayamē  
akattinil ānanda naṭanam puriyum  
anbin vaṭivum śivamayamē**

The word existence is Shiva. The word consciousness is also Shiva. The One who dances the ecstatic dance inside of us is Shiva in the form of love.

**tiruccittrambalam, tiruccittrambalam  
tiruccittrambalam, tiruccittrambalam**

Shiva resides in Tirucittrambalam (a famous Shiva temple in Tamil Nadu)

**dēvarkaḷ palarāy irundiṭinum  
pēraruḷ enbatu śivamayamē  
uruvangaḷ palavāy irundiṭinum – atil  
aruvamāy iruppatum śivamayamē**

Even though the gods are many, true grace is Shiva. In all these forms, the formless One is Shiva.

śivanena vaṇankiṭa śivanāvān  
hariyena vaṇankiṭa hariyāvān  
kumaranām guhanē endriṭinum  
kumbiṭum poruḷay avanāvān

One who worships Shiva becomes Shiva. One who worships  
Vishnu becomes Vishnu. Even if it is Lord Muruga, his son,  
Shiva is the ultimate truth.

eppeyar yār yār kūppiḍinum  
appeyarālavan vandiṭuvān  
epporuḷai nām vaṇankiṭinum  
apporuḷay avan tōndriṭuvān

Whatever name one worships, Shiva will come in that form.  
Whatever truth one worships, Shiva will come in that truth.

śivāya namaḥ om śivāya namaḥ om  
śivāya namaḥ om namaḥ śivāya

I prostrate to Lord Shiva..

## Kanasu maṇigaḷa (Kannada)

kanasu maṇigaḷa māle māḍide  
ninna muddu koraḷige  
bēga bandu svīkarisu  
bayake iḍērisu

I have made a garland from the beads of my dreams to adorn  
Your lovely neck. Come accept it quickly and satisfy this yearn-  
ing.

hṛdaya mandira oppa māḍide  
piṭhavidō kādide  
ōṭi bandu alamkarisu  
bayake iḍērisu



The temple of my heart is open and a seat awaits You. Come running and grace it with Your presence. Satisfy my yearning.

**attu kareva kaṇṇugaḷige  
ninna darśana nīḍu  
baḷige bandu eduru nintu  
bayake idērisu**

To these crying eyes please give Your darshan, come and stand by me. Satisfy this yearning.

**duḥkha buguḍa mṛtyu rōga  
bhavada bhaya nivārisu  
prēma dinda baḷasi nanna  
ninnalondu māḍiko**

Please quell my fears of this world, the sorrows, the fear of death. Make me one with You. Satisfy this yearning.

## **Kaṇḍariyātana (Tamil)**

**kaṇḍariyātana kaṇḍēn śivanē  
kaṇkaḷ panittana nandriyil aranē  
kaṇḍēn ārivin kaṇṇaḷ śivanē  
kāṇacheytatu mukkaṇ āranē**

I saw truth with the eye of wisdom. It was You, with Your third eye of wisdom, who enabled me to see it.

**aranum ariyum vērendrirundēn  
aruvē uruvil iraṇḍena kaṇḍēn  
bhaktiyum jñānamum pakay endrirundēn  
muktiyai īndra tāy tandaiyum kaṇḍēn**

I thought that Shiva and Vishnu were different. Now I realize that the formless appears in these two forms. I imagined that devotion and knowledge were mutually contradictory. Now I see they are mother and father of spiritual liberation.

enkō kayilaiyil nī endrirundēn  
inke ennūllēyum irukka kaṇḍēn  
ālayachilayē nī endrirundēn  
anbē śivamāka irukka kaṇḍēn

I thought Your abode was Kailash. I now see that You also dwell in my heart. I thought You were confined to the temple idol. Now I realize that Your essence is true love.

hara hara hara śankarā śiva śiva śiva śankarā  
śankarā śiva śankarā śankarā abhayankarā

Hail to Lord Shiva! Victory to Shankara! Glory the one who protects!

## Kandarppakōṭi sundarā (Telugu)

kandarppakōṭi sundarā  
mandaragiri śūradharā  
vanamāli nagadharā  
jagadiśvarā bhavabhayahara kēśavā

God who is infinitely beautiful and extremely capable, who lifted Mandhara mountain, who wears the garland of wild flowers around His neck. Lord of the world, who removes the fear of the world.

kēśavā jay mādhavā gōpikā  
vallabhā madhusūdanā muraharā

Glory to Madhava, beloved of the gopis, the one who killed the demon Mura.

kamalākṣa laṣmīpati  
vāsudēva nārāyaṇa  
śrīdharā bhudharā  
puruṣōttamā karuṇākarā kēśvā

Lotus-eyed One, consort of Goddess Lakshmi. Son of Vasudeva, Lord of the world. You support Lakshmi and You support the Earth. You are the best among men, O compassionate Keshava!

**nanduni varasuta**

**sumanōhara suguṇākara**

**dvārakā purapālakā**

**puruṣōttamā karuṇākara kēśava**

Blessed child of Nanda, beautiful One, embodiment of all good qualities, ruler of Dwaraka. You are the best among men, O compassionate Keshava!

**bhadrārchita śrīcaraṇa**

**śaraṇamu sarvēśvara**

**śamkhacakra maṇidharā**

**puruṣōttamā karuṇākara kēśva**

O Lord of all, I surrender to Your auspicious feet that bestow protection for those who worship them. You wear the jewel, conch, and disc. You are the best among men, O compassionate Keshava!

## **Kaṇṇan kaḷḷa kaṇṇan (Tamil)**

**yaśodayin cinna kaṇṇan**

**gōpiyarin cella kaṇṇan**

**bṛndāvanattin cuṭṭi kaṇṇan**

**enkaḷ ullam kavārta kaḷḷakaṇṇan**

Little Krishna of Mother Yashoda, darling Krishna of the gopis! The mischievous Krishna of Vrindavan- the Krishna who has stolen our hearts!

**kaṇṇan kaḷḷa kaṇṇan avanai**

**kaiyyum kaḷavumāy piṭittita vēṇumaṭi kaḷḷa kaṇṇan**

**mella mella vantē ullattai**  
**sollāmalē kollai kolkindravan**

Krishna, naughty Krishna! We should catch him red-handed...  
He will come slowly and steal our hearts without a warning.

**ennē azhaku enpān – vekkattil**  
**kaṇṇalāi mūṭum oru kaṇattinilē**  
**kannam killi celvān**  
**peṇṇē un viṭṭukkuḷḷē uriyil vaittirukkum**  
**veṇṇaippānaiyinai tiṇṇam tiruṭi celvān**

Lord Krishna will praise Your beauty and when you blush and close your eyes, He will pinch your cheeks and run away! O Gopi, He will surely steal all the butter pots from your house and run away!

**rādhe rādhe kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa rādhe govinda bhajo**  
**rādhe gopāla bhajo rādhe kṛṣṇa**

O Radha Krishna, Krishna! Sing the divine names of Radha and Govinda!

**enna pillai peṭṭrāy yaśoda**  
**maṇṇum viṇṇum munnar kāṇāta**  
**aṭṭahāsam tāṅkavillai**  
**kaṭṭikarambu avan cuṭṭittanankaḷellām**  
**muṭṭrum sahikkavillai tiṭṭa manam varavum illai**  
**rādhe rādhe rādhe rādhe kṛṣṇa**

O Yashoda, what a naughty son you have- His mischief is intolerable, unparalleled in the entire universe! Even though the sweet little One's mischief is hard to endure, the heart refuses to rebuke him!

**Kaṇṇeḍuttu pārammā (Tamil)**

**kaṇṇeḍuttu pārammā, pillai idu unadammā**

**sevi koḍuttu kēlammā, tāy nī enadam mā  
bandhuvendru sondamendru vērevarum vēṇḍāmammā  
tuṇaiyāka tāyē niyē ennuḍen iruppāyammā**

O Mother, look at me. I am Your child. Please listen to me.  
I am Your very own. I don't want any other kith or kin. O  
Mother, it will be enough if You remain with me.

**pārvatiyē paripūraṇiyē śankariyē sarvēśvariye**

O Mother Parvati, Shankari, Goddess of all!

**arivillai aramum illai pūjai tavam eduvum illai  
sukhabhōga sindanaiyil un ninaivedum vandadumillai  
nal vāku sollittandu nal vazhi kāṭṭittandu  
kai koḍuttammā nī endrumē kāṭṭiuvāy**

I have neither the wealth of wisdom nor good deeds. Mired in  
pleasure, I don't think of You. With kind words, please guide  
me, holding my hand, and protect me for all times.

**pārvatiyē paripūraṇiyē śankariyē sarvēśvariye**

O Mother Parvati, Shankari, Goddess of all!

**ennaiyē tandēn ammā unnaiyē taruvāy ammā  
nān unnai aṭaiyum nāḷum eppōdu varumammā?  
uyir veḍiyum vēḷai tāyē un darisanamē taruka  
piravillā nilai tandu karai sēra varum taruka**

I offer myself to You. Please give Yourself to me. When will we  
become one? In my last living moment, please grant me Your  
vision. Bless me with the boon of spiritual liberation so that I  
am never reborn.

**pārvatiyē paripūraṇiyē śankariyē sarvēśvariye**

O Mother Parvati, Shankari, Goddess of all!

## Kaṇṇē kalankātē (Tamil)

kaṇṇē kalankātē

kaṇṇanindra nammun varuvānē

kaṇṇan vantāl tan arulmazhaiyālē

nammai nanaippānē

O dear one, don't be sad. Kanna will certainly appear before us today. When He comes, He will soak us with the showers of His grace.

yanumai nadiyin karaikaḷirandūm

viragattaṇalin vēdanaiyālē

karugavē viṭuvānō

kaṇṇan indra nammun varuvānō

kaṇṇā kaṇṇā kaṇṇā kaṇṇā

Will our Beloved Kanna let the banks of river Yamuna writhe in the pain and agony due to the heat of separation? Will Lord Kanna appear before us today? O Kanna...

gōkulam gōpiyar gōvarddhanamalai

bṛndavanattil taḷirviṭum ālilai

ellām marappānō

allāl kaṇṇan nammun varuvānō

kaṇṇā kaṇṇā kaṇṇā kaṇṇā

Will Krishna forget Gokul, the gopis, the Govardhana Mountain and the sprouting banyan leaf in Vrindavan? Will He forget everything? Or will Kanna appear before us? O Kanna.

kaṇṇan palappala lilaikaḷ purintiṭa

mayankiyē irundōm mati marantiruntōm

akantai aravē akandriṭum vēḷaiyil

akattil varuvānō kaṇṇanindru akattil varuvānō

kaṇṇā kaṇṇā kaṇṇā kaṇṇā

We were in a stupor, forgetting ourselves, enchanted by the many charming games of Krishna. When we completely get rid of our individual 'I' (ego), will Krishna enter our hearts? Today will Krishna enter our hearts?

## **Kaṇṇinakattoru (Malayalam)**

kaṇṇinakattoru kaṇṇuṇḍē – atu  
kaṇṇaneyariyum kaṇṇāṇē  
manassinakattoru pāṭṭuṇḍē – atu  
kaṇṇane vāzhttum pāṭṭāṇē  
hṛdayamatinnoru pūvāṇē – atu  
kaṇṇanucūṭān karutunnē  
karaḷiliruppatu collaṭṭē – atu  
kaṇṇaneyorkkum vyathayāṇē

There is an eye within my eye - the eye that knows Krishna.  
There is a song within my mind - it is a song in praise of  
Krishna. My heart has become a flower today - I keep it safely for  
Krishna to wear. Let me tell you what is inside of me - memories  
of Krishna and a deep longing for Him.

pīlittalamuṭi kāṇaṭṭē – atu  
kaṇṇāl kāṇān kotiyāṇē  
ōṭakkuzhalatumiṭṭaṭṭē – atu  
kēṭṭāl manamitunirayunnē  
pītāmbaram atucūṭaṭṭē – atu  
matiyilaṇakkyān kotiyāṇē  
karaḷiliruppatu collaṭṭē – atu  
kaṇṇaneyorkkum vyathayāṇē

Let me see Him with peacock feathers and music - I long to see  
this with my own eyes. Let me hear the melody of his flute - my  
mind will brim over with happiness. Let him be adorned in yellow

robes - I long to put Him on my lap. Let me tell you what is inside of me - memories of Krishna and a deep longing for Him.

**kaṛaḷituninnuṭikkunnē – atu**  
**kaṇṇā ninnuṭecuvaṭāṇē**  
**manamitu satatam aṇakkyunnē – atu**  
**kaṇṇā ninnuṭe kavilāṇē**  
**kanalukaḷ kaṛaḷilanakkyunnē – atu**  
**kaṇṇā ninnuṭe smṛtiyaṇē**  
**kaṛaḷiliruppatu collaṭṭē – atu**  
**kaṇṇaneyorkkum vyathayaṇē**

My heart beats in rhythm to your footsteps, Krishna. My heart is constantly petting my Krishna's soft baby face. My heart is becoming a glowing ember in Your memory, Krishna. Let me tell you what is inside of me - memories of Krishna and a deep longing for Him.

## **Kaṇṇirāl kaṇṇā (Malayalam)**

**kaṇṇirāl kaṇṇā ! kalarnnunninṇiṭunno-**  
**rōrmmaḷ ninne valamvechozhuki**  
**allum pakalum paravaśamakkume-**  
**nnullam nirāśayilazhan viṭolle**

My memories of You, mixed with tears, flow constantly around my mind, make me dizzy day and night. Please do not let my mind drown in hopelessness.

**nī marannīṭilum ṇān marannīṭumō**  
**ī muḷantaṇḍindeyiṇam**  
**kāvalāyep̄p̄ozhum ṇānirunnīṭumboḷ**  
**dūrasthanallennu tōnnum – kaṇṇan**  
**bāhyasthanallennu tonnum**

Even if You forget, will I ever forget the tune of this flute? Kanna! You don't appear to be far away. You don't seem like a stranger.



entō marannuvechennapolannu nī  
cintichu mandam kaṭannupoyi  
prāṇanō? pāzhamuḷantaṇḍō ? maravicha  
cintayil cāri ṇān ninnupōyi

You walked away slowly, as if You were forgetting something.  
Was it my life breath that You forgot, or the bamboo flute? I  
stood there, frozen in thought.

annutoṭṭinnōḷam kaṇṇan kaḷaveṇu  
ūtiyiṭṭillennu kēṭṭu  
enkilum kēḷkkāmenikkā manōjñāmam  
sangītaḍhārayonninum

I heard that since that day, Kanna has not played his flute, but  
I still hear that flow of music in my mind.

## **Kaṇṇīruṇangāṭṭa (Malayalam)**

kaṇṇīruṇangāṭṭa kaṇṇumāy nin kazhal  
neṇcakam nīri ninachirippū  
mandahāsattinde pontariveṭṭattāl  
aṇcitamākkukenn-antarangam

I sit here with tear-filled eyes. The thought of Your feet burns  
inside my chest. Please light up my heart with a flash of Your  
gentle smile.

cintayil cēru puraḷāte tāraka  
puṇcīri śōbhayāl śuddhiceyyū  
centāraṭikaḷil vīṇu namikkuvōr -  
-kkantarangattil amṛtavarṣam

The hearts of those who keep their thoughts pure and focused  
only on the light of Your smile, and surrendered at Your lotus  
feet, are showered with the nectar of immortality.

kaṇṇīrezhuttinde kāraṇa srōtassil  
kānāmanēka yugānta svapnam!  
āśakaḷ aṭṭikkurukkiyēkātmake –  
makki nin kālkkal nān kāzhcaveppū!

At the source of these tears, I see the dreams of many past lifetimes! I surrender all my desires at Your feet, made sublime.

antarangattile andhakāram nīkki  
bandhurāṅgi, nīyunaṛnnu velka!  
bhaktiyum muktiyum nin kṛpānugraham  
citta viśuddhiyum nin kaṭakṣam

O enchanting One, awaken within me and remove the darkness in my heart. Devotion and liberation are but the blessing of Your grace; a glance from Your eyes bestows inner purity.

## Karayallē paitalē (Malayalam)

karayallē paitalē karayallē paitalē  
tārāṭṭu paṭuvān ammayillē  
sandigdham mākumen antaraḷattilum  
sangītamēkuvān ammayillē ammayillē

Don't cry, little one, don't cry - isn't Mother here to sing a lullaby?  
In my confused mind, isn't Mother here to bestow the music?

nanayallē mizhikaḷe nanayallē mizhikaḷe  
kaṇṇīr tuṭaykkuvān ammayillē  
śōkamī jīvita pātayilennennum  
āśvāsamēkuvān ammayillē ammayillē

Eyes, do not become wet- isn't Mother here to dry your tears? In this sorrowful path of life, isn't Mother always here to console you?

taḷaralē paitalē taḷaralē paitalē  
kūṭe naṭakkuvān ammayillē

**iṭarunna jīvitapātayilennennum**

**vazhikāṭṭiyākuvān ammayillē ammayillē**

Little one, do not become tired, do not be weary. Isn't Mother walking alongside you? In this unsteady path of life, isn't Mother always here to show the way?

## **Karumaiyilē (Tamil)**

**karumaiyilē putumai kaṇṭēn kālī – untan**

**kaṇkalilē kanivu kaṇṭēn dēvī**

**perumaiyinai pāṭṭavē kālī – sollin**

**varumaiyilē vāṭi ninṭrēn dēvī**

**kāḷiyamma durgā dēviyamma**

O Kali ! In the blackness of Your hue, I saw newness. In Your eyes, I saw compassion. O Devi, I have no words to describe your greatness. O Mother Kali, divine Mother Durga.

**karuvaraiyil unaturuvam kaṇṭēn – daiva**

**tiruvazhakil manamuruki ninṭrēn**

**varuvatōṭ cenṭrarellām nīnki – nikazhum**

**oru gaṇattil vāzhum pēr koṇṭēn**

**kāḷiyamma durgā dēviyamma**

I came to the sanctum, and Your beauty melted my heart. Leaving past and future behind, I have the fortune to live in the present.

**irumaiyilē kāṇumpōt nānum – untan**

**aṭimai eṇṭrē perumaiyōṭ vāzhvēn**

**orumaiyilē onṭrum pōt nānum – āzha**

**kaṭalum atan alaiyum pōla vanṭrō**

**kāḷiyamma durgā dēviyamma**

Seeing the dual aspect, I will become Your slave. In the advaita aspect (oneness), like the wave and the sea, will You and I become one ? O Mother Kali, divine Mother Durga.

## Karuṇaiyil pirandu (Tamil)

karuṇaiyil pirandu karuṇaiyil vaḷarndu  
karuṇaiyil niraivadu ānmikam  
kalmanam kasindu kadavukaḷ tirandu  
uḷḷoli kāṇbadu ānmikam

Spirituality is born out of compassion, nourished by compassion, and blossoms as a result of compassion. It also melts the stony heart and opens the doors of the heart to reveal the inner light.

kāṇbadil ellām kaṭavuḷaikkaṇḍu  
sēvaikaḷ seyvadu bhaktivazhi  
kaṭavuḷin karuṇai mazhaiyinil nanaiya  
sēvayallādu ēdu vazhi

The path of devotion is beholding God everywhere and serving others with that vision. Without serving others, how else can one become drenched in the shower of divine grace?

kāṇbadai ellām tānāy kaṇḍu  
sēvaikaḷ seyvadu jñāna vazhi  
kaṇṇukaḷ vizhunda tukaḷinai akattrā  
kaivaruvadu pōl inda vazhi

The path of knowledge is seeing one's own Self everywhere and serving others with that vision. It is akin to removing the speck from one's own eye.

tanniṭam kātṭum karuṇaiyil piraikkum  
pirariṭam kātṭum karuṇaiyil vaḷarum  
inidāy vaḷarum ānmikam – adu  
iraiyarulālē niraivākum

The compassion we have for ourselves gives rise to spirituality. It is nourished when we show compassion to others. Thus, one makes spiritual progress. Spirituality becomes complete only through God's grace.

## Kāruṇya murtte (Kannada version)

kāruṇya mūrtti śyāmala varṇṇa  
kaṇṇu tereyō kṛṣṇa  
duḥkhanivāraka nallave nī – ena  
tāpava kaḷē kṛṣṇa

namagellā āśraya nīne  
candāvare nayana śrīkṛṣṇa  
pūjege anudina kambani haniyē  
puṣpāñjalī ō kṛṣṇa  
tāpava kaḷē kṛṣṇa

irulali baḷalide nānu  
mānasamōhana gōpāla  
īreḷu lōkava āḷuva śrīdhara  
kaṇṇu tereyō kṛṣṇa  
tāpava kaḷē kṛṣṇa

## Kāruṇya rupiṇi (Malayalam)

kāruṇya rupiṇi ammē, kaḷukayāṇende cittam  
ninneyōrttalppavum kēzhān  
prēmattin nīruravilla

O Mother, embodiment of compassion! My heart is craving to  
cry out in longing for You, but there are no flowing streams  
of love within me.

ērunnu mōhamitennum  
śuddhasnēhamē ninne ariyān  
māya tan mūṭupaṭam nī matti  
ennil teliyunnatennō?

The desire to know the pure love that is You is growing inside.  
When will You remove the veil of illusion and shine clearly  
within me?

**śuddhasaundaryamē ninne kaṇḍu  
uḷḷam kuḷirkkunnatennō?  
ā maṭittaṭṭili kuñṇu  
viśramam koḷḷunnatennō?**

O pure and beautiful form, when will my heart rejuvenate at  
Your sight? When will You allow this child of Yours to take  
rest in Your lap?

## **Kāṭaikkaṇ pārvai (Tamil)**

**kāṭaikkaṇ pārvai ondrē pōtum  
ammā untan aruḷ vizhiyāl  
kanimozhi ondrē pōtumammā  
kavailakaḷ parantōṭum  
kavailakaḷ parantōṭum**

A glance from the corner of Your divine eyes is enough, Your  
sweet words are enough, for our sorrows to vanish.

**amma untan aruḷ pārvai  
pala mozhi pēsiṭum, un seyalkaḷ ellāmammā  
pala poruḷ uṇarttiṭum  
pala poruḷ uṇarttiṭum**

Mother Your divine glance speaks a lot of words. Mother all  
Your actions make us understand many truths.

**spariśanam ondrē pōtumammā  
akamatai kuḷirvittiṭum tiruvaṭi toṭṭa pozhutil  
karma vinai parantōṭum  
karma vinai parantōṭum**

Mother Your touch is enough to cool and pacify our heart. Prostrating at Your divine feet rids us of the burden of our past deeds.

**jai jagadīśvari jai bhuvanēśvari**

**jai paramēśvari jai amṛteśvari**

Glory to the Goddess of the universe, glory to the supreme Goddess, glory to the eternal Goddess!

## **Kātrāka nān (Tamil)**

**kātrāka nān irundāl enna seyven – ammā**

**nī pokum iṭamellām nānum varuvēn**

If I were the breeze, what would I do? O Mother, I would follow You wherever You go.

**nilamāka nān irundāl enna seyven – ammā**

**un pādām tāngikkoṇḍu pūrittiruppēn**

**neruppāka nān irundāl enna seyven – ammā**

**un kōyil dīpamāka suṭarvīṭuvēn**

If I were the earth, what would I do? O Mother, I would rejoice in supporting Your feet. If I were fire, what would I do? O Mother, I would glow as the lamp in Your temple.

**visumpāka nān irundāl enna seyven – unakku**

**vānavillāl tōraṇam kaṭṭi makizhvēn**

**nīrāka nān irundāl enna seyven – undan**

**pādābhiṣēkam seyyum pannīr āvēn**

If I were the ether, what would I do? O Mother, I would delight in festooning the skies with a rainbow. If I were water, what would I do? O Mother, I would be the rose-water that washes Your feet

**pūvāka nān irundāl enna seyven – ammā**

**mālaiyāki un tōḷil sāyṇdu koḷvēn**

**kuyilāka nān irundāl enna seyven – ammā**

**unnōṭu bhaktigānam pāṭi makizhvēn**

If I were a flower, what would I do? O Mother, I would rest on  
Your shoulders as a garland. If I were a cuckoo, what would I do?  
O Mother, I would revel in singing devotional songs with You.

## **Kāvaṭiyām kāvaṭi (Tamil)**

**kāvaṭiyām kāvaṭi kantavēlan kāvaṭi  
śēvarkoṭi azhakanukku vaṇṇamayil kāvaṭi  
vēdanaiyē vāzhkaiyalla bhaktiyatu uruṇṇaiyē  
vēṇḍutalāy vēlavan sannidhiyil kāvaṭi**

Come let us offer kavadi (ceremonial offering) to Lord Murugan. Let us offer the multi-hued peacock kavadi to the beautiful Lord whose flag bears the symbol of a rooster. Life need not be full of sorrows, devotion to the Lord ensures protection. Let us offer kavadi in the divine presence of One who holds the spear.

**pālum tēnum pañcamṛta kāvaṭi  
pazhamum śarkkarayum vibhūtiyil kāvaṭi  
candana kāvaṭiyum puṣpakāvaṭiyum  
ṣaṇmukhan sannidhiyil azhaku kāvaṭi**

Let us offer kavadi of milk, honey, and panchamritam. Let us offer kavadi of fruits, jaggery and sacred ash. Let us offer kavadi of sandalwood, kavadi of flowers. Let us offer beautiful kavadi in the divine presence of Lord with six faces!

**kāvaṭiyāṭu kandan cēvaṭi tēṭu  
kāvaṭiyāṭu kumaran tiruvaṭi nāṭu  
karuṇai vēlan ārmukhan malarāṭi tēṭu**

Kavadi seeks the holy feet of Lord Kandan (vanquisher of mighty foes). Kavadi seeks the divine feet of Kumaran (eternal youth), the lotus feet of the compassionate Lord Velan with six faces.

**tinayum tiraviya pannīrāl kāvaṭi  
maccamūm sarppamum iḷanīrāl kāvaṭi**



**mayūra kāvaṭiyum santāna kāvaṭiyum  
śaravaṇan sannidhiyil muttu kāvaṭi**

Let us offer kavadi of millets, money and rose water, kavadi of fish, snake and coconut water. Let us offer peacock kavadi and sandalwood kavadi. Let us offer pearl kavadi in the auspicious presence of Lord Muruga!

**iṭumbanavan eṭuttānē mutal kāvaṭi  
irupuramāy tōlinilē sumantānē kāvaṭi  
śivagiri orupuramum śaktigiri marupuramum  
śivaśakti pālanin vēlkāvaṭi**

Like the demon devotee Idumba who carried the pearl kavadi, I carry the kavadi on either side of my shoulders. One side represent Shivagiri and the other Shakti giri. Vel (spear) kavadi of the son of Shiva and Shakti!

**Kayilaiyilē śivaperumān (Tamil)**

**kayilaiyilē śivaperumān  
uṭanuraiyum umaiyavalē  
tuyilizhantu entan uḷḷam, vāṭuvatai ariyāyō?**

O Goddess Uma with Lord Shiva in Kailash, don't You know that our hearts are becoming parched, foregoing sleep?

**mañcalilē piṭittuvaitta  
piḷḷaiyinau koṇcukirāy  
aṇcavaikkum kōpakkāra  
kumaranaikum keṇcukirāy  
intapiḷḷai iḷayapiḷḷai  
eṭuppārtam kaippiḷḷai  
nontapōtu vantaṇaikka  
tāymanatil iramillai**

You adore Lord Ganesha (whose form is moulded using turmeric) and beg hot-headed Lord Subrahmanya not to leave Mount Kailash. Yet when this youngest child is suffering, Mother's heart dries up, You don't come to hug me...

**ennainalla piḷḷaiyākka  
annaiyāṭum nāṭakamō  
erimalaipōl kōlamkāṭṭi  
irankuvatum unmanamō  
enakkaka vēṇḍavillai  
nānarivēn tāymanatai  
piṇakkāka nīṭippatu  
unperumaikkazhakumillai**

Mother is playing this drama to make me a good child. After showing Your form as lava, Your heart comes down. I am not praying for myself I know Mother's heart. It is not good for Your reputation if this dispute continues.

## **Kazhaliṇayil (Malayalam)**

**kazhaliṇayil ittiriyaṭam taraṇam ammē  
kaṭa-mizhikaḷalonnu tazhukēṇam enne  
kazhivillayivan-ennu nīyariyumallō?  
azhal-akhilamuṭanē akattīṭukillē?**

Please grant me a little space at Your feet. Caress me with Your sidelong glances. You know that I have no talent. Won't You remove all my sorrows?

**amṛt-ozhukumamara-nadi pōle nī pāril  
kaluṣatakaḷ nikkiyazhak-eṇḡum nirakke  
'aha' miti-vicāramalinam mama hṛdantam  
oru pozhutu karuṇa-jala-dhārayāl kazhukū!**

Like the ambrosial river that flows through the world, removing all sorrows You permeate everything with beauty. My mind is murky with ego. Please purify my mind with the waters of Your compassion.

**suratarusamānam bhajippavarkkennum  
abhilaṣitam-akhilavumaṇakkunna tāyē  
arutarutu tāmasam mama hṛdi vasikkān  
pada-kamala-mūnniyoru mṛdunaṭanamāṭān**

For those who pray to You, You are like the tree of heaven. O Mother who fulfills all wishes, please don't hesitate to stay in my mind and dance with Your tender lotus feet.

**anunimiṣam amba! nin varavu-kāttakamē  
niradīpamēnti nān nilkkunnu nityam  
etirēttu ninneyennakamēyiruttān  
kotiyoṭe nān kāttirappatariyille?**

Each moment I am waiting for You with the lamp. Don't You know that I am yearning to welcome You and make You dwell in my mind?

**anukambayārnnde abhilaṣamippō!  
niravētti niravenikkēku! jagadambē  
jani-mṛtiyil-uzhalamī jīvan-aviṭutte  
smṛtiyilaliyaṭṭe, amṛtāmbudhiyatallō!**

Please fulfill my wish with Your compassion and fill it O Mother! This life that wanders through life and death, let it rest in Your memories. Is that not the ambrosial ocean?

## Kēliraṇṇā (Kannada)

kēliraṇṇā kēlirammā  
kalitanada mātonda kēlirellā  
hiriyaru racisida jīvana rīti  
pālisi paḍeyonna kīruti

Listen brother, listen mother (traditional way of addressing men and women with respect). Listen to the way of life created for us by our elders. Let us follow it and rise to great heights.

kaḷaḷaḷisidaru kaḷedu hōguvadu  
kaḷedē hōguvadu kēlu  
bāyendu karedaru bhāgyadallilladu  
baruvadē illayentu kēliraṇṇā  
dvēṣavu tānu rāganteya  
bandhisi biḍuvudu eccara  
vairava tōruva nararigu nīnu  
nagutali namisibiḍu kēliraṇṇā

Though you may struggle to retain your worldly possessions, they will one day be lost to you. What is not destined to be yours will not come to you, no matter how much you yearn for it. O listen brother, beware – often hatred comes in the disguise of sweetness, to ensnare you into bondage. Smile and love even those who show you enmity. O listen brother.

śiva śiva endu śiva nāma japisu  
bēgane baruvudu bhakuti  
bhavarannu bēḍutaliddare  
dorakuvutallā mukuti kēliraṇṇā

Chant the name of the Lord incessantly – it will quickly bring you the treasure of devotion. Begging for worldly things will not take us to liberation. Listen brother...

śiva śiva hara hara  
śiva śiva bhava hara

Shiva, the one who takes us across the ocean of transmigration!

## **Kēśava nāmamu (Telugu)**

kēśava nāmamu klēśaharaṇamu  
pāḍavē manasā harināmakīrttanam  
śrī vēṅkaṭeśa hari hari  
śrīnivāsa prabhu hari hari

O mind, sing the names of the Lord, which dispel all distress.  
O Lord Venkatesa, Srinivasa !

paripari vidhamula bhavarōga mulaku  
harināma kīrttanē siddhauśadham  
cittaśāntiki śrīharināmamu pāḍavē manasā  
harināma kīrttanam

Singing the Lord's name is the remedy for all diseases of the world.  
To attain mental peace, O mind, sing the names of the Lord.

cañcalamanasunu sthirapara cuṭaku  
harināma kīrttanē ēkasāadhanam  
satvalabdhiki śrīhari nāmamu pāḍavē manasā  
harināma kīrttanam

Singing the Lord's name is the only instrument to stabilize the  
unsteady mind. O mind, sing the names of the Lord.

ā padarājīva mula cēruṭaku  
harināmakīrttanē rājamārgam  
satyasiddhiki śrīharī nāmamu pāḍavē manasā  
harināma kīrttanam

Singing the Lord's name is the royal highway to reach His lotus  
feet. To realize the truth, sing the names of the Lord, O mind.

## Kōṭṭaiyentṛē (Tamil)

kōṭṭaiyentṛē āṇavamāy kuṭiyiruntālum - itu  
oṭṭai ombatuḷḷa viṭu ambalavāṇa  
vēṭṭayāṭa kalanvantu ninṭriṭum pōtum - ivar  
sēṭṭayatu kuraivatillai ambalavāṇa

Thinking that the body is a fort, people live with pride, but in fact it is just a house with nine holes.

māṇḍavarkku azhutiṭuvār ambalavāṇa - tanō  
māḷvatillai enṭriruppār ambalavāṇa  
vēṇḍumsottu talaimuraikku malaiyalaventṛē  
vēṇḍātana seytiṭuvār ambalavāṇa

People lament for the dead, thinking they are never going to die, O Shiva. To accumulate a mountain of wealth for many generations, people commit many undesirable acts, O Lord!

ambalakkuttā ṭuvōṇē ambalavāṇa - em  
akattil naṭampurivāy ambalavāṇa  
ambarattin rahasyattai ambalamākki  
ānandamām nilai aruḷvāy ambalavāṇa

O One who performs the cosmic dance in the court of gods, please come and dance in my heart of hearts. Please reveal the supreme secret and grace us with the state of everlasting bliss, O Lord Shiva!

śiva śiva śiva śiva cidambarēśā  
hara hara hara hara kanakasabēśā

O Lord Shiva, Lord of Chidambaram, destroyer of evils, the Lord of the golden assembly!

## **Kṛṣṇa kanaiyyā (Malayalam)**

*nāhaṁ vasāmi vaikunṭhe  
yoginām hṛdaye na ca  
mad bhaktā yatra gāyanti  
tatra tiṣṭhāmi nārada, tatra tiṣṭhāmi nārada*

‘I dwell neither in Vaikuntha nor in the hearts of the yogins,  
but I dwell where my devotees sing my name, O Narada.’

**kṛṣṇa kanaiyyā sundarabālā  
vṛndāvana candrā vā, nīlamegha varṇṇā vā  
nandakiśorā karmukil varṇṇā  
rādhikalolā vā, rādhikālolā vā**

O Krishna, beautiful boy, moon of Vrindavan, with the complexion of a blue cloud, come! Son of Nanda, dark-hued like a rain-cloud, Radha’s delight, come!

**bhaktacitta corā yaśodabālā  
navanītacorā vā, kṛṣṇa navanītacorā vā  
gopakumārā kālīyadamanā  
sundara rūpā vā, sūndara rūpā vā**

Stealer of the hearts of the devotees, child of Yashoda, butter thief, Krishna, come! Young cowherd boy, subduer of the serpent Kaliya, one with a beautiful form, come!

**vaṁśidhārī dvāraśānāthā  
muralīmanoharā vā, kṛṣṇa muralīmanoharā vā  
sajjana sevita madanagopālā  
govarddhana giridhārī govarddhana giridhārī**

Bearer of the flute, Lord of Dvaraka, most enchanting flute player, come! You are served by good people, O delightful cowherd boy, and you lifted the Govardhana Mountain!

## Kṛṣṇā ninnā bāla līle (Kannada)

*kṛṣṇa nanna kṛṣṇā!*  
*bālakṛṣṇa bala kṛṣṇā!*

O Krishna, my Krishna, O little Krishna!

**kṛṣṇā ninnā bāla līle**  
**kaṇṇi geṣṭānanda**  
**ninna jōḍi āṭuvudēnō**  
**ānanda apāra**

O Krishna, how pleasing are Your childhood games. Playing with you brings me immense joy.

**kṛṣṇā bālakṛṣṇā**  
**nīla kṛṣṇā nanna kṛṣṇā**

O Krishna, little Krishna, O blue Krishna, my Krishna!

**nīli tāvare mogadali miñcide**  
**beṇṇe kaḷḷana nōṭṭa**  
**edeyali eddide prēma pūra**  
**hebbale ārbhaṭā**

The butter thief's sidelong glances flash in his blue lotus face. A flood of love rises in my heart, the rumbling of huge tidal waves.

**giridhara ninna kiruberaḷāṭa**  
**muraḷi gānavō**  
**munkurulaṭa gōpiraka hṛdayaḍi**  
**prēma sañcārā**

O He who lifted the mountain, the play of Your little finger creates tunes on the flute. The play of Your curls inspires reverberations of love in the hearts of the gopis.

**kinkiṇi kilikili nūpura jaṇajaṇa**  
**sṛṣṭi spandana**



**muttina adhara sparsādi nīṭu**  
**viśvadarśanā**

The jingling of the ornaments around Your waist and Your ankles are truly the vibrations of creation. Grant me the universal vision with the touch of Your lips in a kiss.

**Kṣaṇakṣaṇavu (Kannada)**

**kṣaṇakṣaṇavu anukṣaṇavu**  
**makkala smaraṇe māḍuva**  
**makkaliḡāgi bāḷuva dēviya**  
**kaṇḍidirā... kēḷidirā – ō nōḍidirā**

Do you know of a Goddess who is always thinking of her children and is living a life for the sake of her children? Have you heard of such a One, have you seen such a One?

**mantrarūpiṇi ātmarūpiṇi**  
**caitanyarūpiṇi dēviya**  
**ānandarūpiṇi śaktiya ammana**  
**kaṇḍidirā... kēḷidirā – ō nōḍidirā**

She is the form of mantra, the embodiment of the Self. She is in the form of consciousness, She is Mother. Have you heard of such a One, have you seen such a One?

**śvāsaniśvāsavu nisvārtthadegāgi**  
**mī... salitṭiha dēviya**  
**ellarigāgi bāḷuva tāyīya**  
**kaṇḍidirā... kēḷidirā – ō nōḍidirā**

Have you come across such a Goddess who has devoted Her every breath for selflessness, and is living for the sake of everybody? Have you heard of such a One, have you seen such a One?

## Kuraiyellām nīkki namma (Tamil)

*pōṭṭadellām ponnākkum  
inda bhūmi enkaḷ daivamamma  
pozhutellām pon tūvum  
anda sūriyanum daivamamma  
vānattilē mazhai mēgham  
indiranum daivamamma  
varappellām nīr niraikkum  
anda varuṇanum daivamamma*

Whatever you plant in the earth is offered back as gold. Mother Earth is our God. During the day there is sunshine, that sun is our God. Indra, Lord of the sky and clouds, and Varuna, Lord of the rain, raining on the crops - all are our Gods.

**kuraiyellām nīkki namma kulamellām tazhaittōnga  
kuru vaṭivāy vandinkē koluvirukkum māriyammā  
karuṇaiyōṭu kattiṭuvāy inda kaḷiyammā  
varumaiyellām pōkki vazhi kattiṭuvāl māriyammā**

Remove all our limitations and bestow prosperity upon our families. Mariamma is sitting here in the form of Guru. Remove all kinds of poverty and guide us to prosperity. Mariamma showers Her grace as Mother Kali.

**ammā aval aruḷmazhayāl aruvaṭaiyum perukiṭavē  
kanalēnti bhaktiyuṭan paṭi vantōmmā  
āvalōṭu unnazhaku mukham kāṇa tiruvaṭi tēṭi vantōmā  
anpu daivam unnai tānē anudinamum tudippōmā**

Mother please shower Your grace for a good harvest. We came singing with devotion, holding up lamps. We came to see Your beautiful face and to prostrate at Your lotus feet. You are our loving God whom we worship everyday.

**aḷittanda āttāḷukku aruvaṭaiyai paṭayal vaikka**

**aḷittanda āttāḷukku aruvaṭaiyai paṭayal vaikka  
tullikkudittu ponkal vaittōm tūyavaḷē unnai azhaittōm  
kāḷi triśūli ammā kanivuṭanē vantiranki  
māri makamāyi tāyē makizhvuṭanē eṭtrukoḷvāy**

We offer our harvest to the Mother who has given abundantly.  
We offer pongal (sweet pudding) and call out to the Mother of  
purity, Mother Kali, bearer of the trident! Please come compas-  
sionately and accept our offerings with joy.

**māryammā ava aruḷiruntāl  
makkaḷellam makizhvaṭaivār  
manattērilammā ēri nindru māsellām pōkkiṭuvāy**

Mariamamma, all Your children will be happy if Your grace is there.  
Please enter the chariot of my mind and purify the impurities!

## **Kurumbukkāra (Tamil)**

**kurumbukkara kaṇṇan līlai keṭka keṭka inikkumē  
karumbu pōla inikkum atai ninaikka uḷḷam makizhumē  
arumai mukham kāṇachentrāl kaṭamaikkuppō embān  
kaṭamayilē mūzhkiviṭṭāl marandanaiyō embān  
kurumbukkārā...**

Kanna, O mischievous One, hearing about Your divine play  
brings me more and more joy. Contemplating Your divine play,  
sweet as sugarcane, gladdens my heart. When we come closer to  
look at His beautiful face, He bids us to our work (duty). When  
we become immersed in work, He says we have forgotten Him.  
O mischievous One . . .

**totṭuppēsa oṭṭinintrāl taṭṭiviṭṭu selvān  
eṭṭanirkkum gōpiyarai kiṭṭacentraṇaippān  
maṭṭam taṭṭi piraretiril kēli seydu makizhvān  
tiṭṭam pōṭṭu namataiyellām tiruṭichenṭru maraivān  
tiruṭichenṭru maraivān**

If we sidle up to him, he pushes us away, goes to the gopi standing far away, and hugs her. He takes delight in poking fun at us. He schemes to steal everything that belongs to us, and then hides Himself.

**tanakketuvum teriyātena mandiram pōl solvān  
vāyu tirandāl aṇḍāmellām namakkutteriya seyvān  
tanakketuvum vēṇḍāmena eppozhutum solvān  
uṭal poruḷōṭāviyellām sontamākki koḷvān  
sontamākki koḷvān**

He repeatedly says that he knows nothing, but when He opens His mouth, He reveals the whole universe. He says always that He needs nothing; He captures us, heart and soul.

**gōpiyarin mannavanai gōpālabāla  
rādhaikkoru mādhanē rādhāvilōla**

O cowherd boy, Lord of the gopis. O consort of Radha, Her joy and delight!

## **Kuzhandaiyena (Tamil)**

**kuzhandaiyena umayē unai pārāṭṭavā  
āruyirē mārbiḷ unai tālāṭṭavā  
bālāmbikai dēvi tripurasundari  
bālādēvi śrī śōḍaśi**

O Bala Devi, Sri Shodashi, soul of my soul, shall I worship You as the 'little Goddess'? Shall I sing You a lullaby, holding You close to me?

**makaranta maṇamsērttu pūñcōlai koṇarntu  
muttē nān pūcchūṭṭi koṇḍāṭavā  
kapaṭamillāmal nī kulunki sirittāy  
kaṇpaṭṭiṭum kannattil poṭṭu vaikkavā  
kaṇpaṭṭiṭum kannattil poṭṭu vaikkavā**

Along with the perfumed jasmine, shall I fetch colorful flowers to decorate Your tresses?! Seeing Your innocent laughter, the evil eye may fall upon You- shall I keep You safe from harm by putting a black kohl dot on Your chin? (Indian tradition)

**ponnāna pādaṅkaḷ puṇṇākiṭāmal  
en kaikaḷ nilam vaittu vazhi amaikkavā  
koṇcum calankaikaḷ isaiyil nī mayanki  
ōṭātē kaṇṇē urankiṭavā  
ōṭātē kaṇṇē urankiṭavā**

Walking on the bare ground Your golden feet may get hurt; shall I lay a path with my palms for You to walk on? Wanting to hear the jingling of Your anklets, You are running hither and thither; please come back and rest!

## **Lālāli lālālē (Malayalam)**

**lālāli lālālē lēlēli lēlalē  
lālāli ūla lēlēli lēlalē  
lālāli lālālē lēlēli lēlalē  
lālāli ūla lēlēli lēlalē**

**tāru viriññatupōloru paital  
tāne kiṭannu cirikkunnu  
kaṇṇu marachuḷḷa kaḷḷiyarakkaññi  
kaiyukaḷ nīṭṭiyaṭuttetti  
kayyālaṅgārnneṭi mārōṭe cērnneṭi  
neñcinkal koṭum nañcūrum pāleṭi**

Baby Krishna, tender as a freshly blossomed flower, lay there by himself, smiling. The demoness Putana, full of deceit, came stretching out her arms to him. She took the baby in her arms, held the baby to her bosom - in her breasts was poisoned milk.

pūvitaḷ pōluḷḷa cuṇḍumukarnnatu  
pūtana taṇṇuṭe prāṇanāṇallo  
kāḷāya rūpatte pūṇḍuḷḷa pūtam  
kallumalapōle vīṇoṭuṅgi  
meyyārnnāṅgāṭeṭi mēḷattil pāṭeṭi  
kaṇṇande lila ōrttōrttu pāṭeṭi

Those lips, tender as flower petals, sucked out the prana (life-force) of Putana. Girls, sway and dance, sing in rhythm! Sing remembering the lilas of Krishna over and over again.

ōrō dinattinde cāṭurumbōḷ  
cāṭāyi vannuḷḷa mallanumappōḷ  
tāmarattuṇḍu pōluḷḷoru kālāl  
tāvum taviṭu pōlākechitari āṅgane  
meyyārnnāṅgāṭeṭi mēḷattil pāṭeṭi  
kaṇṇande lila ōrttōrttu pāṭeṭi

As days passed, the demon Shakadasura came assuming the form of a wheel. Krishna's lotus-like feet powdered him to sawdust and scattered him to the winds. Girls, sway and dance, sing in rhythm! Sing remembering the lilas of Krishna over and over again.

kāḷīndi tanneyaṭakki vāṇiṭunna  
kāḷīya sarppat tekkaṇḍillēṭi  
vāya piḷartti vizhuṅgumēṭi  
valinal cuttivalikkumēṭi  
kārikālan pāmbēṭi kākōḷakkayareṭi  
paṭūkūttan paṭam ōrōnnāykkāṇēṭi

Do you see the serpent Kaliya, who rules the waters of the Kalindi River? With his large mouth, he will swallow you up; his tail will circle tight around you and pull you to him. He is fiercely venomous; see his gigantic, flaring hoods one by one.

kāñciyum mālayumākeyulachum  
kāttupōl aṅgōṭṭum iṅgōṭṭu māññum  
kāḷiyan pāmbindeyaḷum phaṇaṅgaḷ  
tāṇatu ceñcōra kunkumamārnnē  
centāril cēvaṭi onnonnāy vechaṭi  
kaṇṇande nṛttam ellārum kāṇeṭi

Krishna dances like the wind, ornaments swaying from side to side. The serpent Kaliya's hoods are trampled down one by one until they are red with blood. See Krishna dance with ease, stepping on them one by one, as though on tender red flowers.

māripeytiṅgu mānam muriññē  
māniṭam-onnāyiyāke valaññē  
tanniṭam kaiyyilāy māmalaṇṇē  
tannōṭu cērttē gōkulattē  
meyyārnnāṅaṭeṭi mēḷattil pāṭeṭi  
kaṇṇande līla ōrttōrttu pāṭeṭi

The sky splits with thundering showers; the entire world is in distress. Carrying the Govardhana Mountain in his left hand, the Lord holds the people of Gokula close to him. Girls, sway and dance, sing in rhythm! Sing remembering the lilas of Krishna over and over again.

pālitu kaṭṭukuṭikkum kurumbane  
pārichuralilāy keṭṭiyiṭṭē  
muttatte māmaram tettiṇṇē  
muttum cīriyōṭe ninniṭunne  
tāḷattil colleṭi covārnnāṅōṭeṭi  
kaṇṇande līla ōrttōrttu pāṭeṭi

The mischievous Krishna is tied up to a mortar for stealing milk. Dragging the heavy mortar, he pulls down the giant trees and stands with a smile on his face. Girls, sway and dance, sing in rhythm! Sing remembering the lilas of Krishna over and over again.

pīlipūvukaḷ vaṇḍaṇimāla  
ōṭattaṇḍatumōmanachuṇḍil  
ottulayunna ponnarayāṇam  
kaḷḷakkaṇṇaneḷḷaṇṇēṭi peṇṇē  
meyyārṇnaṅgaṭeṭi mēḷattil pāṭeṭi  
kaṇṇande cuttum āṭānāy kūṭeṭi

Wearing the peacock feather in His hair, and a fragrant garland  
towards which bees swarm; lips pressed to His flute, His golden  
waistband moving gracefully with every movement. Come, join  
us, girls, let us dance around Kanna!

## Lallē lallē (Malayalam)

lallē lallē lālē ā lallē lallē lālē ā  
lallē lallē lālē lallē lallē lallē lālē

pīlitriveccā koṇḍalkēṭṭatukaṇḍō ā  
muttum māḷēm kaṇḍō ā  
muttum māḷēm cinnam cinnam  
uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū ā uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū

Did you see the crown adorning the head of the One with the  
peacock feather? Did you see the pearl and necklace? Beautiful!  
Dance little Krishna, O little Krishna, dance!

kāyalmīnē tennumbōle  
nīlakkaṇṇatukaṇḍō ā  
ōmal puṇḍiri kaṇḍō  
ā ōmal puṇḍiri minniminni  
uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū ā uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū

Did you see the enchanting smile of the blue Krishna, like a  
fish jumping in the backwaters? Little Krishna dance, dance  
with Your glittering, enchanting smile!



māratte mālakkēṭṭinu  
vāṭāmalaruṇḍō ā  
cūṭān malaruṇḍō ā  
cūṭum malarukaḷ piñci piñci  
uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū ā uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū

Are there any unwithered flowers to make a garland to adorn  
his chest? Dance, O little Krishna, dance, letting the flowers  
fall from the garland.

maññāpizhiññānalla  
kōṭippaṭṭatukaṇḍō ā  
ponnarayāṇam kaṇḍō ā  
ponnarayāṇam cillam cillam  
uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū ā uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū

Did you see the yellow silk cloth? Did you see the golden  
waistband? The beautiful, beautiful golden waistband, O little  
Krishna dance, little Krishna dance!

ōmal coṭiyil muttum  
ōṭattaṇḍatu kaṇḍō ā  
ponnin kaivaḷa kaṇḍō  
ponnin kaivaḷa cinnam cinnam  
uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū ā uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū

Did you see the bamboo flute kissing His lips? Did you see the  
golden bracelets of Krishna? The golden bracelets are beautiful!  
Dance little Krishna, O little Krishna dance!

kālilaṇiññānalla  
kiṇṇikaḷttaḷakaṇḍō ā  
muttaṇi kiṇṇi kaṇḍō ā  
muttaṇi kiṇṇi cillam cillam  
uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū ā uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū

Did you see the anklets that adorned His feet? Did you see the pearl bell? That pearl bell! Beautiful, beautiful! Little Krishna dance!

**nīlakkaṭambin mītē nīlakkāraṇi kaṇḍō ā**  
**pāṭum pāṭṭukaḷ kēṭṭō ā**  
**pāṭum pāṭṭukaḷ koṇci koṇci**  
**uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū ā uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū**

Did you see the blue One who dances near the blue Kadamba tree? Did you hear the song? Little Krishna dance!

**cembaññiṇcāraṇi pādam**  
**cēlil veykkaṇa kaṇḍō ā**  
**ā cuvaṭukaḷ vaykkū tañci tañci**  
**uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū ā uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū**

Did you see the soft feet beautifully dancing? Keeping those feet in rhythmic steps, Little Krishna- dance, O Little Krishna dance!

**veṇṇakkāy nīṭṭum kayyukaḷ**  
**tiṇṇameṭuppatu kaṇḍō ā**  
**kaṇṇukaḷ cimmaṇa kaṇḍō ā**  
**kaṇṇukaḷ cimmi cimmi cimmi**  
**uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū ā uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū**

Did you see the blinking eyes – eyes that are blinking, blinking!  
O did you see the hands stretching out for butter and taking their fill? Little Krishna dance!

**mullappum pallukaḷ kāṭṭi**  
**ottu cirippatu kaṇḍō ā**  
**tatti naṭakkāṇa kaṇḍō ā**  
**tatti naṭannu pinnēm pinnēm**  
**uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū ā uṇṇikaṇṇā āṭū**

Did you see the smile showing his jasmine-like teeth? Did you see the toddlers steps? Walking again and again, dance, O little Krishna dance!

## Lemmu nara kiṣōramā (Telugu)

*uddharēd ātmanātmānam nātmānam avasādayēt*

Let one uplift oneself by one's self alone.

**lemmu nara kiṣōramā melukō**

**nīvē ātmavani telusukō**

**gamyam cēruvaraku āgaku**

**ātmavu! ātmavu nīvu! nīvē ātmavu!**

May one not debase oneself. Arise and awake, O mortal lion!

Know that you are the Atman, the Self. Stop not till you reach the goal. Atman, Atman! You are the Atman!

**māyā pañjaramu viraci garjiñcu**

**hṛdayadaurbalyamu viḍi ghōṣiñcu**

**nī anantaśaktini bāhyaparici cūpiñcu**

**viśvamu nīvēnani erukato jīviñcu**

**ātmavu nīvē ātmavu!**

Break free from the cage of illusion and roar! Overcome weak heartedness and proclaim the truth. Manifest the infinite energy within you! 'You are verily the Universe'— live with this awareness! You are the Atman!

**dēhamu nīvukādu ātmavi nīvu**

**bandhamu nīkulēdu ātmavi nīvu**

**ahamunu viḍicūdu śakṣivi nīvu**

**ānandasvarūpuḍavu amṛtaputruḍavu**

**ātmavu nīvē ātmavu!**

You are not the body, but the atman! You are not bound; you are the Atman! Renounce the ego and know yourself to be the witness. You are the embodiment of bliss and the heir to immortality. You are the Atman!

## Madhura mohanam (Sanskrit)

madhura mohanam manojña sundaram  
vimala vigraham vibudha vanditam  
hṛdi tamoharam cāru cinmayam  
jagannātha he yacha darśanam

Sweet and enchanting, of captivating beauty, of pure form, and worshipped by the wise, dispeller of the heart's darkness, and who is the nature of consciousness, O Lord of the universe, bless me with Your vision.

vṛṣakulē vibhūm gopa raṇjanam  
divya bhūṣaṇam pītāmbaram  
sahaja śobhitam parama pūjitam  
bhajati mānasam tava padāmbujam  
jagannātha he yacha darśanam

Chief of the cowherd clan, in whose presence the cowherds revel, You are adorned by celestial ornaments and yellow robes. Naturally resplendent, and worthy of the highest worship, my heart worships Your lotus feet. O Lord of the universe, bless me with Your vision.

śrī kṛṣṇa muraḷidharā veṇugopāla  
jagadīśa janārdanā jaganmohanā

Lord Krishna, bearer of the flute, O cowherd, Lord of the universe, Janardana, You enchant the entire universe.

khala vidūṣaṇam doṣa vāraṇam  
punita pāvanam bhava vimocanam  
bhakta mānase śīghra gāminam  
bhajati mānasam tava padāmbujam  
jagannātha he yacha darśanam

Annihilator of evil-doers and negativities, of utmost sanctity,  
You grant liberation from sorrowful existence. You rush to the  
hearts of the devoted. My heart worships Your lotus feet.

## **Mādhuri (Gujarati)**

**mādhuri mādhuri kānā, mādhuri mādhuri kānā  
mādhuri mādhuri tāri vāsalaḍi  
mādhuri mādhuri kānā mādhuri mādhuri kānā  
mādhuri lilā tāri vṛjavāsi  
mādhuri lilā tāri mādhuri**

O Krishna, the sweet One! Your flute is also sweet, O Krishna,  
You who are so sweet! Your lilas (divine plays), they too are  
so very sweet.

**eri yaśodā, bhari bajārmā  
phoḍi teṇe maṭki māri  
chāśathi nahāy rahi hu gavālaṇ  
māvalaḍi ō māvalaḍi**

A cowherd woman complains to Krishna's mother, "Hey Yas-  
hoda! He broke my pot in the middle of the crowded market  
place. I got bathed with butter milk!"

**maṭki phoḍine āve  
makhaṇ corine khāve  
chata na hāthāve nandano lālo  
tophān kānānā sūṇi  
bāvari yaśodā bani  
māvalaḍi ō māvalaḍi  
mādhuri lilā tāri mādhuri**

"He breaks pots, steals, and eats butter, yet that son of Nanda  
never gets caught." Listening the list of Krishna's pranks drives  
Yashoda crazy. O Krishna, sweetest One, Your lilas are so sweet.

suṇ ō maiyā, dhenu carāvi  
hu haṁṇā te āvyo  
kyāre phoḍi me maṭki teni  
māvalaḍi ō māvalaḍi

Krishna replies, “O dear Mother, listen to me! I just returned from grazing the cows. When did I break her pot, dear Mother?”

tu māri maiyā, hu tāro lālo  
nāno bhoḷo ne bhaḷo  
kānāni vātmā mohāy yaśodā  
māvalaḍi ō māvalaḍi  
mādhūri līlā tāri mādhuri

“You are my dear Mother. I am Your darling child. I am so small and innocent.” Yashoda is won over by little Krishna’s baby talk.

ḍhoḷ bāje ḍhoḷ bhāje, ḍhoḷ bhāje ḍhoḷ  
govāḷiyāni maṇḍaḷimā koṇ macāve śor  
makhaṇ cor te nandakiśor te, yaśodāno lal

The drums are playing. Amongst the cowherd boys, who is the most mischievous of all? It is the one who steals butter, that son of Nanda.

rādhānā śyāmni  
nandanā kūmārnī  
yaśodānā lālīni jai  
he miranā nāthni  
giridhar gopālīni  
raṇchoḍarāyīni jai

Victory to Radha’s Shyam, to Nanda’s son, to the darling of Mother Yashoda! Victory to Meera’s Lord, to the One who held the Govardhan hill aloft. Victory to Lord Ranchodrai, the One who abandoned the battle field!

## Māhā nāṭakam (Telugu)

māhā nāṭakam, māyā nāṭakam  
mahāmāyī āṭe jagannāṭakam

The grand play, the illusionary play, the universal play enacted  
by the Mother of Illusion!

vividha pātralu sṛṣṭiñci  
triguṇa mulatō āṭe nāṭakam  
evārī pātrayento yentakalamō  
antu teliyāni vicitra nāṭakam

Creating different roles, playing through the three gunas. How much  
is our involvement and how long, O fathomless, wonderful play?

jīvitam lō natiñci, nāṭakam lō jiviñci  
amma manato āṭu nāṭakam  
manapātrakku jīvampōsi manalanu  
māyā bhrāntulanu cēsina nāṭakam

Playing in the life and living in the play; the play in which  
Mother plays with us. Giving life to our roles, playing with us,  
making us confused!

## Māi bhavānī (Marathi)

mai bhavānī premasvarūpiṇi ude g ambe ā-i  
āśura mardini amṛtavarṣiṇi ude g ambē ā-i

O Bhavani, consort of Shiva, whose true nature is love. Awaken  
Mother, slayer of the asuras. You constantly shower the nectar  
of love on us. Awaken, O Mother!

ādi śakti ambābāyicā jāgar karto āmhī  
jñāna bhaktice de vardān lekar tujhī āmhī  
tuljhā bhavāni śambhu mohinī mahādevī mātē  
sukhdayiṇi jagadambe tū yogēśvarī mātē

Mother, we invoke the primeval power that is You. Please bestow upon us the boons of knowledge and devotion. O Goddess Bhavani of Tuljhapur, who charms Lord Shiva, great Goddess, Mother, giver of all happiness, O Mother of all the worlds, Goddess Durga, our object of worship.

**udē g ambē udē g ambē udē g ambē bayī**

Awaken, O Mother!

**abhīṣṭadāyini ariṣṭanāśini mahālakṣmī mātē  
jñāna śakti tū sattva svarūpiṇī śārade mātē  
ānandadāyini hṛdaya nivāsini reṇuke mātē  
prāṇadāyini muktupradāyini mahākālī mātē**

Mother Lakshmi, You fulfill all our desires and destroy all evils. Mother Saraswati, You are the power of knowledge and the embodiment of purity and wisdom; Mother Renuka, You give happiness and reside in our hearts. Mother Kali, You are the life-giving force and You grant liberation.

**udē g ambē udē g ambē udē g ambē bayī**

Awaken, O Mother!

**Mā jai jai mā (Hindi)**

**mā... jai mā... jai jai mā...**

**jai jai mā...**

**jai jai mā...**

**jai mā... jai mā...**

Victory to Mother!

**mā darśan de**

**tū he jagadīśvarī**

**mamatāmayī parameśvarī**

Give me darshan, O Mother of the universe, compassionate, supreme Goddess.



**hṛdayēśvarī tū hai bhayahāriṇī  
varadāyiniṁ bhavatāriṇī**

You reside in the heart, and alleviate all fears. You bestow boons  
and take us across the ocean of life.

**tū dil me akē bas jānā mā  
haske cāndni barsānā mā**

Come and dwell in my heart, Mother. Smile and shower us  
with moonlight, Mother.

**bhīge tanman śītal hō mā  
merā jīvan dhanya bane mā**

O Mother, cool the heat of this worldly life and make this  
human birth worthwhile.

**karuṇā se mujhe  
nehalānā mā  
man kā jalan miṭā denā mā**

Bathe me with Your compassion, Mother, and rid me of the  
burning of my heart.

**simirū har pal tujh  
kō hī mā  
esā var mujhe dēnā maiyā**

Bless me that I may think of You every moment, O Mother.

## **Manakkōyil (Tamil)**

**mārukiṇḍra ulakil mārātavaḷ māriyammā  
tēḍukiṇḍra manatil tōṇḍriḍuvāḷ māriyammā  
vēṇḍukiṇḍra varangaḷ tandiḍuvāy māriyammā  
pāḍukiṇḍra pāḍalil maraindiruppaḷ māriyammā**

In this changing world, the only constant is the divine Mother  
Mariyamma. She dawns in the hearts of those who seek Her.

She bestows the boons that we seek. She is veiled in the songs we sing.

**manakkōyil tirandu vaittēn māriyammā – atil  
dinantōrum ezhundaruḷvāy māriyammā**

O Mariyamma, the doors of my inner shrine are open. Please dawn within daily.

**tirisūlam kaiyil ēndum sūliyammā – undan  
tirupādam tozha vandēn māriyammā  
māviḷakkai ēndi vandēn nīliyammā – endan  
mana azhukkai nīkkiṭuvāy māriyammā**

O Mariyamma, Mother who wields the trident, I have come to worship Your feet. I have come with some sweet pudding for You. Please remove the impurities from my mind.

**māriyammā muttu māriyammā  
māriyammā muttu māriyammā**

Mariyamma, darling Mariyamma!

**karumbu villai tānkum karumāriyammā undan  
karuṇaikkū ellai illai māriyammā  
ponkal pānai ēttri vaittēn dēviyammā – undan  
tunnai veṇḍi ēnkukirēn māriyammā**

O dark-hued Mother who holds the sugarcane bow, Your compassion is boundless. O Goddess, I have come with a pot of pongal (pudding). I yearn for Your divine grace.

**nōy noṭikaḷ tirkkum muttu māriyammā – undan  
sēy unnai azhaikkumbōdu vārum amma  
vēppilaiyai eṭuttu vandēn kāḷiyammā – vēra-  
rumillai enai kākka māriyammā**

O sweet Mariyamma who heals all diseases, You come running when Your child calls. O Mother Kali, I have brought some neem leaves for You. There is no one else who can protect me.

## **Manamendrum undan vīdu (Tamil)**

**manamendrum undan vīdu  
marundu enḍrum untiru nīru  
idamāna mozhikalai kūru  
iduvandro perum pēru**

My mind is ever Your abode. Your sacred ash is the medicine.  
Is it not my good fortune to listen to Your soothing words?

**anpāi nī kaḍaikan pārtu  
arulāl enai karayil sērtu  
vemmāya piṇitanai tīrtu  
vidi tannai nalamāy māṭru**

Give me a loving glance. With Your grace, take me across  
the water. Remove the disease of illusion. Change my fate to  
goodness.

**eduvellām enakiḍayūr  
adan kūṭrāy aran nī māru  
nīyindri gatiyār vēru  
nī tāne kanivin mēru**

You change the aspect of whatever obstacle comes to me. With-  
out You there is no refuge. You are the mountain of compassion.

**hara hara hara hara shankara  
shiva shiva shiva shiva sada shiva  
shambho shankara sarvesha  
sharanam sharanam samba shiva**

I take refuge in Hara, Shankara, Shiva, Shambho (all names  
of Lord Shiva)!

## **Manamirukka ahankāram (Tamil)**

**manamirukka ahankāram nānirukkutu  
nānirukka daivam vēru āgi nirkkutu  
vēru āgi nirkkum daivam svayam jvalippatu  
svayam jvalikkum daivamakam svayam nuzhaivatu**

The mind is the seat of the ego known as 'I.' Where there is the sense of 'I,' God remains seemingly distinct. The distinct God is self-effulgent. The self-effulgent one enters the heart of its own accord.

**svayam nuzhainta daivattāl dharmmam nirkkutu  
dharmmam tazhaippatāle maṭṭum dayai viḷankutu  
dayai viḷanka anpu ōnki kulam sirakkutu  
kulam sirantu paramabhaktiyāl niraikkutu**

There is righteousness because of the self-entered God. Because there is righteousness, there is compassion. Because there is compassion, love is predominant, resulting in goodness. Because there is goodness, there is supreme devotion everywhere.

**paramabhaktiyin tarangam amaidi sērkkutu  
amaidi sēra sēra sēra manamoṭunkutu  
manamoṭunkum nēram ahankāram tōrkkutu  
ahankāram tōrkka marai daivam teriyutu**

The vibration of supreme devotion brings about peace. As peace deepens, the mind sinks back to its source. When the mind sinks, the ego fails miserably. When the ego is defeated, God manifests himself.

## **Manan karo man (Hindi)**

**manan karo man yatn karo man  
ahankār ko dūr karo**

Introspect, O mind! Remember, O mind: distance yourself from pride.

**guru caraṇan kā smaraṇ karo man  
guru vacanan kā dhyān dharo  
hṛday me prem aur bhakti bharo man  
bhav sāgar kā pār karo**

Immerse yourself in the lotus feet of the Guru. Meditate on the words of the Guru, fill your heart with love and devotion, and cross the ocean of samsara.

**bacpan khelat sovat khoyā  
yauvan māyā moh me ḍuboyā  
arth kām aur yaś ke lobhī  
vṛddh bhayo api sudhi nahi pāyā**

Childhood is thrown away in sleep and play. Youth is drowned in illusionary desires. We have become old in the race for money, name, and fame. We have not yet realized the truth.

**vyarth gavāyā jivan sārā  
ahankār kā bhār baḍhāyā  
nām prabhu kā smaraṇ na āyā  
ab to jāgo manvā morā**

Our whole life has remained meaningless. We have become blown up with pride. We never remember the name of the Lord. At least now, awaken, O mind of mine!

**guru caraṇan kā smaraṇ karo man  
guru vacanan kā dhyān dharo**

Immerse yourself in the lotus feet of the Guru, meditate on the words of the Guru.

## Manasavāca karmaṇā (Kannada)

*āgalī vivēka sūryana udaya*

*araḷali hṛdaya kamala vimala*

May the sun of discrimination dawn. May the pure flower of the heart blossom.

**manasavāca karmaṇā śaraṇembenu**

**nina ichage śaraṇu sankalpake śaraṇu**

I surrender to You, O Mother, by thought, word and deed. I surrender to Your wish, and to Your will.

**śaraṇembenu kṛpārāśiyē**

**śaraṇembenu kṛpārāśiyē**

Overflowing grace, Mother, I surrender . . .

**attitta nōḍadantē andhēyāgisammā**

**nina sānnidhyadi manava nillisu**

**bērellu aleyadantē bandhiyāgisammā**

**nina sēve mātradi tanuva nillisu**

Make me blind that I won't see here and there. May my mind dwell only in Your presence. Imprison me, that I will not roam about here and there. May my body be ever engaged in Your service.

**nānu nānendu nuḍidare dēvī**

**‘nina pāda’ vendu tiddi nuḍisu**

**nānu māḍide nendare dēvī**

**‘ninna prasāda’ vadendu nuḍisu**

If I say, “I, I,” correct me into saying, “Your feet.” If I say “I did it”, correct me into saying “it’s Your prasād.”

## Mānasavīṇiya (Telugu)

mānasavīṇiya mrōgiṅcavā prabhu  
mañjuḷa gānamu ravaḷiṅcagā  
tegiṇa tantrulanu atikiṅcavā prabhu  
tīyaṇi nādamu nōlikiṅcagā

O Lord, play the veena of my heart. Let the beautiful music of bliss be heard. O Lord, mend the broken strings of the instrument, may only melodious sounds emanate.

apaśrutulanni tolagiṅcavā prabhu  
susvaram mulanu paḷikiṅcagā  
mauna bhāvālakadaliṅcavā prabhu  
madhurarāgāla śrutiṇiṅcagā

Eliminate all the incorrect notes, O Lord. Let only the right tunes be heard. Lord, awaken the unvoiced inner feelings, that the enchanting ragas may be created.

amṛta dhārāla kuripiṅcavā prabhu  
ānanda vāhini nōlalāḍagā  
niratamu nīpada sankīrttanammuna  
satatamu nīrūpa sandarśanammuna

O Lord, shower the nectar of Your grace. Let me be engulfed in the stream of divine happiness. Bless me that I may always sing in praise of Your lotus feet. Bless me with the uninterrupted vision of Your enchanting form.

madhurima poṅgulu vāru ṭendamuna  
praṇavamū jummani rēgu candamuna

Bless me that my heart may overflow with bliss and that the sacred syllable ‘Om’ may resonate in my whole being.

## Manasē kēlū (Kannada)

manasē kēlū bēgane mane sēru

Listen O mind, get home quickly.

kāla saridide dāri ulīdide

bēga bēgane naṭemunde

Time is passing by, but the path remains to be covered. Walk fast, walk forward.

rāgadvēṣa gaḷali kāla kaḷeya bēḍa

iṣṭāniṣṭa gaḷali dinava dūḍa bēḍa

māyeyoḍḍuva belage kalu toṭaradante

nāma smaraṇe baladi munda mundake naṭe

Do not waste time in attachment and aversion. Do not squander days in likes and dislikes. Do not let yourself trip before the obstacle of maya. With the strength of the remembrance of the name of God, keep on going forward.

amma iruvaḷalli bā

entu karaytihaḷu. . .

māte maṭilu tāne

namagella nijada maneyū

manasē . . . ō manasē . . .

There is Mother. She is calling you. Isn't Mother's lap our real home? Mind, O mind.

## Manassil nīla sarsil (Malayalam)

manassil nīla sarsil

oru sarsirūham viriññu

azhakil bhāva niravil

oru sarsijānanam teḷiññu !



In the stillness of my mind, a beautiful lotus bloomed. In the beauty of that flower, I saw Your enchanting face.

**amaratvakānti vitarunna – jñāna  
varadāna rūpavadanam  
telivuttu kaṇḍu nirabhakti pūṇḍu  
nanavārnniṭunna nayanam**

When I saw Your everlasting beauty, devotion welled up inside of me, and I began to cry.

**akaneññu nīri asidhāra-yāya  
vazhi-yetra tāṇḍi-yoṭuvil  
abhivandyarāya ṛṣivṛndamātma  
mizhiyālariñña poruḷ, nī**

After so much desperate searching, all the great sages came to know You through the inner Self.

## **Mangala nāyaki (Tamil)**

**mangala nāyaki ādiparāśakti  
mangalam ponkavittiruntāḷ  
marakata uru mayil naṭai azhakil  
yāzhisaiyuṭaṇ iyarkaiyin ezhilil  
innisaiyōṭu narttanamāṭi  
mandiram mozhintu neñcam pukuntāḷ**

Adiparashakti, the auspicious One is seated auspiciously on Her throne. Her form shines like a diamond, Her gait is like that of a peacock. Accompanied by the sound of the divine veena and the beauty of nature, She comes into my heart, chanting a mantra.

**nadiyōram kuḷirtēntral inimai  
maṇamiraikka malarvanam atilāṭum**

**mayilāṭa kuyil kūvum kārmēgham**  
**malarmaṇḍapattil alankāram koṇḍāṭṭam tiruvizhā**

A cool breeze can be felt on the banks of the river. The flower garden, exuding a sweet fragrance, dances to its tune. The dancing peacock is a blissful sight to behold, along with the singing bird. The hall is decorated grandly, as if for a festival.

**kalaikaṇkaḷ naṭanam puriyum**  
**tiruviḷakkin oḷisintum sānnidhyam**  
**pūmālai tōraṇaṅgaḷ āṭivarum**  
**meymarantu kāṇbōrkku daivīkadarśanam**

Devi's beautiful eyes move about as if dancing. The divine lamp spreads the light of peace and tranquillity; it's flame sways to and fro. Forgetting themselves, those who witness it enjoy the divine vision.

**jai jai gāyatri śrīvidyai śankari**  
**jai jai jñānasvarūpiṇi vāṇi**  
**jai jai vēdanāyaki vittaki**  
**jai jai cāmuṇḍēśvari māyi**

Glory to Gayatri, Sri Vidya and Shankari! Hail to Sarasvati, the Goddess of knowledge! Glory to She who leads the Vedas, victory to the slayer of Chanda and Munda!

## **Mangal vadana (Hindi)**

**mangal vadana karuṇā mandir**  
**sundar sur vandit tū**  
**sakal varad kavitaḍāyak**  
**sankaṭ gaṇ bhañjak tū**

You have an auspicious face, You are a temple of compassion and the gods worship Your beautiful feet. You bestow all boons and poetry, and remove our many problems!

**gaṇanātha... śubhadāta... śivabāla... natapāla...  
jītakāma deva... bālarūpa... vedasannuta  
gaṇanātha... śubhadāta... śivabāla... natapāla...  
jītakāma deva... bālarūpa... vedasannuta**

O Lord of the Ganas, giver of auspiciousness, son of Shiva,  
preserver of dance, vanquisher of Kama - Your form is like that  
of a child and You are praised in the Vedas!

**amṛt kalaś kar me sohe  
ankuś nav modak bhī  
akhil vimal guṇ kīmūrat  
rañjit raṇ vijayī**

In Your hands You hold a pot containing the nectar of immor-  
tality, the elephant goad and sweet laddus. You symbolise the  
universal qualities of purity and goodness, and are victorious  
in war.

**caraṇ śaraṇ var de bārak  
kinkar hamre cākar  
kalabh vadan dikhālā gaṇanāthā  
mangal bikhare jagme**

Please grant the boon that we may take refuge at Your feet. Thus  
our minds' demons will become our servants. Please show us  
Your divine form, Lord of the Ganas, that happiness and joy  
may spread in this world!

## **Manitā iraivan (Tamil)**

**manitā iraivan tān inbavūtru – atai  
nī arintu endrum pōtru**

O human being! The supreme is the actual source of bliss.  
Recognize this and praise the supreme.

**maraikaḷ nāngum itarkku sāndru  
atai nī arintu karai akattru  
manatil māsennum karai akattru  
itanālē uṇaralāmē inba ūttru**

The four Vedas are evidence to this fact. Understand that and try to remove the impurities from your mind. Through this you can realize the actual source of bliss.

**orupōdum utavātun ulaka pattru  
itai nī arintu appattrakattru**

None of your worldly possessions will actually benefit you. Understand this and cultivate the attitude of detachment.

**unnullil uraikintra irai uṇarttu  
itanālē uṇaralāmē inba ūttru**

Invoke the Supreme that dwells right within you. Through this you can realize the actual source of bliss.

## **Mano nā visāri (Punjabi)**

**mano nā visāri tere dar te aye hā  
mātā merā kaun sahārā tere siva**

Please let me remain in Your heart; I have come to Your abode.  
O Mother, who else is there for me other than You?

**meri bigaḍi banāye kaun (tū hi banāye mā)  
mere dard miṭāye kaun (tū hi miṭāye mā)  
merā kaṣṭ haṭāye kaun (tū hi haṭāye mā)  
mainu apnā banāye kaun (tū hi banāye mā)  
merā viṣay vikār haṭāye merī mā  
tū meri mā (jai devi mā)**

Who resolves all my problems? You alone, Mother. Who removes my pain and sorrows? You alone, Mother. Who

removes my worries and problems? You alone, Mother. Who makes me Her own? You alone, Mother. You alone remove my worldly attachments.

**banke tārā camko akkhā vich  
dūr hove māyā dā kohrā  
dekh tanū akhā bhar ayiyā  
caraṇ pivā mai tere to to maiyyā  
caraṇ pivā mai tere to to maiyyā**

Like a beautiful star, please shine in my eyes. The fog of delusion disappears. Just looking at You, my eyes fill with tears. Washing Your feet thus, I want to drink divine nectar.

**ik tū hī is duniyā vich, samjhe dil dī bolī  
bākī sāre matlab de, riṣṭte nāte cūṭhe  
mainū apṇe caraṇā vich biṭhāle hun māyiye  
mainū apṇe dil vich, chipāle hun māyiye  
mainū apṇe dil me, chipāle hun māyiye**

You are the only one who understands the language of my heart. The rest are all selfish minded, and worldly relations are unreal. Give me refuge at Your divine feet, Mother. Hide me in Your heart, O Mother!

## **Manujkāy hāthī (Hindi)**

**manujkāy hāthī sirvālā  
śok moh nāśak śiv bālā  
ādidev vancit varadātā  
dīn nāth vande gaṇarāyā**

One with the body of a human, and the head of an elephant, son of Shiva, the destroyer of sorrow and attachment. O supreme Lord, giver of boons, protector of the destitute, we bow to You, Lord of the elephants.

śaraṇam śaraṇam śaraṇam śaraṇam śaraṇam  
śaraṇam śaraṇam śaraṇam śaraṇam śaraṇam  
śaraṇam śaraṇam śaraṇam śaraṇam śaraṇam  
ganeśa śaraṇam

O Ganesh, we take refuge in You!

cāra ved terī guṇ gāthā  
tin lōk vyāpit tavakāyā  
dān bhāv mere man jāge  
bār bār vande pad terā

Your praises are sung in the four Vedas and in the three worlds.  
O Lord who awakens the attitude of giving in me, I bow to  
Your feet again and again.

gyān dān denā tum devā  
nāc gān rasikā sukumārā  
yōgirāja jaya dīnadayālā  
dījiye caraṇa dāsya hamēśā

O God bless me with knowledge, Lord who revels in the beauty  
of music. O King of all yogis, victory to You, compassionate  
One. Please bless me that I may ever be the servant of Your feet!

## Mā o mā (Gujarati)

mā o mā mārī mā  
tārā sivā kōṇ marū  
tārā sivā mane  
nā jōve kōyī bijū

Mother, I have no one other than You. I also don't want any-  
one besides You.

tu mārī sāthī tu sangāthī  
tu mārā śvāsōnā śvāsō śvās

**rōm rōm mā tārō vās**

**kyārē samāviś mujnē tuj mā**

You are my friend, You are my companion, You dwell in each breath I take; when will You merge me in You?

**tu mārī pāsē chatā hun tārathī dūr**

**tāru māru kēvu ā bandhan**

**hu ātmā tun paramātmā**

**kyārē samāviś mujne tuj mā**

What sort of relationship is this? You are always by my side, yet I am so far from You. I am the *atma* (self), You are *Paramatma* (supreme Self); when will You merge me in You?

**tu mārī devī ā jagnī tu janani**

**tārā caraṇoma cārō lōk**

**hu ā jagmā ā jag tuj mā**

**kyārē samāviś mujnē tuj mā**

**mā ō mā...**

You are my Goddess, You are the Mother of this world, the four worlds are at Your feet. I am of this world, and this world remains in You; when will You merge me in You?

## **Māriyamma māriyamma (Tamil)**

***samayapurattālē sankatankaḷ nīkkitamma***

***kaṇṇpurattālē kavalaikaḷ pōkkitamma***

***āyi mahāmāyi aruḷkaṇṇai kātṭitamma***

***kālī trisūli kaṇ tirantu pārttitamma***

O Mother who resides in Samayapuram, please remove obstacles. O Mother who resides in Kannapuram (place names), please remove all worries. O great Mother, see with Your compassionate eyes. O Kali who holds the trident, open Your eyes and look at us!

māriyamma māriyamma śankarittāyē  
āyiram kaṇ koṇḍavaḷē  
tūya uḷḷam pūṇḍavaḷē māriyammā  
tumbattai nī tuṭaittiṭa vā vā  
vēppilai vīsiyē vā vā  
nōyivēdanaikaḷ ellām tīra  
karankaḷil tiṇṇaṭṭi ēntivantōm  
enkaḷuḷḷam kuḷirntiṭa nī vā

O Mother Shankari, Mariyamma, You have a thousand eyes.  
O Mariyamma, You have a pure heart, and hold neem leaves.  
Please come and rid us of our worries! We come with fire pots  
in hand. Please make us happy by relieving the pains of our  
diseases.

kātrāki nīkkamara enkum niraintavaḷē  
ārāki pāvavinai tīrkka pirantavaḷē  
aruvāki uruvāki karuvāki tiruvāki  
pattrarukkum paruporuḷē māriyammā  
sundari antari purantari bhayankari

You are all-pervading like the wind. You come as a river to  
wash away our sins. You are form and formless, the primordial  
cause and real wealth. Giver of auspiciousness and prosperity,  
remover of fear, great Mother!

jagam pukazh puṇyavati akamarum pankajākṣi  
akamanatil iruḷakattrum kāmīni kāmākṣi  
kavipāṭa kaḷiyāṭa manamāṭa uraintāṭa  
kanakāṅgi karumāri māriyammā  
sundari antari purantari bhayankari

O meritorious One, You are praised by the whole world. Lotus-  
eyed One, You bloom in our hearts. O giver of desired boons,  
please remove the darkness in our hearts. We invite You whole-



heartedly by singing and dancing, O golden-hued Karumari, Mariyamma. Giver of auspiciousness and prosperity, remover of fear, great Mother!

**matiyōṭu manam makizhum pārin paramporuḷē  
matimōha māyainīkkum māyā svarūpiṇiyē  
matiyil nin tirunāmam uraintiṭa vēṇḍumamma  
matillōka iṭarillāmal kattiṭum māriyamma  
sundari antari purantari bhayankari**

O most supreme One in the universe, You make our minds and intellects happy. You are the source of Maya. Please remove our delusion. Your name should be established in our hearts. O Mariyamma please save us from the obstacles of the world. Giver of auspiciousness and prosperity, remover of fear, great Mother!

**sundari antari purantari bhayankari  
śankari śrīkari śivankari abhayankari  
āyi mahāmāyi karumāri triśūli  
kāli ankāli pozhivayē aruḷmāri**

Giver of auspiciousness and prosperity, remover of fear, great Mother! Bearer of the trident, Kali, Angali, kindly shower Your grace!

**Māya lōniki neṭṭak-amma (Telugu)**

**māya lōniki neṭṭak-amma!  
ō mahāmāyi  
daya cūpi kanipeṭṭ-ammā!  
nī biḍḍan-ammā**

Don't push me into this illusion, O great deluder. Protect Your child with Your compassion!

**māya bommala madhya dimpiti-vammā  
māyalāṭal-āḍamanṭi-vammā**

O Mother, You put me in the midst of illusory toys and allowed me to play these illusory games.

**āṭalālō lāgabaṭi ninnu maracitin-amma!**

**āṭanē nijam-anukoni bratikitin-amma**

Immersed in these games, I forgot You. I lived all these years assuming this to be the reality.

**bommālāṭalō alasi pilicitin-ammā**

**kottabommalu kuni ichitiv-ammā !**

When I got tired of these toys, I called out for You and You gave me new toys to play with.

**ninnu maraci āṭalāḍi visigitin-amma**

**āṭalō yēmunṇati ani telisinat-amma**

I am tired of playing these games– forgetting You. I understand that there is nothing in these games.

**ī bommalu nākoddu**

**ī āṭalu nākoddu!**

**manic-ceḍalu nākoddu**

**bhava bandhalu nākoddu!**

I don't want these toys! I don't want these games! I don't want good or bad! I don't want these worldly bonds!

**māyā prapancam nākoddu!**

**janma maraṇālu nākoddu!**

**amma kāvāli! nāk-amma kāvāli!**

**amma kāvāli! amma prēma kāvāli**

I don't want this illusory world! I don't want birth and death!  
I want Mother! I want Mother's love! I want Mother!

## Māyā ulagam (Tamil)

māyā ulagam kaliyuga māyā mayakkam  
meytanai marantu pōytanai nāṭum māyā ulagam  
sattiyattai tēṭi tēṭi enkenkō alaikirāy  
kaṇmunne iruppatai kāṇātēverukkirāy  
iyarkkayōṭu iṇakkamindri vilaki vilaki nī selkirāy  
poyyāna mukham kāṭṭi pōliyāka sirikkirāy

The unreal world is the illusion of Kali Yuga, the age of vice and demonic tendencies. You are wandering in search of truth, but you are not seeing it right in front of your eyes. You are moving away from the harmony of nature, and showing a false face and a fake smile.

ādaravāy anpozhuḱa pēsa nīyum marukkirāy  
ādhāramām iraipōruḱai tēṭa maṭṭum ninaikkirāy  
bandhapaśam nān enatu endrē tān uzhalikirāy  
poyyāna ulakamendru kuraikūri alaikirāy

You are preventing yourself from speaking lovingly and consolingly, even as you desire to search for the true source. You are living for your relations, ego and attachments. You are wandering - blaming the world for your problems.

nalvazhi kāṭṭinālum ērkkāmal suzhalkirāy  
nittiyamāy unnil unnai kāṇāmal tavikkirāy  
nalintōrkku sēvai seytu nallulakam nāṭalām  
anpāna vāzhvinilē meyyulakam kāṇalām

You are going around without accepting the good path shown to you. You are suffering without knowing your eternal essence. You can serve under-served people and seek the good world! You can see the real world by living a life with love.

## Mayilirakaṇi mādhanē (Tamil)

mayilirakaṇi mādhanē  
vēnkuzhal ūṭiḍum nāyakanē  
untan ninaivil anudinamum  
enkaḷ manatil urutipera  
untan arulaḷai nāḍukirēn kaṇṇā

O Madhava, adorned with a peacock feather! The Lord who plays the flute! Krishna, I pray daily that my mind may remain steeped in thoughts of You.

vellaḷai uḷḷa kaḷvā veṇṇai uṇṇa vārāi  
yārum kāṇum munnē kaṇ maraintu selvāi

Thief with an immaculate mind, please come to eat some butter.  
But You must disappear before anyone sees You!

kaṇkaḷum nīyē kāṭciyum nīyē  
kāṇpavanum kaṇṇā nīyē

O Krishna, You are the eyes that see, the object that is seen and the seer.

kaṇṇanindri inkē kāṇayārumuṇḍō?  
kaṇṇan seyyum lilai kaṇkaḷ ariyumuṇḍō?

What else is there to see but Krishna? In His divine play, is there anything different from him that can be seen through our eyes?

## Merā mujh main (Punjabi)

merā mujh main kuch nahi maiyyā  
jō kuch hai ō tū hī maiyyā  
terā tujhkō saupkke maiyyā. . .  
meri maiyyā . . . ō meri maiyā . . . main  
tere vich racadā jāvā me jay mātādi gāvā

I have nothing in me that is mine, all that I have belongs to You. May I surrender everything to You and merge in You.

jithe dekhā tūhī dissdā, har dil de vich tūhi  
teri dōr vich har dil nū mai, ek dil kardā jāvā  
sukh vī terā dukh vī terā, sab racanā hai teri maiyā  
terā terā kardā hī mai, tere vich racadā jāvā – main  
tere vich racadā jāvā

Wherever I look, I see only You; You are in every heart. May we join all hearts together with the thread that leads to Your heart. Happiness, sorrow, the entire creation is Yours. May we see everything as Your grace and merge in You.

śerāvali jōttāvali laṭhāvali  
mehrāvali pahadāvali polipāli maiyā  
tere vich racadā jāvā, me jay mātādi gāvā

kar kirpā kī isa sevakkdī ichā hūve pūri  
mangā nā kuch tere tō mai  
dhan dhan kardā jāvā  
kehende sadguru kaḷḷā nahi tū  
teynū pal pal cukkdā jāvā  
ik kadamu tū mereval cukkdā dassa kadama mai āvā  
dassa kadamu mē āvā

Bestow Your blessings on this servant so that his desire is fulfilled; I don't ask for anything but just want to thank You. The Satguru says, 'You are not alone in this world, I am always carrying you along. When you take one step towards me, I take ten steps towards you.'

gajj ke gāvō. . . jay mātādi  
phatē bulāvō. . . jay mātādi  
mai nahi suṇēyā. . . jay mātādi  
ral mil gāvō. . . jay mātādi

Sing with all your might: Victory to Mother! Call out for victory! Sing louder, I can't hear you! Let us all sing together: Victory to Mother!

## Mere guruvāñ di vāñi (Punjabi)

mere guruvāñ di vāñi sun lo – mere  
guruvādi vāñi sun lo  
e hegī – cāṣnī nālon mīṭhī  
e hegī - pānī nālon patlī  
e hegī - sāre jagtī nyārī

Listen to the words of my great masters! These words are sweeter than concentrated sugar syrup and at the same time, thinner than water - these words are out of this world!

o bande tū hī karle, is dā simrañ  
savār le pāgānū sunkar kare vacan  
lagjā pār tū muṣkilānū lāng kar  
tarjā tū is jahāz te caṭkar - o

O Man, you too learn and chant these words. Pamper your fortune by listening to these true words. You can cross the ocean of transmigration by listening and adhering to these words!

is vāñi vich pariyā amarat  
is dī rah jo chalyā, o sokhā  
nā rahe terā paisā mān dē śarīr  
na pucche chūṭṭe sambandhi te śarīkh

These words are full of spiritual nectar, whoever followed these words made their life easy! None of your wealth, name or body will remain, even your friends & family will not be with you!

## Mizhinīrilāzhnna (Malayalam)

mizhinīrilāzhnna manatārilinnu  
madhuvillayende janani  
tazhayāteyonnu tuṇayāyivannu  
tazhukīṭukenne sadayam

O Mother, there is no honey in the flower of my heart, which is wilting in tears. Forsake me not, come to my aid, and caress me compassionately.

**verute viriñña vanasūnamoṭṭu  
niramārnnatalla vanajē  
padatāriḷeykku patiyanorittu  
kanivēkiyamba kaniyū**

O Vanaja (a name of the divine Mother), the wildflowers of my heart, which blossomed haphazardly, are not very colorful. Deign to show just a little mercy so that I may offer this heart-flower at Your lotus feet.

**irulārnnā neññiloḷiyāyirunnu  
gatiyēkiṭunna janani  
karuṇakāṭākṣam aṭiyannu nalki  
arivēkiyennilamarū**

O Mother, shed some light in this benighted heart and lead me to a better destiny. By directing Your compassionate gaze on this lowly one, awaken knowledge in me and enshrine Yourself in my heart.

**tava pādarēṇuvaṇiyān enikkyu  
varadānamēku varadē  
bhavasāgarattil alayunnorende  
azhal nīkkiyennil aṇayū**

O Varada (bestower of boons), bless me so that I can smear myself with the dust of Your feet. Remove the sorrow of this child, drifting in the ocean of samsara (cycle of births and deaths), and make me one with You.

## Mōkēda ammanu (Tulu)

mōkēda ammanu bale oñji leppuṇḍu  
taḍamalpande amma kare korule  
ammanu leppare bāle guñji gottuṇḍu  
puggelḍu jeppuḍādu mānālē amma

One small child is calling for his most dear mother. Don't delay Mother! Consider the call! The child only knows to call his mother. Put the child to sleep in Your arms and console him, Mother.

malpunā bēleḍu unpinā nuppuḍu  
pratiyoñji karmogu ammanu nenetond  
usir usirḍu ammanā anugraha  
anubhavisuvuna bhāgyā olipāle

The child is remembering the mother in everything he does, in all his work and the food he eats. Please grant the luck that this child may experience Mother's blessings in every single breath.

koḍacādrī giriṭu īre, nandininā taṭōṭu īre  
barsadā panipaniṭu īre bhagavati  
sṛṣṭida anu anu bērtu sāgunā ammā  
darśana korlē enklēgu manada cāvaḍiḍu

Goddess Mookambika, You reside in the hills of Kodachadri and on the banks of the River Nandini. Every single raindrop is You, Bhagavati. You are in every atom of creation, Mother, You are the absolute with attributes. Please grant us Your vision in our minds.

hṛdayēśvari ammā  
paramēśvari ammā  
jagadīśvari janani  
akhilāṇḍēśvari



Mother, Goddess of our heart, Supreme Mother Durga, universal Mother, most intelligent Goddess!

## **Mother nature (English)**

nature is our home  
god in another form  
let's love and protect, care and respect  
the wonder of this world

mother nature,  
may our hearts rise  
in the beauty of creation

seeing god in one another  
in the wind, the trees, the water

every bird that sings  
all living things  
are nothing else but you

as part of the whole  
we have to play our role  
learning to feel, striving to heal  
the wounds of this world

nature only gives  
sustaining all that lives  
for us to survive we need to strive  
to care for all of life

## **Muralīgānamutirkkunnu (Malayalam)**

**muralīgānamutirkkunnu hari  
vṛndāraṇya-nikuñjē  
navarasamadhurima rūkum nava nava-  
madhumaya rāgamanōjñam**

Krishna is playing his flute in the Vrindavan garden, and His divine music can be heard everywhere, bringing joy to all.

**jalavum dharaṇiyum-anilanumoppam  
sakalacarācaravṛndam  
madhuramanōhara vamsīninadam  
pakarum madhu nukarunnu**

The water, earth, wind and all of creation on Earth are in ecstasy listening to the Lord's music.

**gopavadhū janavṛndam mādha-  
savidham-aṇaṇṇatiramyam  
rāsarāsotsava lahariyilāzhān  
lāsyachuvaṭukaḷ veypū**

All of the gopis and gopas of Vrindavan gather round Krishna and join in the rasa lila dance.

**mama hṛdayattilum-amṛtam peyyum  
naṭanam ceyyu ! mukundā  
mama janmatteyum-alivinnuravāl  
amṛtātmakamāku nī**

O Krishna! Please come and dance in my heart so that I too will become blissful. With Your compassion, please make my life meaningful by granting me immortality.

## Muralī manohar (Hindi)

muralī manohara, mādhaba  
yadu rāja nandan sundarā  
karuṇādrāmānas mohana  
vraja lokanāyak nandanā

O Madhava, Krishna, player of the flute, O beautiful son of the  
Yadu King of Vraj, compassionate One!

bolo mādhav gavo keśav  
yādavā madhusūdanā brajnandanā  
rādhākṛṣṇā gopīkṛṣṇā jay jay muralīkṛṣṇa

Chant the names of Madhava, sing the names of Krishna. O  
Radha Krishna, Gopi Krishna, victory to Krishna!

vanamālabhūṣaṇ bhūte  
śiśūpālsūdan śrīpate  
paśūpālbālak śyāmālā  
madhurāpurādhīpa mangalā

The One with the beautiful garland, consort of Lakshmi, You  
put an end to the evil Sishupala. O dark-hued cowherd boy,  
auspicious One of Mathura!

## Murugā vēlmurugā (Tamil)

kaṇmaṇi murugā karuṇāsāgarā murugā murugā  
vēlavā vaṭivēlavā vinaiyarukkum māl marugā  
vēl vizhiyāl bālakā daṇḍāyudhapāṇiyē

O precious Muruga, ocean of compassion. The little child of  
Uma, You have piercing eyes and bear a wooden staff as Your  
weapon.

**murugā vēlmurugā vettrivēlazhakā  
kumarā skandā vēlā mālmarukā  
vēlavā vaṭivēlavā vinaiyarukkum mālmurugā  
velvizhiyal bālakā daṇḍāyudhapāṇiyē**

O Muruga, holder of the spear, handsome nephew of Lord Vishnu, slayer of past life karma. The little child of Uma, You have piercing eyes and bear a wooden staff as Your weapon.

**sinkāravēlavā śivaśakti bālakā  
sinkārakāvaṭiyai eṭuttu vantōmē  
sinkārakāvaṭiyil tēnum tinaiyum vaittu  
sinkārakāvaṭiyai arppaṇittōm**

The bearer of a highly decorated and most beautiful spear, the child of Lord Siva and Parvati, we carry the beautiful wooden arch, we have put honey and millet in that arch, we humbly offer this to You O Lord!

**suṭṭa veṇṇīr pūsi azhakanāy vantāy  
suṭṭapazham tantu paṭṭiyin tamizh keṭṭāy  
jñānappazhamē niyē kōpamkoṇḍu āṇḍiyanāy  
jñānacuṭarē navamaruntē anpānāy**

Adorned with pure white ash, O handsome One, You played with the ‘Tamil Grandma’ by offering ‘hot’ fruits (fruit of knowledge). O embodiment of knowledge, out of anger, You took the form of a total renunciate. Flame of knowledge, panacea for all diseases (as the form of the nine medicinal herbs). You are love.

**sūravadhān seyttu taivānai maṇamuṭittāy  
kizhavanāka urumāri kuravallī karampiṭittāy  
tantaikku praṇavamōti satguruvāy ninṭrāy  
sēytanai kattiṭuvāy tirumurugā**

You killed the demon Surapadman and married Theivanai. Disguised as an old man You took the hand of the gypsy girl Valli in marriage. You revealed the meaning of the pranava

mantra ‘om’ to Your father and stood tall among Satgurus.  
Auspicious Lord Muruga, please protect this child!

## **Muttu mūkkutti (Tamil)**

**muttu mūkkutti mukhattil minna nī muttam koṭukkaiyilē  
anpu muttam manam kavarum ennai nī aṇaikkaiyilē  
kavalaiyāl kalankum nān tiruppādam tozhutiṭavē  
apalai nān enai marantē kaṇṇīrāl nanaittiṭuvēn**

As You embrace me and bestow Your loving kiss, Your pearl  
nose-ring shines, and my mind is engulfed! Gripped with sor-  
row I bow down at Your divine feet; helpless I forget myself  
and drown in my tears.

**muttamiṭṭu ivvulakai pūnkāvanamākkukirāy  
anpu tantu tuyarakatti ezhilpūmiyākkukirāy  
nīrōṭum nadiyinaiyum tīrtthamāka mattukindrāy  
nī varaṇḍa idayattai gangayāka mātṭukindrāy**

With Your love You transform the world into a garden. With  
Your love You remove all sorrow and make this world beautiful.  
You transform the flowing waters of the river into holy water.  
You transform the dry mind into the Ganges River.

**vinaippayan kaṭantu mukti padam kāṭṭiṭavē  
viyanulakil anpāna tāyena vantāyē  
toṭuvatanām anaivarukkum marupiravi tantuviṭṭāy  
piravāta perunilaiyai tāyē nī aruḷvāyē**

Show me the path of liberation, help me transcend the cycle of  
karma, You who have come to this earth embodying motherly love.  
Your touch has transformed so many, made so many feel reborn.  
Please bestow Your boon that I may go beyond birth and death

**vallavēḷa palluyirum enataka vēṇḍum amṁā  
nallatāka kāṇpatellom nalamāka vēṇḍum amṁā**

**uḷḷoḷiyē pēroḷiyāy ulakenkum katiroḷiyāy  
narpirappām ippirappil nān kāṇa vēṇḍum ammā**

I should be able to see myself in others, I should be able to see the good in everything. Help me realize, in this life, that the light glowing within me permeates the whole universe.

**ammā unakku palakōṭi vandanankaḷ**

Mother, I prostrate at Your holy feet over and over again.

**Nā hṛdi (Telugu)**

**nā hṛdi koluvani nī padakamalam  
darśiṇcanī mātā nidivyarūpam**

Let my heart worship Your lotus feet. Mother, allow me to behold Your divine form.

**nā kanureppalu kāru mabbulai  
kurisē kannīru vāna jallulai  
padunu tīranī eṭata bhūmini  
molakettanī bhaktivittuni**

When dark clouds form in my eyelids, tears flow down like rainwater. Let the ground of my heart become wet, so that the seeds of devotion can sprout!

**viṣaya vāsanala kalupu mokkalanu  
rāga dvēṣamula muḷḷa ḍonkalanu  
dhruṭamagu nammika padunagu kattiga  
perikivēyanī citta vṛttini**

The weeds of materialistic vasanas, the thorny bushes of passion and hatred, the deep rooted likes and dislikes - let them all be eradicated by the sharp knife of unshakable faith in You!

**biṭṭalu vārina bamjaru bhūmula  
avidya niṇḍina mānasa sīmala**

**sāgu cēyanī nī śaraṇāgati  
virabūyanī ānanda vallari**

The expanse of my ignorant mind is like a wasteland. Let it  
be ploughed by surrendering to You. Let eternal bliss bloom  
like a flower!

**Naiyyā tērē (Hindi)**

**naiyyā tērē jivankī  
gumrah kaisē hō gayi  
sukhki or nikli thi  
dukh sāgarmē khō gayi**

How did the boat of your life lose its way? It started its course  
towards happiness, but got lost in the ocean of sorrow.

**tan dhan par hī dhyān diyā  
apnē sat kō bisrā diyā  
parāyē kō tū apnā samjhā  
apnē kō ṭukrā diyā**

You paid attention to wealth and body alone, forgetting your true  
self. You thought a stranger to be yours, forsaking your own self.

**ahankār kē jāl mētū  
bandi bankar rah gayā  
apnē andar kē hirē kō  
pahcānē binā tū rah gayā**

In the trap of the ego, you became a prisoner, unable to recog-  
nize the jewel inside you.

**na sōc din hē bahut  
jānē kabh naiyyā dūb jāyē  
kāl jō āyē dvar tērē  
kal tak tū nahi ṭāl pāyē**

Don't think there are endless days; who knows when the boat may sink? If tomorrow comes to your door, you will not be able to put it off to the next day.

## **Nāḷnallatākum (Tamil)**

**nāḷnallatākum kōḷ nallatākum  
nātan tāḷ paṇintāl  
nānenatennum māyai māyntē pōkum  
nātan manam kanintāl**

Auspicious will be the day, and all planets will become favorable when one prostrates before the Lord. The feelings of 'I' and 'mine' will disappear if the Lord showers grace.

**siṭṭrinpattinil pattrinai nikki  
paraman pattrinai pattriṭuvōm  
aritāyvaytta ummāṇiṭa piravi  
payanuracceytē vāzhntiṭuvōm**

Let us detach from fleeting pleasures and attach to the feet of the Lord. Let us live this rare human birth in a beneficial way.

**tiruvaruḷālē manaviruḷnīnka  
pōṭṭruvōm tillaināyakanai  
tarumvarattālē kūṭṭrinai māṭtri  
kēṭaruppān nam kūṭṭapirān**

Let us praise the Lord of Chidambaram, that our ignorance be dispelled by his divine grace. With His boon, our Lord of dance can even change our destiny and remove our sorrows.

**ellām vallavan ellām avanseyal  
eṇṭṭruṇarntē sivan aṭiṭaṇivōm  
innalkaḷ ellām maraintē pōkum  
iruḷpōḷ katiravan oḷiyinilē**



Let us understand that he is all powerful and everything is his will, and prostrate at Lord Shiva's feet. Like darkness disappearing in sunlight, our difficulties will also disappear.

**ponnār mēniyanē puviyāḷum śankaranē  
minnār saṭaiyōnē harahara mṛtyuñjaya śivanē**

Shiva, Lord of golden effulgence, ruler of the world, Lord with matted hair, conqueror of death!

## **Nambinōr (Tamil)**

**nambinōr keṭuvatillai nānkumarai tīrppu  
ambikaiyai tozhuvōrkku illaiyē irappu**

The scriptures declare that those who believe in God will never come to any harm. Those who have faith in the Goddess will attain immortality.

**ponkalvaittu vazhipaṭa aruḷ taruvāyē  
māriyammanē uḷḷam amarntu oḷitaruvāyē  
anputantu aruḷtantu aḷḷiyaṇaikkum māriyamma  
amutamē arumaruntē śaraṇaṭaintōmē**

Grant me the boon of worshipping You on Pongal (a festival dedicated to the Goddess). O Mariyamma, dwell in my heart and enlighten me. You shower love and grace on me, and embrace me. Goddess of immortality, sovereign remedy, we take refuge in You!

**kuzhantaiyum taivamum ontrutānē  
kuzhantayāy taivamāy guruvaṭivāṇavaḷē  
aruḷkozhuntē mīnākṣiyē araśanin makaḷāṇaḷ  
amutavallī nāvinālē piḷḷaitamizh tantāḷē**

The innocent child is no different from God. For me, You are child, God and Guru. O benevolent One, Meenakshi, daughter of the king! Your innocent prattle in Tamil delighted everyone.

**kōyilillā nagaramē narakamentru solvārkaḷ  
kōyilāy manam māra sorkamākum enpārkaḷ  
kōyilin karuvarai uraintiṭum māriyamma – mana  
kōyilil vittriruntu mangalaṃ aruḷvāyē**

It is said that a city without a temple is like hell, and a heart that enshrines God is heaven. O One who dwells in the inner sanctum of the temple, You reside in my heart and bestow auspiciousness on me!

**maṭamayai nīkkiṭam magimaimiku māriyamma  
mannalaḷum māriyavaḷ tankiṭuval manatilē  
anpenum malarkonḍu manatilpūja seyvōm  
anpāna māriyavaḷ kaṣṭankaḷai kalaivāyē**

O Mariyamma, capable of dispelling ignorance! O ruler of the earth, dwell in my heart! With the flowers of love, I shall worship You in my heart. O compassionate Mariyamma, please remove my troubles.

## **Nām japo (Hindi)**

**nām japo nit hari kā pyāre  
nām se darśan milte nyāre**

Dear one, chant the name of Hari. This name alone will reveal the form!

**nām se hi cit kā ho śodhan  
nām hi har sādhan kā sādhan  
nām ki mahimā śiv hi jāne  
nām ko rām se ūpar māne**

The Lord's name is the only purifier for the mind and the means for every seeker. Shiva alone knows the glory of the Lord's name, as he gives greater importance to Rama's name than to Rama himself!

**nām japat pāpom kā kṣay ho  
nām raṭat man nāmī may ho  
nām ki mahimā kahi na jāye  
nām jape so hi gati pāye**

By chanting the Lord's name, one's bad karma comes to an end and the mind merges in the divine. No one can express the glory of chanting that name. Whoever chants it reaches truth!

**rām ne kuchko hi tārā thā  
nām ne to lākhom tāre  
sākṣi rahe he cānd sitāre  
rām bhajo yā bhajo murare**

Rama gave liberation only to a few in his lifetime, but his name has granted deliverance to millions. The moon and stars are witness to this - therefore, chant the name, be it Rama or Murari!

**bolo rām rām rām sītā rām rām rām  
bolo rām rām rām sītā rām rām rām**

Hail Rama, Sita!

## **Namo namah (Telugu)**

**namo namah namo namah kāli caranālu  
mā manasuna koluvaina kāli caranālu**

Salutations to the holy feet of Mother Kali, which are enshrined in our hearts!

**vairāgya sīmalō āḍu caranālu  
kālidāsu pūjinche kāli caranālu  
bangāru andela śyāma caranālu  
mā manasuna koluvaina kāli caranālu**

The feet that dance in the abode of dispassion, are worshipped by Kalidas (poet); those dark feet, that are enshrined in our hearts, are adorned by golden anklets.

**yenalēni andāla jilugu caranālu  
dharani dēvi cumbince kāli caranālu  
manasune mōhinche madhura caranālu  
mā manasuna koluvaina kāli caranālu**

The holy feet, whose beauty is beyond measure, are kissed by Mother Earth; those sweet feet that capture the minds of devotees, are enshrined in our hearts.

**bhaktiki muktiki gūdu caranālu  
ārtula kalpa taruvu kāli caranālu  
padilamuga koluvare talli caranālu  
mā manasuna koluvaina kāli caranālu**

The sacred feet are the nest for devotion and liberation, they are wish fulfilling tree to the destitute. With unwavering faith, let us worship this Mother's feet, that are enshrined in our hearts.

## **Namōstutē dēvī (Marathi)**

**namōstutē dēvī durgē mahēśvarī kālī**

Devi, Durga, Maheshvari, Kali, our salutations to You!

**ambā bhavānī bhagavatī mātā  
mantra japunī tuja nāmācā  
akhaṇḍa gāu tujhīca gāthā  
karū tujhī prārthanā  
dēvī karū tujhī prārthanā**

Mother, Bhavani, Bhagavati, chanting the mantra of Your name and singing Your glories, we pray to You.

**jaya jagadambē ambē mā !**

Victory to Mother of the Universe !

**lakṣmī sarasvatī jaya jagadambā  
sarvasvarūpiṇī tujhēca cintan**

**mātē kadhī tū dēśil darśan**

**karū tujhī archanā**

**dēvī karū tujhī archanā**

Victory to the Mother of the Universe, Lakshmi, Sarasvati! All-pervading One, we meditate only on You. Mother, when will You give us Your darshan? We worship You, Devi!

## **Nānē ariyāta ennai (Tamil)**

**nānē ariyāta ennai**

**nanṭrāy arinta en tāyē**

**tānēyākiṭum uṇmai**

**dayaiyuṭan uṇara vaippāyē**

O my divine Mother who knows me better than myself! Kindly bless me with the realization that the eternal truth is the Self.

**vīṇē kiṭakkutu vīṇai – atai**

**virumbinī mīṭṭiṭuvāyē**

**tēnē tikazhātma dēvī**

**disaiyenkum inimai seyvāyē**

O Mother, please lovingly play this veena (musical instrument) lying unused, spreading a sweet melody in all directions. O Goddess of honey, You are verily my inner self, the Atman.

**mānē matiyīnattālē – maṇam**

**tēṭi alaivatupōlē**

**vīṇē vaiyam itil ōṭi**

**vizhalukku nīriraittēnē**

Like a deluded deer in search of musk, due to my ignorance I am fruitlessly searching in this world, verily watering the weeds instead of the plants.

nīyē nīzhalkoṇḍu neyta – nin  
māya maraitannai māṭra  
sēyāka untāl paṇintēn  
śivaśaktī kāttaruḷvāyē

Shivashakti, this child of Yours falls at Your feet, seeking protection  
from this veil of illusion which You have woven by Your maya.

## Nān enbatai (Tamil)

nān enbatai marandāl – tān  
yārenbatai uṇarntāl  
nanmaikaḷ pirakkum namvazhi sirakkum  
vanmaikaḷ oḍunkum akavazhi tirakkum

When we forget the false ‘I’ and realize the true ‘I,’ good quali-  
ties will dawn, our destiny will become better, sorrows will end,  
and the inner eye of wisdom will open.

uḍal eṇḍrum idu nilaiyillai  
aḍal atil muzhu niraivillai  
aḍal muḍintu tanai vendrāl ānandamayamākumē

The body is ephemeral. One cannot derive total satisfaction  
from pleasures. If we can curb the vacillating mind and control  
the ego, we will enjoy bliss.

tēḍal enbatu mana ēkkam  
vāḍal enbatu guṇamayakkam  
tēḍal muḍintu tanaiyarindāl tūya manam malarumē

It is the mind’s nature to seek. Sorrows are illusory. If we attain  
God after seeking, the pure mind will blossom.

pāḍal enbatu akamakizhvu  
nāḍal enbatu iraiyuṇarvu  
pāḍalilmūzhka meyyidanuḷ paraviḍum amaidiyē

Devotional hymns are an expression of inner happiness. Seeking is a sign of awakening God-consciousness. If we can immerse ourselves in devotional singing, peace will pervade the body.

**ānandam pērānandam ānandam paramānandam  
ānandam nityānandam ānandam ātmānandam**

Bliss, immense bliss, supreme bliss, eternal bliss, bliss of the Self!

## **Nānendu kāṇuve (Kannaḍa)**

**nānendu kāṇuve ninna divya rūpava kṛṣṇā  
ninagagi kādiruve baḥaḷa dinagaḷinda  
nānu gaidaparādhavēnu ninninda dūraviralu  
ī agalike tāḷalāre bēga bā nannoḍeyā**

When shall I see Your divine form, O Krishna? I have been waiting for so long! What did I do wrong to make You stay away from me? I cannot bear this estrangement. Please come quickly to me!

**tōride ninna puṭṭa bāyolu viśvavanne yaśōdege  
viśvarūpava tōride arjunage raṇarangadi  
pāda sēvakanige nīḍu ninna bhavya darśana  
karuṇe tōru kṛṣṇā ī caraṇa dāsana mēḷe**

You opened Your lovely mouth to reveal the whole universe to Mother Yashoda. You revealed Your universal form to Arjuna on the battlefield. Please grant Your servant Your darśan. I have been serving Your feet.

**yādava nātha gōkula nāthā jagannāthā kṛṣṇā**

O Krishna, You are chief of the Yadava clan, leader of the cowherd clan, and Lord of the universe.

**dhruva prahlādege nīḍide nī divya jñānavā  
paramamitra kuṇḍalana dāridryava kaḷēde  
nanagāvudu bēḍa ninna darśana bhāgyava biṭṭu  
taḍavinnēke prabhuve kṛpeyā mādi uddharisu**

You bestowed divine knowledge on Dhruva and Prahlada. You banished the poverty of Your dear friend Kuchela. I want nothing but Your darshan. Without further delay, please shower Your grace and liberate me.

## **Nanna hudōṭṭada (Kannada)**

**nanna hudōṭṭada mallige sampigē  
ammani gāgiyē nagutālivē  
nanna mane bīdiya podegaḷa hūgaḷu  
ammanī gāgiyē araḷidāvē**

The jasmines and champaks in my garden are smiling for Mother's sake. The flowers in bushes on my street have bloomed for Mother's sake.

**nannayī ūrina maragiḍa baḷḷiyu  
ammani gāgiyē kādidāvē  
nannayī nāḍina hasireḷe hūhaṇṇu  
ammanī gāgiyē biriyutivē**

The trees and vines and plants of my town are waiting for Mother's sake. The green leaves, fruits and flowers of my land have been borne for Mother's sake.

**nannayī bhūmiya ondondū jīviyu  
ammani gāgiyē jīvisive  
nannayī lōkada acarācara vella  
ammanī gāgiyē tapisutivē**

Each and every being of this Earth of mine are living on for Mother's sake. Every one of the moving and unmoving of this world of mine is longing for Mother.

**sṛṣṭiya pūrṇṇate illide kēḷu  
satyam śivam sundaram**



Here lies the fulfillment of Nature. Listen - ‘satyam shivam sundaram’.

## **Nannōḍeya (Kannada)**

**nannōḍeya tiruka nānavana sēvaka**

**bhaktigē oliyuva sumanōpama sumukha**

My Lord is a vagabond , and I am His servant. The One who is delighted by devotion, the One with a charming face...

**himada baṇḍe masaṇabhūmi ella avana nivāsa**

**rāgabhogagaliḡe avanu sadā udāsa**

**nondu benda hṛdayakkella karuṇāmṛta varuṣa**

He lives in the mountains and cremation grounds. He has no taste for the materialistic world and its luxuries. He comes as a shower of compassion for the hearts that are in pain.

**śiva śiva śiva hara hara hara śambhō śankara**

**śiva śiva śiva hara hara hara śambhō śankara**

Shiva, Hara, Shambhu, Shankara!

**jñānaghananu prēmamayanu mugddha sarala mahimanu**

**maruḷanante tōrutiha pracaṇḍa taraḷanu**

**ātmaratiyu mahāyatiyu bhaktajanage gatiyu**

He is the embodiment of knowledge. He is love incarnate. He is simple yet great. He pretends to be foolish, but He is all knowing, and has great depth. He always revels in His own consciousness. He is the greatest monk and is the only hope for His devotees.

**om namaḥ śivāya om namaḥ śivāya**

**om namaḥ śivāya om namaḥ śivāya**

Prostrations to Lord Shiva!

## Nānu embudilla (Kannada)

nānu embudilla keḷu  
nanna dembudilla  
nannavarembuvarilla – satyadi  
nā-nē embudē illā

Listen, there is no such thing as ‘me’ or ‘mine’. Nothing is ‘my own’. In fact there is no ‘me’ or ‘You’ at all.

tanuvu manavu nannadu endalli  
tanuvu manavu daṇivudalla  
tanuvige tārāṇa bārādalla  
manasige mukti dorakadalla – endu

I may say the body and mind are mine, but then they are finite and get exhausted. The body cannot cross over (the sea of samsara) and the mind will never attain liberation.

tanuvu manavu ninnadu endalli  
iha para dvandva innilla  
ida nenedare dukhavilla – āga  
nīnallade bēronḍilla ammā

On the other hand, if I make body and mind ‘Yours,’ then there will be no duality in life. Then I will have no more sorrow. At that stage, there will be none other than You, O Mother.

## Narahari nārāyaṇa (Kannada)

narahari nārāyaṇa hari hari nārāyaṇa  
narahari nārāyaṇa hari hari nārāyaṇa  
yēnu heḷali ninna mahime yaṣṭu hogaḷali  
narasimha narasimha narahari narasimha

Narayana, what can I say about You? Your glories cannot be described enough. O Narasimha (man-lion form of Vishnu)!

**rakkasanige brahmanitta varake jagavu añjuta  
mundinagati tiḷiyade hedari hedari beccutā  
vande tande nī nellara kṣēma samādhānake  
varaprasāda niyama taradi konde avana bageyutā**

When Brahma granted the boon of invincibility to the demon Hiranyakashipu, the world trembled, fearful of its fate. The demon sought immortality and asked that he be killed by neither man nor animal, neither inside nor outside, neither at daytime nor night-time, and by no weapon. Dear Father, for the good of everyone, You slew him at dusk with Your claws at the entrance of a building without violating the boon's conditions!

**devā nārāyaṇa hari hari nārāyaṇa  
devā nārāyaṇa hari hari nārāyaṇa**

O Lord Narayana, Hari!

**kanda prahḷādana śraddhe bhaktige nī maṇiyalu  
nārāyaṇa nārāyaṇa nāma kūsu japisalu  
kāde avana appanitta śikṣayinda hagaliraḷu  
maguvina visvāsa kāgi prakāṣa vāde kamboduḷu**

You were lovingly compelled by the darling Prahlada's faith and devotion. The little one's ardent calls of "Narayana, Narayana" were irresistible to You. You watched over Prahlada day and night, protecting him from his father, the demon Hiranyakashipu who plotted to kill him (enraged at his son's claim that the Lord resided everywhere). To disprove it, Hiranyakashipu struck at a stone pillar and lo! – the Lord appeared there in the fierce man-lion form of Narasimha. For that little child's innocent faith, You appeared in the pillar. O Lord Narayana!

**mugdha muguva prēmabhakti varṇisalu asādhyavu  
kūsu taḷeda hari nambike accari amōghavu  
hē devā dayapalisu namagu ā bhaktiya  
ninna nāma japisi bhajisi janma mukti rītiya**

That innocent child's love and devotion are indescribable, the little one's trust in the Lord so fruitful! O Lord, if You grant us that devotion, we can chant Your name and thus attain liberation!

## **Narttana māṭō naṭarāja (Kannada)**

**narttana māṭō naṭarāja**  
**kīrttana hāṭide bhutaḡaṇa**

O Nataraja, dance! Your companions are singing for You.

**takatayya-tayya śivāya namaḥ ṓm**  
**dhimi-dhimi kiṭatōm śivaśiva hara ṓm**  
**bam bam bōlā ṓ naṭarāja**

I bow down to Lord Shiva, Lord of dance! O Lord of dance we adore You with the sounds of drums.

**kālakāla kālabhairava**  
**kaṭegāṇisō kāla**  
**smaśānavāsi vyōmakeśi**  
**samsāra dāṭisu bā**  
**ō mahākāla ṓ bhavahara**

O Lord who is death unto death itself, O Kalabhairava, do put an end to time. You dwell in the cremation ground, and the sky is Your hair! Help us cross over samsara.

**dikkanne dharisida nīlalōhita**  
**dāri tōrō dēvā**  
**ruṇḡamāladhara ṓ rudrarūpa**  
**rakṣisu śaraṇaranu**  
**ō mṛtyuñjaya ṓ harōhara**

O Lord with a blue throat, You wear the directions. Show us the way out! O Lord with a fierce form wearing a garland of skulls, protect us who have surrendered to You! Hail Lord Shiva! O conqueror of death!

**sṛṣṭi sthiti marma bhēdisō  
mahā. . . layakara  
tāṇḍava kuṇiyo śiva śiva ō naṭarāja  
mahālayakara śrī naṭarāja**

O Lord, You cause the great dissolution. Please reveal the secrets of creation and preservation! O Nataraja, You perform the dance of ultimate dissolution.

**ō naṭarāja tāṇḍava kuṇiyō śiva  
ō naṭarāja tāṇḍava kuṇiyō śiva  
ō jaṭadhāri tāṇḍava kuṇiyō śiva  
triśūladhāri tāṇḍava kuṇiyō śiva**

Please perform the tandava dance! O Shiva with matted hair, dance the tandava dance! Great dissolver bearing a trident, dance the tandava dance!

**ō gangādhāri tāṇḍava kuṇiyō śiva  
tripunṭradhāri tāṇḍava kuṇiyō śiva  
ō sōmadhāri tāṇḍava kuṇiyō śiva  
trinētradhāri tāṇḍava kuṇiyō śiva**

One with matted hair, wearing the Ganga, dance the tandava dance! You wear sacred ash on Your forehead and the moon in Your hair, dance the tandava dance!

**ō nāgadhāri tāṇḍava kuṇiyō śiva  
ō tripurāri tāṇḍava kuṇiyō śiva  
ō ḍamarudhāri tāṇḍava kuṇiyō śiva  
trikāladhāri tāṇḍava kuṇiyō śiva**

Lord with three eyes, wearing snakes as garland, dance the tandava dance! You destroyed the three cities, dance the tandava dance!

**ō naṭarāja ō naṭarāja**

O Lord of dance!

## Navanitacorā (Hindi)

**navanitacorā veṇugopālā jaya vṛndāvana bālā  
makhan de de nāc nacāve tujhko sab brajbālā**

O butter thief of Vrindavan, everyone plies You with gifts of butter to keep You dancing.

**pīt jhugaliyā tanpar sohe, mor mukuṭ māthe pe  
kāli alke māthā cūme sab balihāri chab pe  
tātā thaiyyā, tattatā thaiyyā pag paṭṭe dhartti pe  
pāv me kinkinī ruñjun bāje jūm uṭe braj sārā  
jai vṛndāvana bālā jai vṛndāvana bālā  
he citta corā gopa kumārā nand ke sundara lālā**

All are bewitched by Your beautiful form - You wear yellow garments, a crown of peacock feathers and have long black hair. With anklets adorning Your feet, You dance and fill all of Vraj with divine joy. Victory to the child of Vrindavan, the beautiful son of Nanda!

**śyām rādhe śyām rādhe śyām rādhe rādhe śyām**

Victory to Krishna, victory to Radha!

**naṭkhaṭ ki muskān manohar, jīt rahi man sabkā  
māt yaśodā balaiyyā le par lālā pyārā braj kā  
mākhān hi nahī cit bhī curāye mudit he man gopin kā  
man hi nahī jo pighle nā sun aisi mohani līlā  
jai vṛndāvana bālā jai vṛndāvana bālā  
he citta corā gopa kumārā nand ke sundara lālā**

This naughty One's beautiful smile captures all hearts. Adored by his mother Yashoda, he is also the darling of all of Vraj. He steals not only butter, but also the mind; making the gopis enchanted by divine love. There is really no heart that does not melt before his bewitching divine play. Victory to the child of Vrindavan, the handsome son of Nanda!

## **Navavidha bhakti (Telugu)**

**navavidha bhakti mārgamulatō  
jaganmātanu koluvavē manasā  
bhaktivinā sanmārgamu ammanu  
cēragaladē manasā. . .**

O mind, worship the Mother of universe through the nine paths of devotion! O mind, is there a way better than devotion to reach the divine Mother?

**amma bhāgavatamunu sadā śraddhatō  
śravaṇamu ceyyavē manasā  
ammā ammā anucu prēmato  
kīrttana ceyyavē manasā  
ammā mantramū sadā smaraṇamu  
cēsi tariṅcu manasā. . .**

Listen to the story of the divine Mother with all faith, O mind. Sing the glories of the divine Mother with love and ecstasy! Contemplate the mantra of the divine Mother and become sanctified, O mind!

**amma pādāmulanu yadalō nilupukoni  
śaraṇu kōravē manasā  
ammanu arcīñci pujiñci pilaci  
dhyānamu ceyyavē manasā  
jagamunu ammagā cūsi vandānamu  
cēsi sēvimpavē manasā. . .**

Install the lotus feet of the divine Mother in your heart and seek refuge O mind! Perform archana to the divine Mother, invoke her through worship and meditate on her form, O mind! Perceive this world as the divine Mother by bowing down to it with reverence and service.

ambādāsuḍaina annī amma  
kāryamu lagunu manasā  
ammatō sakhyamu enni janmala  
puṇyapalamō manasā  
ammanu nīlō pratiṣṭhiṅcukoni  
amṛtapadam cēru manasā. . .

If you become Mother's servant, all your actions become the divine Mother's work, O mind! Intimacy with the divine Mother is the result of many meritorious deeds performed in previous births. By firmly establishing the divine Mother within, reach the abode of eternal bliss, O mind!

## Navilu gariya (Kannada)

navilu gariya nayanada kṛṣṇa  
nīlavarna navilina kṛṣṇa

Peacock feather eyed Krishna, blue colored peacock Krishna,  
pancamadā kōgile kṛṣṇa ōdi bārō

Melodious nightingale Krishna, come running!

nagutaliruva navanīta kṛṣṇa  
bāyoḷage brahmāṇḍa kṛṣṇa  
beṭṭesāku beṭṭakke kṛṣṇa ōdi bārō

Ever smiling butter Krishna, You show the entire universe in Your mouth. Come running Krishna, with Your finger that can lift the hill!

hare kṛṣṇa hare kṛṣṇa  
hare kṛṣṇa hare kṛṣṇa

Chant the name of Krishna!

nātyavāḍe kaḷinganiruva  
pavaḍisalu śeṣane baruva



**haktikaḍale kṣīrasāgara ōḍi bārō**

Kalinga is here for You to dance on, Sesha comes for You to lie on, come running from the milky ocean sea of devotion.

**hokkaḷalli brahmane banda**

**brahmana amma nīnēnā**

**dēvakī yaśodeyā muddu maga nīnā**

Brahma himself came from Your belly, aren't You Brahma's mother? Aren't You the loving son of Devaki and Yashoda?

**ādi antya ananta kṛṣṇa**

**āladeleya tēluva kṛṣṇa**

**ninna koḷalē satchidānanda viṭhala kṛṣṇa**

You are the beginning, the end, and the eternal Krishna; You are the one floating on the banyan leaf, Your flute is truth, consciousness & bliss, O Vittala Krishna.

**Neñcakam ventitunnu (Malayalam)**

**neñcakam ventitunnu – ammē**

**sañcitapāpa-tāpal**

**vañcitanāyitunnu – innu**

**pañcēndriyaṅgaḷāl nīn**

Mother, my heart is burning with the heat of accumulated sins.  
I am being betrayed by my five sense organs.

**attal koṇḍende cittam – ēre**

**taptamāy nīritunnu**

**itramēl tāṅguvānāy – illa**

**kelppenikkantarangē**

My heart is being seared with sorrow- I have no strength to withstand such pain.

en tāpaminnakattān – kṛpā-  
sindhuvām nin hṛdantē  
pontitēṇam-uṭanē – kṛpā-  
vantiramālayonnu

To end my burning sorrow, a pure wave of kindness must arise  
from the ocean of compassion that You are.

## Nēnu yavarānu (Telugu)

*yā devī sarva bhuteśu*  
*mātr rūpeṇa samsthita*  
*namastasyai namastasyai*  
*namastasyai namo namaḥ*

Salutations to the supreme Goddess, who manifests Herself in  
all beings as the divine Mother.

nēnu yavarānu nēnu yavarānamma  
nēnu nīvukākka inkevarānamma  
inkevarānamma inke varānu amma

Who am I? Who am I, O Mother? “I am You!” “I am You!”  
Who else can I be other than You?

aham ityēva vibhāvayē mahēśim

O supreme Empress, let me meditate on the thought, “I am  
nothing other than You.”

nī caitanya kaṭalilōni  
nītibudākanamma  
nī divya tējasulōni cinnikiraṇam amma  
nīvanē viśvavṛkṣapu cikuruṭākkunamma  
nī sṛṣṭi hāramulōni maṇipūsanamma

O Mother, I am a tiny bubble in the infinite ocean of conscious-  
ness called ‘You.’ O Mother, I am a minute ray of light issuing

from Your divine glow of brilliance. O Mother, I am a tender leaf on the all-pervading tree of the universe called 'You.' O Mother, I am a tiny pearl strung on the garland of creation called 'You.'

**rāgadvēṣa mūlaku baddhuṭanaikinaṃma  
śarīra sukha mūlaku vasuḍanaitinaṃma  
māyaku lōpaḍi nīnu nivēnani  
maracikinaṃma amṛtānandamē  
na svarūpa mūkadamma**

O Mother, I have become imprisoned by my likes and dislikes. Mother, I have succumbed to bodily comforts. Mother, captivated by illusion, I have forgotten that 'I am You.' O Mother, is not my real essence and form that of eternal bliss?

## **Nīla-kamala (Telugu)**

**nīla-kamala pādāla centana  
oka tāmara mogganu nēnu  
pūrtigā vikasiñci prēma  
parimaḷamē prasarimpa  
karuṇimpavē kṛpa varṣimpavē  
ammā karuṇimpavē kṛpa varṣimpavē**

I am a like a lotus bud at Your blue lotus feet. That I may fully blossom and spread the fragrance of love, shower Your grace, O Mother!

**remma-remmalalō arpiñcetanu  
janma-janmalā vāsanalu  
okkō remmanē suguṇamugā mārci  
śānti suvāsana vedajalla  
karuṇimpavē kṛpa varṣimpavē  
ammā karuṇimpavē kṛpa varṣimpavē**

With every petal, I offer my negative tendencies accumulated through many births. To change each petal into a good quality and spread the fragrance of peace, shower Your grace, O Mother!

**kṣaṇikamē ī jīvitam bhava  
tāpamutō vaḍalenu vēvēgam  
ī konta samayam nī padala nilici  
nija ānandamē vyāpimpa  
karuṇimpavē kṛpa varṣimpavē  
ammā karuṇimpavē kṛpa varṣimpavē**

The life is momentary, and may dry up soon due to the heat of samsara (world). That I may stay at Your feet for this short time and spread the joy of pure bliss, O Mother, shower Your grace!

## **Nīlakkadamba (Malayalam)**

**nīlakkadambamarachōṭṭil ninnu  
koṇḍōṭakkuzhalu viḷichatārō?  
kaṇṇā ennu viḷicha nēram – ponnin  
kālcilambocha kēlppichatārō?**

Who is that standing below the blue kadamba tree and playing the flute? When I called out “Kanna!”, who was it that made me hear the tinkling of golden anklets?

**nīlum nīsatannariku patti kaṇṇa  
nōṭi vannaṅgoṭṭu maṇḍi vīṇḍum?  
ariyāmenikkende ponnukaṇṇā. . . ninne  
uḷḷattil pēri naṭanniṭuvān**

Night is progressing. Where did Krishna run off to yet again? O my darling Krishna, though You’ve run away, I know how to carry You in my heart!

**rāvinu nīlimayērunnu vīṇḍumā  
kilukilā ciriyum muzhaṅgiṭunnu**

**eviṭeyennōrāte ninnu rādha. . . mizhi  
ttumbināl kāṭṭikkoṭuttambīli**

The darkness of the night is deepening, but hark, the sounds of laughter ring out again. Radha stood, not knowing where the laughter was coming from. Ah, but the moonlight revealed where He was!

**cārutta veṇmullavallitan pūvukaḷ  
rāvin maṭiye alankarikkē  
kaṇṇande tēnutta puṇciri kaṇḍukaṇḍa-  
nandamagnayāy ninnu rādha**

The beautiful white jasmine flowers adorn the lap of the night. Gazing again and again at Krishna's nectarous smile, Radha became transfixed in rapturous bliss.

**Nī tanda solleṭuttu (Tamil)**

**nī tanda solleṭuttu nān pāṭinēn  
nilaiyaṭṭra vāzhvirkku poruḷ tēṭinēn  
nān eṇṭrum nī eṇṭrum ēn pārppadō  
nān unnil karaindiṭa nāl pārppadō**

I sang with the words You gave me; I searched for the meaning of this illusory life. I think that You and I are separate; should I be thinking of the day when I will merge in You?

**yandiramāy nānum iyankiṭinum  
iyakkiṭum śaktiyinṭri iyakkamuṇḍō  
seyalgaḷai nānum seydiṭinum  
seyalpaṭum valimai unadanṭrō**

Though I move around like a machine, I should know that even a machine needs power to operate. Though I perform many actions, I should realize that the power to act comes only from You.

viralkūṭa nīyinṭri asaindiṭumō  
vīṇāy ārpparittal maṭamaiyaṇṭrō  
ulakattin asaivellām unadanṭrō  
umaiyaval un pādam śaraṇamanṭrō

We criticize our karmas because of our foolishness. Even a finger will not move without You. All of the activity in this world is Yours alone. Mother Uma, I seek refuge at Your feet!

## Okka maṇi (Telugu)

okka maṇi kānuka ivvālani  
vedikiti aṇuvaṇuvuna dhariṇī  
ammā ninu miṇcina maṇi lēdani  
telusukoṇṭini sarvēśvari

I searched the whole world to find a suitable present for Mother only to realize that there was nothing worthy of Mother.

ō mutyam bahumati ivvālani  
ammā sōdhinciti mottam kaḍalini  
nī nētralanu miṇci mutyālu lēvani  
grahiṇciti satyam mātā bhavānī

I trawled the whole ocean to find a pearl for Mother. But the truth is that there is nothing more lustrous than Mother's eyes.

tallī tīyani tēnelu tēvālani  
tirigiti palu kōnalū kānalani  
ā vanālu telipē alasina nanu gani  
amma palukula kannā lēvani

I looked here and there for honey that I could give Mother. When I became exhausted, the forest said, "There is nothing sweeter than Mother's words."

nī mungīṭa velugu nimpālani  
ā candruni anduku tēvālani

**śaśi telipē tanu pasi bāludani  
amma mundu velavela bōyēdānani**

I decided to bring down the moon to illuminate Mother's house.  
But the moon sighed that it was a mere child and that it would  
pale before Mother's luster.

**Om mangalam (Sanskrit)**

**om mangalam  
omkara mangalam  
om namah śivaya  
śri gurave mangalam**

Om is auspicious, the syllable Om is auspicious. Salutations to  
Shiva. Sri Guru is auspicious.

**na-mangalam  
nakara mangalam  
nada bindu kalātita  
gurave mangalam**

Na is auspicious, the syllable Na is auspicious. The Guru who  
is beyond sound and all form is auspicious.

**ma mangalam  
makara mangalam  
maya moha bandha rahita  
gurave mangalam**

Ma is auspicious. The syllable Ma is auspicious. The Guru who  
is beyond maya and all attachment is auspicious.

**śi mangalam  
śikāra mangalam  
śiva viṣṇu brahma rūpa  
guravē mangalam**

Shi is auspicious. The syllable Shi is auspicious. The Guru, who is in the form of the Trinity – Shiva, Vishnu, Brahma – is auspicious.

**vā – mangalam**

**vakāra mangalam**

**vāda veda jñāna dipa**

**gurave mangalam**

Va is auspicious. The syllable Va is auspicious. The Guru who is the light of knowledge, of all debate and learning, is auspicious.

**yā – mangalam**

**yakāra mangalam**

**yāga yoga sākṣibhāva**

**gurave mangalam**

Ya is auspicious. The syllable Ya is auspicious. The Guru, who is witness to all action and sadhana is auspicious.

**amba mangalam**

**jagadamba mangalam**

**annapurne śankarāngi**

**śakti mangalam**

Mother is auspicious. The Mother of the world is auspicious. She is the granter of food, she is the better-half of Shiva, she is Shakti, and she is auspicious.

**amba mangalam**

**jagadamba mangalam**

**mahalakshmi śaradambe**

**kali mangalam**

Mother is auspicious. The Mother of the world is auspicious. She is Mahalakshmi, Goddess of Prosperity. She is Sharadamba, Goddess of Learning. She is Kali, Goddess of Dissolution.

**amba mangalam**



**jagadamba mangalam  
brahma rupe viśva rupe  
devi mangalam**

Mother is auspicious. The Mother of the world is auspicious.  
She is the form of ultimate Brahman, She is the form of the  
universe. She is Devi, she is auspicious.

**Om śakti (Tamil)**

**om śakti om śakti om – parāśakti  
om śakti om śakti om  
om śakti om śakti om – parāśakti  
ādi parāśakti om**

Obeisance to the supreme power of the universe. Obeisance to  
the primordial energy of the universe.

**ammā nān unnai marandālum, tāyē nī ennai marappāyō  
kattrariyā ullam tanai kaḷvanaippōl mātrrinēn  
pattrukaḷāl pāsamgaḷāl pāṭham kattruttērinēn  
tīmaiyaitterindiuntum tīvinayāl keṭṭēn  
nanmai ena arindum arukē pōnatillai**

O Mother, even if we forget You, will You forget us? I've secretly  
tainted my pure and pristine heart. As a result of attachments  
and bonds, I have learned many lessons. Even though I knew  
it was bad, I did what was wrong. Even though I knew what  
was good, I did not act, and thus sullied my character.

**nān ariyātenuḷḷē pukundu naṭattukirāy  
nān arindēn ena ninaittal pāṭayppaṭuttukirāy  
meypporuḷām dēvi unnai arivatu eḷitō  
poyyulakam tannil ennai pōkaviṭātē**

Without my knowing it, You steal into my heart and operate  
from within. If I think I know You, You crush my ego. Is it

easy to fathom You, O Goddess, embodiment of truth? Please do not let me loose in the world of falsehood.

## Ō naruḍā (Telugu)

ō naruḍā! ō naruḍā! nīvē śīvuḍu rā  
adi nīvē! adi nīvē! ani telusukō rā  
sōham śīvōham

O mortal being! You are Shiva! (eternal auspiciousness) Please know this truth – You are That! I am That, I am Shiva!

nīvu janiyiñcitivi śīvuni nundī rā  
nīvu layincedavu śīvamu nandē rā  
antā śīvamaitē! nīvē śīvu ḍaitē  
nī rākapōkalu echaṭiki rā

Rise above the concepts of birth and death and know that You are Shiva – eternal consciousness and bliss.

jagamantayu śīva caitanya sāgaramē rā  
nēḍu nīvokkacinna nīṭi buḍaga rā  
rēpu nīvokkapedda alavuduvu rā  
ī nāma rūpālu śīva kaṭalē rā

The whole universe is nothing but the ocean of the Shiva consciousness. Today You may be a little bubble on the ocean of consciousness. Tomorrow You may become a mighty wave in that ocean; rise above the concepts of name and form and know that You are Shiva.

nēnanu bhāvamutō sṛṣṭi nijamu nīku rā  
abhāvamē toligitē sṛṣṭi māyamagunu rā  
jīvitacitrālu merisē venḍitera nīvu rā  
nīvennaṭu mārppu candani śīvānandamu rā

When the feeling of 'I' appears, this world seems real. It vanishes when the feeling of 'I' disappears. You are like a beautiful silver screen, where many life forms shine and disappear. Know that You are eternal, unchanging auspiciousness and bliss- Shiva.

**soham śivoham**

I am That, I am Shiva!

## **Only love (English)**

may the light of unity  
dawn in our minds  
every thought of understanding  
opens our hearts

only love is our guiding light  
only love can heal and unite  
may the walls of separation  
vanish in our love

every word of kindness  
brightens up the dark  
may forgiveness and compassion  
grow in all we do  
every deed of goodness  
leads the way to peace

only love... is our light, only love... can unite  
only love... shines so bright  
only love can end this night

## Örmmayil ninnurnnu (Malayalam)

örmmayil ninnurnnu vīṇoru kāvyāśīlil nān ende  
jīvitatte tōṇiyakki yātra-ceyyunnu!  
kāttunilpillārum-ennuṭe yānapātratte ende  
tōṇiyil nān mātramāyi yātra-ceyyunnu!

I make my life a boat and journey along the flowing verse that  
seeps out of my memory. No one waits for me; I travel in my  
boat all alone.

ātma-nombaram ārarivū nīyoraḷenyē snēho-  
dāraśīle! nīlavānam pōle-ninnuḷlam  
mānasappon tēril nān-onnānayichōṭṭe ammē  
nēraminnum ēreyāy nī āgamikkille?

O One who showers generous love! Who other than You knows  
the sorrows of my mind? Your heart is like the vast blue sky. Let  
me welcome You in the golden chariot of my mind. Mother,  
it is getting late. Will You not come?

uḷḷil ādratayuḷḷa nīyennuḷḷu-kāṇille kaṇḍāl  
uḷḷamīvidhamentin-ammē ventunīrunnu?  
eḷḷileṇṇakaṇakku nīyennuḷḷiluṇḍēlum uḷḷāl  
kaṇḍariññallate yeṇṇaneyuḷḷumārunnu?

Soft-hearted One, can't You see my heart? If You have seen it, why  
does my heart still burn? Though You reside in my heart like the oil  
in a sesame seed, without seeing You, how will my mind change?

cāriṭārillen-manassin jālakāṇḷāḷ nān premo  
dāragānālāpamāy nī āgamikkille?  
māṇḷāirtottinde mārdḍavamuḷḷorennuḷḷam ninde  
kāḷaṭippon tāmarattēn pūvū tēṭunnu!

I am not closing the windows of my mind. Will You arrive  
as a song of love? My mind, as soft as tender mango shoots,  
searches for the nectar of Your golden lotus feet.

## Oru nāḷamma (Tamil)

orunāḷamma sēyakavaruvāy  
sirupillai nānuntan tākavēṇḍum  
aritāna muttinai varavēṭtru nānum  
narumalar tūvi ānandam koḷvēn

O Mother, won't You come to me as a child one day? I want to be mother to that divine child. I shall welcome that precious child by blissfully showering flowers on Her.

sīraṭṭi pārāṭṭi muttamiṭuvēn  
mañcalpūsi piṇcumēni nīraṭṭuvēn  
piṇcunakku paṭṭuṭutti talaivāri pūsūṭṭuvēn  
kanakamaṇi kolusaṇintu kaivalāikal pūṭṭuvēn

I shall hug, cuddle and kiss Her. I shall bathe Her cherubic body in turmeric powder. I shall clad the darling with silk clothes, comb Her hair and adorn it with flowers, and put on anklets and bangles.

kaṇmaṇikku maitiṭṭi sātupoṭṭu vaittiṭuvēn  
vairakkal mūkkutti nāsikayilē pūṭṭiṭuvēn  
sinnañcīru iṭayinilē oḍyaṇam aṇivippēn  
minnum ponmakuṭam sirasinilē sūṭṭuvēn

I shall apply collyrium to Her eyes and sandal paste on Her forehead, and put on a diamond nose-ring on Her nose, a girdle around Her tiny waist, and a glittering crown on Her head.

puttanputu pūtoṭutti maṇimārbil sūṭṭuvēn  
muttazhaki sirippinilē ennai marappēn  
nilavaikaṭṭi katai pēsi maṭiyamartti sōrūṭṭuvēn  
toḷile tūnkavaittu tālaṭṭu paṭiṭuvēn

I shall weave a fresh garland and place it around Her bejeweled neck. I shall forget myself in Her enchanting smile. I shall put Her

in my lap and feed Her, while telling Her stories, pointing to the moon. Placing Her on my shoulder, I shall sing lullabies to Her.

**anbē amutē ārārīrārō, tāyē tankamē talelēlō . . .**

Lullaby to You, O darling, embodiment of immortality! Lullaby to You, beloved Mother!

## **Orunālum piriyātta (Kannada version)**

endendu ninagāgi hambalisi alede

huḍukāḍa deḍeyilla – amma

janmāntarakū jagadambe bekentu

huḍukāḍa deḍeyilla – halajanma

gatigeṭṭa jivitava nōḍu – enna

vijaya pratikṣe baraḍāgide

taragele tharadali paravaśālāgi nā

dikkeṭṭu alediruvē – dāri

beḷakkāgi nī tōri bā

durmada ennali heḍe ettitō – ayyō

gati tappi naḍede durvidhiyindali

hagalirulēnnade hṛdayata ṭākadi

amṛtamālē surisū – amma

puḷaka rōmāncana tā

## **Oru piṭi cāramāy (Malayalam)**

oru piṭi cāramāy maṇṇōṭu cērunna

manujā nī alayunnateviṭe ?

oru ceru nīrpōḷa pōle ī jīvitam

manujā nī ariyuvatentē ?

viruvilāy ozhiyunna ī lōka vēdiyil

**vāzhvitu nāṭakamallē ?**

**verum śōkānta nāṭakamallē ?**

O man, you will ultimately become a handful of ashes and merge with the soil. Where are you wandering? This life is like a tiny bubble. What do you really know? In this ever changing world, isn't our existence merely a drama? Doesn't this drama end in tragedy?

**oru vāṅku connāl ozhīyēṇḍa gēham**

**oru nālil tannuṭētamō ?**

**oru nōṅkil onnō ariyunna lōkam**

**ozhiyunna kāzhchayatallē ?**

**nāḷeyennōtuvān oru pozhutuṇḍō ?**

**kaimutal innatu mātram -**

**ōrttāl pōyppōya kālam anantam**

Will this body ever really be ours? We will have to relinquish it at a single word from the Lord of death. The world that we see in a single glance, isn't it just a fleeting image? Is there any value in saying 'tomorrow'? Only the present moment is in our hands. If we think about it, the time we have lost is infinite.

**vasanaṅgaḷ pōle veṭiyunnu janmam**

**valayita mōhāndhakāram**

**pāritilennum palōlitūkum**

**paramātma tattvamē nityam**

**oru noṭi ozhiyāte ōraṇamullattil**

**ā māṭṭr pādaṅgaḷ nityam**

**vāzhvin amṛtattvam ariyunna satyam**

Just as we change clothes, we go through numerous births, caught up in the darkness of desires. All that is permanent is the Paramatman, the supreme self, that sheds light throughout creation. Without wasting a second, we should forever hold on tightly to the divine Mother's feet in our heart, for that is the eternal principle of life.

## Oru soṭṭu kaṇṇīrāl (Tamil)

oru soṭṭu kaṇṇīrāl manakkovil abhishekam  
nibandhanaikaḷ illayē  
noṭiyēnum dinamun manatil nān iruntal  
viṇṇeliyum toṭuvēn

With one drop of my tears, the ceremonial abhishekam is happening in the temple of my mind. There is no set rule there to do this kind of abhishekam. If You remember me even for just one second every day, from here I will reach and touch the sky!

marakkindra pōtunnai vāṭiya ilaipōl  
kīzhē utirkindrēn  
ninaikkindra pōtu azhutālum enko  
ārutal perukindrēn

Whenever I forget You I simply fall like a withering leaf. On the contrary whenever I remember You, though I cry at least in crying I find some consolation.

virikindra pūmukham ponnāna bhāṣaikaḷ  
sintāmal nindriṭumō  
ārātu neṇcam ārātu anbē  
tannuḷḷē tavikkindrēn

Here after will the blossoming flower-like face of Yours stop pouring forth golden words? I cannot bear it, my dear, I cannot bear it anymore. Restlessness is growing within.

## Paccamalai pavaḷamalai (Tamil)

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O Murugan, who dwells in places such as the hills Pacca Malai and Pavaḷa Malai.

paccamalai pavaḷamalai pazhaṇimalai marutamalai



**tankamalai taṇikaimalai enkamalai svāmimalai  
vāpatiyē bhupatiyē vandemmai kāpatiyē  
mālmurugā vel murugā bhaktarkurai tīr-murugā**

O Murugan, who dwells in the hills Pazhani Malai and Maruta Malai. O Murugan, who abides in the hills Tanka Malai, Tani-kai Malai, Enka Malai, and Swami Malai. Nephew of Lord Vishnu, bearer of the spear, deign to redeem us, Your devotees, of our shortcomings!

**kumaranē guruparanē kuṭṭrankaḷai kaḷaipavanē  
saravaṇanē ṣaṇmukhanē sankarī umaibālakanē  
kandaiyyā suppaiyyā cinnaiyyā murugaiyyā  
taḷ poṭri vel poṭri devēseval poṭri**

O Kumara, the Guru, who forgives the mistakes of devotees, You are the son of Parvati. O Murugan, known also as Saravana, Sanmukha, Skanda, and Subramanya! Prostrations to Your holy feet, spear and emblem.

**sandanam sandanam kandanukku vandanam  
kāvaṭi kāvaṭi kandan tiruccevaṭi  
āṭivā āṭivā anpōḍu āṭivā  
tēṭivā ōṭivā muruganai ni naṭivā**

Smearred with sandal-paste and carrying the kavati, (the ornamental arched pole) we prostrate at Your sacred feet. O Lord Muruga, come dancing lovingly before us. We seek refuge in You.

**arōharā arōharā kandanukku arōharā  
arōharā arōharā muruganukku arōharā  
arōharā arōharā kumaranukku arōharā  
arōharā arōharā bālanukku arōharā  
arōharā arōharā kandanukku arōharā**

Hail Skanda, Muruga, Kumara, Bala!

## Pādāravindakē (Kannada)

**pādāravindakē namipēsāradē mātē**

I bow down to Your lotus feet O Mother Sharada (Goddess of knowledge).

**sangītalōlini sakala vidyādātē**

**viṣṇusahōdari varadē vāgīśvari**

Lover of music, bestower of all knowledge, sister of Vishnu, Goddess of speech!

**śvētāambaradharē śāśvatē śubhadē**

**caturvēda caturē vīṇāpāṇi**

**nārada janani nādabrahmāṇi**

**nāmapārāyaṇāmṛta karuṇisammā...**

**nāmapārāyaṇāmṛta karuṇisammā...**

You are adorned in white, O eternal auspicious One. Wise one, You know of the four Vedas, and play the veena. Mother of Narada (ancient immortal sage), Goddess of sound, kindly grant us the grace to incessantly chant Your names.

**kāruṇyasindhuvē paripūrṇa bandhuvē**

**śraddhēbhaktiya nīḍi paripālisammā**

**mamakāra naśisi vairāgya mūḍisi**

**parisuddha jñānava nīḍu nī namagē**

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Ocean of compassion, complete, eternal friend. Please destroy our attachments, let detachment and renunciation dawn in us. This way, bestow on us pure knowledge.

**sangītalōlini sakala vidyādātē**

**viṣṇusahōdari varadē vāgīśvari**

Lover of music, bestower of all knowledge, sister of Vishnu, Goddess of speech!

## Pāṇḍuranga nām gyā (Marathi)

pāṇḍuranga nām gyā hoyī samādhān  
dhyān je sundar dhyān manohar  
pītāmbhar śobhe pāṇī kaṭṭivar  
rang jo sāvḷā chāyā deyi  
lekarās āss lāge jāvaḷ gheyī

Call out to Lord Panduranga from your heart and feel peace within. Panduranga, the object of my meditation, is indeed beautiful. Meditating on Him has helped me win over my mind. He wears a yellow robe around his waist, and has a complexion like that of dusk.

māi ji viṭṭāyī dūsari rakhmāyī  
paṇḍarapurā labhli atī puṇyāyī  
galā ghāluni tuḷasī mālā  
viṭṭāyī sād ghalī sakalā

Pandharapura is blessed with the presence of Lord Vittala and his consort Rukhmani. He wears a tulasi garland around His neck, indicating that he is detached towards the riches of royalty. He has become dear to everybody.

manī vase viṭṭāyī viṭṭāyī nī kṛṣṇāyī  
dāṭṭale nām japu paṇḍurang nirantara  
ek dhyān ek dhyās  
pāṇḍurang pāṇḍurang pāṇḍurang

Vittala, who is Krishna, resides in our hearts; we chant the name of Panduranga constantly. One meditation, one thought: Panduranga.

pāṇḍurang pāṇḍurang pāṇḍurang pāṇḍurang  
viṭṭala viṭṭala viṭṭala  
viṭṭala viṭṭala viṭṭala

## Panipaṭarnda malaiyin (Tamil)

panipaṭarnda malaiyin midu uruvamānavan  
amaradīpamāy viḷankum amaranānavan  
mēghankaḷ tālāṭṭum malaiyumānavan  
dāhankaḷ taṇittiṭum gankaiyānavan

O Lord, You have taken the form of ice on the holy mountain Amarnath. You have taken the form of the ever-burning lamp of mount Amarnath. There, even the clouds are singing lullabies to You, You who embodies the form of the mountain. You quench the thirst of knowledge just as the Ganges quenches the thirst of people.

ēri varum makkaḷ tam kuraikaḷ tīrppavan  
idayamozhikaḷ tannai kēṭṭu āṣi tarubavan  
uruvamāki aruvamāki tōttram tarubavan  
paruvam tōrum kāṭci tantu bhakti tarubavan

You take care of the difficulties of devotees who come to You with intense faith. You hear their heartfelt prayers and bless them. O formless One, You appear to the devotees in form to enhance their devotion.

umaiyannai ullam kavar kaḷvanānavan  
sumaiyumāna vinaikaḷ nīkki mukti tarubavan  
pāvam tannai pōkkiṭum punitavaṭivinan  
tāpam tannai tīrttiṭum tāyumānavan

You're the One who has captured the mind of Goddess Uma, O Lord, You take care of those who unburden their heavy heart and take refuge in You. You rid them of their sins and difficulties, making them pure, just like a mother does for her child.

om namaḥ śivāya

Salutations to Lord Shiva!

## Parayuvānāvatilla (Malayalam)

parayuvān āvatillammē neñcil  
urayunna paritāpa pūram  
nirayunna mizhikaḷil paṭarunna śōkam onnu  
ariyuvān āvatillennō?

O Mother, I am unable to express the pain that has lodged itself  
in my heart. Can You not understand this from my wet eyes?

kanalinde tāpatte vellunnorīcuṭu  
neṭuvīrppil eriyunnu janmam  
karuṇatan kaṇamonnu karutiyaṭiyannu  
coriyunna dinamennucērum?

The scorching heat of my sighs, hotter than embers, is burn-  
ing my life. I am desperately waiting for the day when You will  
shower Your compassionate grace upon me.

iniyende manavīṇamīṭṭiṭuvān amma  
tazhuki talōṭukilokkum  
arutātta rāgaṅgaḷ ariyāte atilūrnnatu  
aṭiyande pizhayonnu mātram

Only the caresses of Your touch can awaken music from the  
strings of my idle mind. It is my fault that, in the past, some  
dissonant notes issued from it.

taḷarukayilliniyonnu koṇḍum tava  
karuṇāmsū avalambamennum  
saphalamī yātrayum saphalamī janmavum  
aviṭunnu arikattaṇaṅṅāl

Having taken refuge in the light of Your compassion, I will  
not give up hope hereafter. The journey of my life will become  
fruitful when You remain with me evermore.

## Parinamamiyallatta (Kannada version)

pariṇāma villada paramēśvari – ena  
paritāpa ninagē tiḷidillave?  
madanārī paramēśa patiyallave – ena  
manadā iruḷannu kaḷeyamma nī

iruḷāgi kaḷēdu haḡalallave – ena  
iruḷantha hṛdayanina garivillave?  
daḷavellā uduridā hūvādene?  
daye tōralendu nī baralāreyā?

kiruballiga abhaya hem-maravallave? amma  
kirumakkaḷ-abhilāṣe nīnallave?  
nānēnu maḡali heḷambikē  
ninnalli ondāga bekambikē

baraḡāda marubhuvil alediruvē nā – ammā  
baralāradāḡide nina sanihakke  
nīḡamma enagendu dayadintali  
nina pādadaśraya sarvveśvari

## Pari pari (Telugu)

pari pari vidhamula tirigēṭi manasu  
ūhala uyyalai ūgēṭi manasu

Many, many, are the ways for the wandering mind. A cradle  
of imaginative thoughts is this swinging mind.

oka pari bhakti tō cintiṇcē manasu  
maru pari rakṭi tō parigīḡe manasu  
inkō paribhuktikai pakkulāḡe manasu  
bahupari ceṇcalamai urikēṭi manasu

One moment, it contemplates with the mood of devotion. Next moment, it runs in thirst for amusement. Another moment, it craves for sumptuous food. In many ways, it wavers, the ever oscillating mind!

**oka pari gānamulō paravaśiñcē manasu  
maru pari viṣayamulō vihariñcē manasu  
inkō pari bandhamulō munugetṭi manasu  
bahupari ahamulō cikeṭṭi manasu**

One instance, it delights in the sweetness of melodious songs. Next instance, it detours into the worldliness. At another instance, it gets drowned in the bondage of relations. In many instances, it gets caught in the clutches of ego.

**japa tapa dhyānamutō sthiramagu manasu  
bahukāla sādhanatō nilicēṭṭi manasu  
ammanu prēmiñci śuddhamayyē manasu  
satguru śaraṇamutō tariñcē manasu**

By repetition of holy names, austerity and meditation, the mind becomes calm; by making consistent effort for a long time, it becomes stable. By seeking Mother and loving Her, the mind becomes purified. By surrendering to the Guru, the mind becomes elevated and perfected.

## **Paṭṭave pādamu (Telugu)**

**paṭṭave pādamu gaṭṭigā manasā  
paṭṭunu viḍuvaka niluvave manasā**

O mind, hold onto Her feet with all your strength, stay there and don't let go.

**penumāyala tera kamminagāni  
palumārlu guri tappinagāni  
suḍigālulu celarēgina gāni  
bhavasāgaramuna munigina gāni**

Although the dark heavy veils of maya surround you, although we may so often miss the goal, although tornadoes rage around you, even if you drown in the ocean of this world, hold on to Her feet.

**śaraṇāgatulanu kāceḍi pādamu  
bhaktajanulanu brēceṭi pādamu  
nammina biḍḍala sākeḍi pādamu  
viśva rūpamuna veligeḍi pādamu**

Those feet protect whoever surrenders to You; they grace those who are devoted to You and nourish the children who believe in you. Those feet illumine the creation, showing it to be a manifestation of the cosmic form.

**sṛṣṭiki mūlamu ā mṛdupādamu  
hariharabrahmalu kolicēṭi pādamu  
muggurammalaku mūlapu pādamu  
amṛtapadamu gamyamu pādamu**

Those sweet feet are the primal cause of creation. They are worshipped by the trinity, and are the base of the three mothers. Those feet are the goal of the path to immortality.

## **Ponnammā en ammmā (Tamil)**

***ammā undan tāy pāsam, dēsam ellām oḷi vīsum  
rōjā malarin vāsam, undan varavai pēsum***

Mother, the light of Your maternal affection is all-pervading.  
The fragrance of roses heralds Your arrival.

**ponnammā en ammmā sellammā nī ammmā  
pozhutellām unnōṭu nān irukkalāmā**

O darling Mother, my Mother, may I spend my free time in  
Your presence?

**kaivaḷaikaḷ kulunga kāl salangai siṇunga  
suttri suttri azhakāy nī naṭanam āḍumpōdu**



**kaṅkuḷira un ezhilai nān rasikkalāmā?  
mālaippozhutil marattadi nizhalil  
manankavarum nal kataikaḷ nī uraikkum pōdu  
kātinikka un mozhikaḷ nān kēṭkalāmā?**

As Your bangles jangle and anklets clink while You dance enchantingly in circles, may I revel in Your refreshingly beautiful form? At night, in the shade of a tree, as You narrate captivating stories, may I listen to Your words, which are like music to the ear?

**mazhalayai tūkki maḍiyinil amartti  
makizhvuḍan un viralāl sōru uṭṭumpōdu  
nāvinikka un kaiyaḷ amudarundalāmā?  
nakṣattira pandal kīzh nilavai nōkki nī  
bhaktiyuḍan manamuruki pāṭal pāṭum pōdu  
un bhakti mazhayil nān mey silirkkalāmā?**

As You carry a child, place him in Your lap, and feed him, may I partake of the elixir from Your hand? Under the canopy of the starry sky, as You gaze at the moon and sing devotional songs that melt the heart, may I become ecstatically drenched in that rain of devotion?

## **Ponnūñcal āṭāyō (Tamil)**

**ponnūñcal āṭāyō ennammā  
ponmēni siridē sayndu koḷḷa**

Mother, won't You come lean on the golden swing for awhile to play?

**eṇṇattin ōṭṭamum aṭankiṭavē  
untiru malarāṭi sērndiṭavē  
eṇṇamatil nī eṇṭrum niraindiṭavē  
unpāda sēvai nittam seytiṭavē**

To calm my thoughts, to bless me, that I may merge in Your holy feet. To fill my mind forever with thoughts of You, to bless me to serve Your holy feet forever.

**uḷḷattin kavalaikaḷ kaḷaindiṭavē**  
**uṇmaiyenum narpayir vidaittiṭavē**  
**uḷḷamatum meypporuḷai uṇarndiṭavē**  
**uṇmaiyāga vanda tāyum nīyallavō**

To rid me of my mental agonies, to sow the seed of truth in my mind, to help my mind realize the Truth. Aren't You the real Mother who has come to us?

**āṭāyō ennammā ponnūñcal āṭāyō**

Will You not play, Mother? Will You not play on the golden swing?

**Prabhū pyār kī (Hindi)**

**prabhū pyār kī jyot jalāvo**  
**viṣayan kī citā sajāvo**

Light the lamp of God's love, set the pyre of your desires.

**mṛg tṛṣṇā mē jīvan khoyā**  
**sach kā dhan barsāvo**

You have lost your life in animal desires. Shower the riches of truth!

**man sankalp vikalp mē uljhā**  
**icchā prabal banāvo**

The mind is confused between options and decisions. Make your will strong.

**thak hārā me khel khilone**  
**ab tum hiya bas jāvo**

I'm tired and defeated, playing with these toys. At least now come and live in my heart.

**mē nirbal nisāhay paḍā hum  
bhuj mē āp uṭhāvo**

I'm lying helpless and weak, take me in Your arms.

**rūpo se tum man bharmatte  
saty-rūp dikhalāvo**

With Your different forms, You plunge my mind in illusion.  
Show me Your true form!

## **Prāṇeśvarī (Malayalam)**

**prāṇeśvarī prāṇatantriyaḥ minnunnu  
prēmāśrubindukkaḥ innanēkam  
bhaktānuvarttini! nityānuraktan  
ninakkāy koruttiṭṭam tārahāram ninakkāy  
koruttiṭṭam tārahāram**

O Goddess who is my very life, the abundant teardrops of my love for You are flowing and sparkling from the rhythmic chords of life. Eternally in love with You, I shall weave You a garland of stars.

**nirayunnu nayanam virakoḷvū kaṇṭham  
ariyāte viṭarunnu hṛdayapatmam  
vinayārdra cittam nukarum saharṣam  
kanivārnnu nī tūkum amṛtavarṣam  
kanivārnnu nī tūkum amṛtavarṣam**

My eyes are brimming with tears, my voice is quavering, and the lotus of my heart is blossoming without my knowing. Melted by humility, my heart ecstatically sips the ambrosial nectar You shower compassionately.

uttunga saubhāgyajālaṅgaḷillāta  
nissāra putranāṇennākilum  
sundarī! nin divya lāvaṇyapūrattil  
nirllinamen hṛttil nityōtsavam  
nirllinamen hṛttil nityōtsavam

Though I am an insignificant son who is not graced by the noblest fortunes, I feel an eternal celebration in my heart. Beautiful one, my heart has merged in the fullness of Your beauty.

cintakkagamyayām cinmayarūpiṇi  
citkalē saccidānandamūrttē  
cintāmaṇisthitē nin sparśamēttorī  
dhanyamām janmam ānandasāndram  
dhanyamām janmam ānandasāndram

Embodiment of truth, knowledge and bliss, O Goddess of divine knowledge whom the intellect cannot apprehend, You reside in the chintamani (divine wish-fulfilling gem). Sanctified by Your touch, my life has become blessed and is steeped in bliss.

## Prēma sāgara (Kannada)

prēma sāgara ninna mānasa sarōvarā  
manassina cintēya nīgisuva sangitā  
hṛdaya spandisuva mauna sandēśā  
samarppisuvē nanna ī jīvitavu ninnalli

The lake of Your mind is like an ocean of love, like a gentle music soothing the turbulences of the mind. Your silent messages touch the heart; I offer my life to You.

ēkāntanāgi andhakāradalli cintisalu  
ninna divya amṛtasāgara sēridē  
amṛtatva sēvisalu hṛdaya spandisitu  
ninna divya caraṇavē duḥkha nivāraṇavu

I was wandering lonely in deep ignorance- I came across Your divine, immortal ocean. My heart was touched, hearing Your immortal teachings. Your holy feet are the only cure for all misery.

**ō ānanda sāgarā ninna svarūpā  
dehābimānā biḍisu dēvi mā  
jñānājyōti beḷagu nanna cidrūpiṇi  
mahāyōgini amṛtēśvarī ninna mahāsāgarā**

Your real nature is divine bliss! Release me from the body-mind complex, O Goddess- light the lamp of knowledge, You whose form is consciousness absolute. You are the supreme yogini, eternal Goddess, in the ocean of love.

## **Putṭa kṛṣṇa (Kannada)**

**puṭṭa kṛṣṇa muddu kṛṣṇā  
cikka kṛṣṇa celuva kṛṣṇā  
puṭṭa kṛṣṇa muddu kṛṣṇā  
cikka kṛṣṇa celuva kṛṣṇā**

Baby Krishna, darling Krishna, little Krishna, handsome Krishna!

**kṛṣṇa bandakṛṣṇa banda nōḍirō  
bālakṛṣṇa bandā kaimugiyirō  
itanu sāmānyanalla tēḷiyirō  
ivana mahimē hāḍuvenu kēḷirō**

Did you all see Krishna come? Young Krishna came with hands folded in prayer. Try to understand that he is not ordinary. I will sing his greatness. Please listen.

**jananigē bāyalli jagavatōrisidā kṛṣṇā  
śakaṭasurapūṭaniyara marddisidā kṛṣṇā  
duṣṭa kālītuliyuta śikṣisidā kṛṣṇa  
giriyeṭṭi gollara samrakṣisidā kṛṣṇā**

Lord Krishna opened His mouth and showed His mother the entire Universe. He killed the demons Sakatasura and Putana. Krishna punished Kalinga, the poisonous snake, by dancing on its hood. Krishna lifted the Mount Govardhan and gave protection to all.

**māva kamsa darppadhvamsa goḷisidanā kṛṣṇā  
rāsālilē gōpikaḷoṭaṇ āṭinalita kṛṣṇā  
mitrakucēlanigē accu meccāda kṛṣṇā  
hogaḷalheccu padagaḷu siluganta kṛṣṇā**

Krishna destroyed the ego of his evil uncle Kamsa. Krishna danced the ‘rasa lila’ along with the milk maidens. Lord Krishna, You are the favorite of Your friend Kuchela. We will glorify You until we reach Your lotus feet, O Krishna.

**aguḷannadi yatigaḷudara tumbisidā kṛṣṇā  
sabhayalidraupadi mānava kāppāṭida kṛṣṇā  
gītōpadeśa nīḍi upakarisida kṛṣṇā  
śaraṇara yōgakṣēma pālīpa śrīkṛṣṇā**

Lord Krishna uplifted the saints near the banks of the river Agula. Lord Krishna saved Draupadi from disgrace in front of the crowd. Lord Krishna gave us the Bhagavad Gita, the supreme treasure of knowledge. Lord Krishna takes care of the welfare of those who surrender to him wholeheartedly.

**puṭṭa kṛṣṇa muddu kṛṣṇā cikka kṛṣṇa celuva kṛṣṇā  
puṭṭa kṛṣṇa muddu kṛṣṇā cikka kṛṣṇa celuva kṛṣṇā**

Baby Krishna, darling Krishna, little Krishna, handsome Krishna!

## **Queen of my heart (English)**

**queen of my heart, I have opened the door;  
O when will you come to find me?**

I await that day like the coming of the dawn,  
when your eyes will meet mine finally.

though the night is drawing near,  
your name is on my tongue  
if it's my fate that we won't meet,  
then in my heart I'll sing you this song.

light of the morning,  
hope of the fallen,  
goddess of all things,  
please hear me calling.  
durge mata, durge mata.

the night has come, still you're not here;  
is there a hope for me?  
of what worth is a life  
that does not bring me to your feet?

## **Rādhā gōvinda (Telugu)**

rādhā gōvinda kṛṣṇā kṛṣṇā  
keśava mādharma kṛṣṇā kṛṣṇā  
kṛṣṇā kṛṣṇā kṛṣṇā kṛṣṇā

Victory to Radha, Govinda, Krishna!

vēdānta pāṭham mākēla kṛṣṇā  
vēdāntam nīvaite kṛṣṇā kṛṣṇā  
sṛṣṭi māyavādam mākēla kṛṣṇā  
unnadi nīvē kādā kṛṣṇā kṛṣṇā

Krishna, in what way do Vedantic teachings help us? When  
You, the 'end of knowledge', are with us. Krishna, in what way

do arguments about creation-illusion benefit us? When You, the all-pervading entity alone exist as creation.

**mannu tinna nōru cūpu kṛṣṇā  
viśvamē nīlō unnadi kṛṣṇā  
jagamē nīlilā svapnamu kṛṣṇā  
brahmamu nīvē kādā kṛṣṇā kṛṣṇā**

Please show us inside Your mouth with the mud You had eaten.  
What a wonder- the whole creation is within You Krishna!  
This ever changing world is Your cosmic play, a long dream.  
Krishna, You alone are the ultimate reality!

**nī kathalē māku śravaṇamu kṛṣṇā  
nī lilē mananamu kṛṣṇā kṛṣṇā  
nī rūpamē maku dhyānamu kṛṣṇā  
nī pai prēmanu ivvu kṛṣṇā kṛṣṇā**

Listening to the telling of Your story is scripture. Krishna, Your playful acts are our scriptural contemplation. Krishna, Your wonderful form is our meditation. O Krishna! Please bless us with a mind that loves You forever.

## **Rādheśyām rādheśyām (Hindi)**

**rādheśyām rādheśyām  
tatpat hūn mem yād mem terī, nā jānū viśrām**

Radheshyam, O Radheshyam. My mind is always pining for You, and it knows no rest!

**bāvri kehke mīrā par sab haste hai  
nirmohī ke jāl me phas gayī kahte hai  
jānte hai vo phir bhī sab anjāne hai  
rādheśyām rādheśyām**



Everyone laughs at Mira and calls her a mad-woman. They tell her that she has fallen into a stone-hearted one's trap. They all know the truth, yet act as though they know nothing, O Radheshyam!

**śyām binā man ekākī hai mele me  
lāge nā man is duniyāke jamele me  
kis se kahū me man kī vyathā koyi jāne nā  
rādheśyām rādheśyām**

Without Shyam, my mind feels lonely even in the crowd. Now I do not like the crowd of this world anymore. With whom can I share the pain of my heart? No one understands, O Radheshyam.

## **Rasikarāj (Hindi)**

**rasikarāj braja bhūmi bihārī  
nanda dulāre natjanapāl  
nīrajāvar nirmal nirupam  
nityanirāmay bhajle  
bhajle bhajle bhajle bhajle  
bhaj bhaj bhajle bhajle bhajle**

O Lord of all arts, wanderer of the land of Vrindavan, loving son of Nanda, friend of the gopas. Chant the name of the one with the lotus eyes, who is the pure self, beyond comparison, ever prevailing!

**bhaj kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa  
bhaj bhakta citta cōrā  
bhaj nityanṛtta lōlā  
bhaj satya cit svarūpā  
bhaj candana carchita  
sundaradeha manōhara nandasuta**

Chant the name of Krishna, the enchanting dancer who steals the hearts of the devotees! Chant the name of He who is the true self! Chant the name of He who is the talk-of-the-town, has a beautiful form, captivates the mind of all, and is the son of Nanda!

**nīradsam śūbha angmanōhar  
nirakh nirantar nainā  
citt curāvan cārubilōcan  
barasat karuṇā ham par**

You are auspicious, attractive, and always look after the devotees. You steal the hearts of Your devotees with Your eyes that glance in all directions. Please shower Your grace and compassion!

**śūka nārada sanakādi munīśvar  
śūbha mangal nit gāve  
bansumbhūṣit madana gopāl jō  
manmē nitya birāje**

All great saints such as Suka, Narada and Sanak always sing Your glory. You are adorned with wild flowers, O cowherd, and always reside in the heart of Your devotees.

**brajbanitāṣat nāce gāve  
murali bajāvē kānhā  
kōṭikōṭi kandarp lajāve  
rūp nihāri nihāri**

All the people of Vrindavan are singing and dancing, as Krishna is playing the flute. Thousands and thousands of gopis are blushing, constantly gazing at the beauty of Krishna!

**Rāt din ḍalatī jāy (Hindi)**

**rāt din ḍalatī jāy  
na kōyi khabariyā śyām kī āyē**

**rāt din ḍalatī jāy. . .**

The days and nights go by. There is no news of Shyam. Yet  
the days and nights go by.

**nīr bahē naynōm se jaise  
vraj me dūsarī jamunā  
pūchū me har jīv jāl sē  
kab āyēnge kānhā**

My tears flow like another Yamuna (name of a river) in Vraj.  
I ask every creature when my Kanha will come.

**haste he sab kahke mujhkō  
pagalī śyām divāni  
hāl mērā yē dēkh kānhā  
kaisī tērī mamāni**

Everyone laughs at me calling me mad, the lover of Shyam.  
Look at my state O Kanha, see what You have brought upon me.

## **Sāgara cēpaku (Telugu)**

**sāgara cēpaku teliyadu dāhamu  
jijñāsa leni nī centa un  
nī biḍḍanamma! nī biḍḍanamma!**

The fish swimming in the ocean does not know thirst. Although  
living in Your divine presence, this child of Yours lacks spiritual  
enthusiasm.

**vajrapu viluva bāluḍiki teliyadu  
candanapu vāsana varāhamerugadu  
dīpapu kānti tana nīḍana sōkadu  
māyalōni naku nī mahima kānadu**

A baby does not know the value of a diamond. A pig cannot  
appreciate the fragrance of sandalwood. The light from a lamp

does not illumine its own shadow. Blinded by maya (cosmic delusion), I cannot perceive Your divinity.

**pāhi parātparē jagadambā  
śaraṇam śankari jagadambā**

Mother of the universe, protect us; grant us refuge.

**voḍḍuna paḍi vilavilalāḍe  
cēpaku telusu nīṭina sukhamu  
sādhana cēsi manassunu gelavani  
jijñāsiki telusu sadguru mahima**

Only a fish out of water gasping for breath appreciates the happiness of living in water. A seeker who has failed to control the mind even after vigorous sadhana (spiritual practice) alone appreciates the greatness of a Satguru.

**samsāra kolanulo īdeṭi nannu  
amṛtasāgaramulo paḍavēsi nāvu  
arhatalēni ahambhāvinaina  
dayacūpinannu kāpāḍavamma**

I was swimming in the pond of worldliness. Now, You have put me in the ocean of immortality. Egoist that I am, I do not deserve to be here. O Mother, be compassionate to me and protect me.

**Śakti tā jagadambā (Tamil)**

**śakti tā jagadambā  
bhakti tā jagadambā  
anbai tā jagadambā  
nambikkai tantennai kattiṭuvāy**

O Mother of the universe! Give me strength, give me devotion.  
O Mother of the Universe! Give me love. Give me faith, and protect me!

**anattuyirum nīyena nān  
anmbuṭan paṇi puriya  
aṇuvēnum nīyinṭri  
asaiyātena uṇarum  
bhakti tā jagadambā**

O Mother of the universe! Grant me devotion that will enable me to serve all living beings with love, and see them as Your form. Nothing, even an atom can move without You.

**nikazhvatellām nin seyalāy  
nittam ninaindurugum  
anbai tā jagadambā**

O Mother of the universe! Give me supreme love, that my mind may melt every moment with the knowledge that everything in this world is Your lila (divine play).

**tāy karattil piḷḷaiyena  
dayavuṭan kāppāy ennum  
nambikkai tantennai kāttiṭuvāy**

O Mother! Give me the faith that You will protect me with compassion, just as a mother cradles her baby in her arms.

## **Sāmbasadāśiva (Tamil)**

**sāmbasadāśiva sāmbasadāśiva  
saccidānandanē sāmbaśivā**

O ever auspicious Lord accompanied by Mother Shakti! You are the embodiment of existence-knowledge-bliss.

**poyyām ulakam purindiṭavē  
meyyāy unpadam puṇarndiṭavē  
nādan un mahimai pāṭukirēn  
namaḥ śivāya ena kūrukirēn**

To know the illusory nature of the world and to attain Your feet which itself is truth, I sing Your praises and chant ‘Namah Shivaya.’

**vēdattin nāyakanē dēvā  
mādorubhāgan ānavanē  
mal ayan kaṇa pēroḷiyē  
ālayamāguṁ ānandamē  
sāmba sadāśiva... sāmba sadāśiva...  
sāmba sadāśiva... sāmba sadāśiva...**

O God, You are the Leader of the Vedas, and you are half of Shakti. Your effulgent form was not seen even by Lord Vishnu and Lord Brahma. You are the bliss in which all beings merge.

## **Samsāramanu (Telugu)**

**samsāramanu kānalō cikkina  
pasidānni kāvaga rāvammā  
moravini brōvaga rāvammā  
karuṇatō kāpāḍa rāvammā**

O Mother, listen to the prayers of this little one who got caught in the forest of samsara. Come to protect her with Your compassion.

**pāpapuṇyamulu taskarulu  
satyasampattunu dōcēnu  
nā nijasaudhamuku dūramujēsi  
dēhāraṇyamuna vidhicēnu – ammā  
kāvagarāvammā**

The thieves called merits and demerits have stolen the real wealth. They took me away from the true home and left me in the forest called this body. O Mother, come to protect this little one!

rāgamōhamulu kannulu kappenu  
cittabhramalu cētulu kaṭṭenu  
ciṭṭaḍavilō cikkina prāṇi  
dikku tōcaka ākrōśincenu – amṁā  
kāvagarāvammā

Blind-folded by desires, bound by wrong understanding of the  
Truth, caught in this thick forest, not knowing the directions,  
this being is grieving. O Mother, come to protect this little one!

ēdi gati nāku evaru rakṣa nāku  
trāṇamucēyuna devaru evaru  
dikkū telipi dāri cūpēdevaru  
vilapincē jiviki sāntvanamevaru – amṁā  
kāvagarāvammā

Who is my refuge? Who will look after me? Who will protect  
me? Who will show me the directions and the way? Who will  
console this grieving soul? O Mother, come to protect this  
little one!

## **Sānnu pīkh (Punjabi)**

sānnu pīkh pāde māyiye sānnu pīkh pāde mā  
terī pagtī dī ō mayyā sānnu pīkh pāde mā  
de dātī de dātī terī pagtī sānnu de dātī

O Mother, we are hungry for Your devotion. Please grant us  
devotion to You.

o sānnu hiknāl lāle māyiye  
dukh dard miṭāḍe māyiye  
sāḍhi ghālī cōli par de - sānnu pīkh pāde mā  
de dātī de dātī terī pagtī sānnu de dātī

Mother, please always keep us close to You. Please remove our sorrows and sufferings. Fill our hearts with devotion for You. O Mother, please grant us this devotion!

ō azi maneyā azi pāpī  
sānnu bakṣi ō dātī  
mā bacheyām tōnni rusdī  
bacheyānnu lā chātī  
de dātī de dātī terī pagtī sānnu de dātī

We know we are sinners. O Mother, please forgive us. Please do not be upset with our faults. Keep us close to Your heart, Mother, please grant us devotion.

pesā ṣorātnayi mangde  
saccepagtā de kis kam de  
caraṇā vīcc lele māyīye  
sānnu pīkh pāde mā  
de dātī de dātī terī pagtī sānnu de dātī

O Mother, we do not seek money or fame. We only want to be truly devoted to You. Grant us Your refuge. Mother, please grants us devotion to You!

o dīn rātī... tere dātī...  
tere pairī... karāmātī...  
harṣetom... tere nā dī...  
khaṣbo he... mā āmdī...  
de dātī de dātī terī pagtī sānnu de dātī

O Mother, day and night we want to be Yours only. Every moment, whether in happiness or sorrow, we want to remember You alone. Mother, grant us devotion to You!



## Santāpa hṛttinnu (Malayalam)

santāpa hṛttinnu śānti-mantram  
sandēha hṛttinnu jñāna-mantram  
samphulla hṛttinnu prēma-mantram  
anpārn-norammattan nāma-mantram

For a grieving heart, You are the mantra of peace. For an inquisitive mind, You are the mantra of knowledge. For the blossoming heart, You are the mantra of love.

centāraṭikalil nān namippū  
cintāmalaratil nī vasikkū  
sandēhamillātta jñānamennum  
samphulla hṛttil telīññiṭaṭṭe

I prostrate at Your lotus feet. You reside in the flower of my thought. Let that absolute knowledge reflect in my heart in full bloom.

ennōṭenikkulḷa snēhamalla  
ninnōṭenikkulḷa prēmammē!  
amma-hāṭṭkkazhal tārillello  
manmanaḥ ṣaḍpadam-āramippū

The love that I have for You is greater than the love I have for myself. O Mother, the bee of my heart rejoices at Your divine lotus feet.

vārmazha-villaṅgu māññupōkum  
vār tinkaḷ śōbhayaliññutīrum  
māyukayill-ātmāvil ennum-amma  
ānanda saundarya-dhāmamallo

Rainbows will wane away, splendor of delighting moons will melt away. But You who are the very abode of enchanting beauty and bliss of the soul will never fade away from my heart.

## Satyam jñānam (Tamil)

**satyam jñānam anantam brahmaḥ**

Brahman (the supreme) is truth, wisdom and infinitude.

**kāṇum yāvaiyum māruvatuṇḍu**

**mātrattin pinnē mārātatonḍru**

**mārum poruḷin tēṭalai viṭṭu**

**mārā onṭril manadai niruttu**

All that we see is subject to change. Behind all change lies the changeless. Forsaking the pursuit of the changing, fix the mind in the changeless.

**arivēṇḍrarivatu pulanarivākum**

**aribavan tānē arivin svarūpam**

**uṇḍāna arivellām edanoḷiyil oḷirum**

**uṇarndadai arindiṭu un manadatil patittiṭu**

All that we perceive is only knowledge from sense organs. Real knowledge is none other than the knower. Realize that by which all knowledge is illumined, and fix Your mind on it.

**tōṇḍrā onḍru maraiyādirukkum**

**tōṭtrattirkkappāl nilaiyāyirukkum**

**tōṇḍruvatellām atilē tōṇḍrum**

**tōṭtram viṭṭu atilē oṭunkum**

The Self can never cease to be. It remains eternal, beyond all manifestations. All that manifests emerges from it, and dissolves again into the unmanifest.

**arivin vaṭivadu amṛta vaṭivē**

**ānanda vaṭivadu ananta vaṭivē**

**unnaiviṭṭillaiyadu ulakil uḷadeduvum**

**unadu mey vaṭivadu un manadatil patittiṭu**

True knowledge is immortality, bliss and eternity. All that exists in the world is not separate from You. That is Your eternal nature. Fix Your mind on this truth.

## **Satyattin sāram (Tamil)**

**satyattin sāram**

**vāzhvirkkādhāram**

**nimmatti tarum nādam**

**śivāyam śivāyam**

Shiva's name is the essence of truth and the substratum of life.

The sound of His name gives peace of mind.

**aṭiyarkaḷ pāṭum, iṭaiviṭātinnaḍam**

**kalankum manatirckku upāyam**

**śivāyam śivāyam śivāyam**

Shiva's name is sung by devotees constantly. This name is the sole refuge for the restless mind.

**veṇḍuvōrkkatu rūpam, nāṭuvōrkkatu taṇcam**

**vīṭupettrai vazhankum śivāyam**

**śivāyam śivāyam śivāyam**

For those who worship, the name is form. For those who seek, the name is refuge. Shiva's name is the one that gives Self-realization.

**śivamentra akṣaram, śivanirukkum akṣaram**

**uṇmaiyaṇa akṣaram śivāyam**

**śivāyam śivāyam śivāyam**

Lord Shiva lives in the word Shivayam. The real word is Shivayam and it is imperishable.

## Seḷeyadirali ninna (Kannada)

seḷeyadirali ninna kaṇṇōṭṭa mōhakate  
bedarisadirali ninna bhīkarate  
pādāravinda makaranda dāhi maridumbi nānamma  
maridumbi nānu  
maridumbi nānamma  
maridumbi nānu

O Mother, may I be neither drawn by the attraction of Your eyes, nor be terrified by Your fierceness. I am a mere honey bee, thirsting for the nectar of Your lotus feet.

jayakāra jayakāra mahākālī  
jayakāra jayakāra bhadrakālī  
hrīmkālī mahākālī bhadrakālī

Hail to You, O Mahakali, Bhadrakali! Hail to You, Hrimkali, Mahakali, O Bhadrakali!

puṭṭa kālī beṭṭa danṭha śivana meṭṭi nintaḷu  
rakkasara bechisalu katti śūla hiḍidaḷu

Little Kali stands on Shiva who is like a mountain. For the sake of terrifying demons She holds sword and spear.

kattaleya nungi kālī seṭedu koṇḍu nintaḷu  
raktajinugo jihveya cācci tōrutiruvaḷu

Swallowing the darkness, Kali stands stiff, stretching and showing off her blood-dripping tongue.

caṇḍa muṇḍa nāśini muṇḍa māla dhārīṇi  
śumbhadi daityara madavimarda nartini

Slayer of demons such as Chanda and Munda, slayer of demons such as Shumba, O Kali who dances in mirth!

bija asura dhvamsini mahiṣa asura mardini  
ahanmkāra dvēṣini saddharma vardhini

Slayer of demons such as Bijasura and Mahishasura, She hates the ego. She is the upholder of virtues and dharma.

## **Śēr pe savār (Punjabi)**

śēr pe savār hōnevālī  
pyār se sabko nihārnevālī  
madhukaiṭabh vadh karanevālī  
tū hī hai natjanpālīni maiyyā  
ō. . . ō. . . ō. . . ō. . .  
ō maiyyā. . . ō maiyyā. . .  
ō. . . ō. . . maiyyā

O Mother who rides a tiger, You gaze upon everyone with love, You destroyed the demons Madhu and Kaitabha (signifying the destruction of the ego); You are indeed the one who takes care of all, O Mother!

śūmbhaniśumbhaki bairini yōgini  
bhīkararūpiṇi tum ho sanātani  
śailanivāsini śūlini mālini  
tū hī kapālīni kālī ḍarāvani

You destroyed the demons Shumbha and Nishumbha! You are in eternal meditation, have a fierce form, and are eternal. You dwell in the mountains, wield the trident, and wear a garland of skulls, O Kali, whose fierce form instills fear.

pralay kī agan mē nāc kē tū nav  
srajan kī bārīś ban ke barasati  
bhuvan ko siraj ke mōhit karti  
māyājāl me sabko phasāti

You whirl in the dance of the destruction and then create new universes, You ensnare everyone with the power of Maya (illusion).

janam maraṇ bhava bandhan mōcan  
sab he mā tērī mōhan līlā  
mahiś ke māthē pē nācnevālī  
mē ab tēri śaraṇ hu maiyā

Life, death, the bonds of the world, all these are Your play.  
You danced on the head of the demon Mahisha, I am now in  
Your refuge, O Mother!

## Sēvaiyenum (Tamil)

*anbōṭu anaittuyirkkum nām seyyum sēvai*  
*atutānē ammāvin tiruppāda pūjai*

Loving service performed for all beings is worship of Mother's  
holy feet.

sēvaiyenum arumarundu  
pāvamadaī migaviraindu  
tīrttiṭumē idaiyarindu  
dinantōrum nī arundu

The rare remedy of service immediately rids one of sin. Know  
this and consume it daily.

āsaiyilē arivizhandu  
kōpattilē guṇamizhandu  
tān seyda tavaruṇarndu  
tayankāmal nī tirundu

Having lost your discrimination because of desire, and virtues  
because of anger, realize your folly and change over a new leaf  
without any hesitation.

arivennum agal uṇḍu  
anbennum ney koṇḍu  
atan tiriyāy nīninḍru

**aṇaiyāda oḷisindu**

There is a clay lamp of knowledge, with love as its ghee. Become its wick and radiate an inextinguishable light.

**tannalamillā sēvai seyyum manamē**

**tandarulvāyē tāyē eṇḍrum nīyē**

O Mother, bless us forever with a mind for selfless service.

**Silukisadiru nī (Kannada)**

**silukisadiru nī ī lōkadi – enna**

**silukisadiru nī ī lōkadi**

Do not let me be caught in this world.

**bandhana bēḍige bedari nā baḷalide**

**bhaktiya muktiya nīḍenage**

I am frightened of the handcuffs of attachment. Hence grant me devotion and liberation.

**sūryanu beḷakina maneyante – nīnu**

**arivina beḷakina gurumāte**

**manadali manemāḍi marevege dūḍi**

**nagutide nōḍamma māyāndhakāra**

**nagutide nōḍamma māyājālā**

Just as the sun is home to all light, You are to the light of knowledge, O Mother Guru. The darkness of maya, this net of maya, has secretly made my mind its home, caught me up in forgetfulness, and laughs at me, teases me. See, Mother!

**rāgadi biḍisu vairāgyadi nilisu**

**mōhadi biḍisu premadi nilisu**

**kāmane biḍisu karuṇāmṛta harisu**

**śōkadi biḍisu śaraṇāgati nīḍu**

Release me from attachment. May I be established in detachment. Release me from attachment. May I be established in love. Release me from desire. Let the nectar of immortal bliss flow from You. Release me from sorrow and grant me surrender.

## **Sinnañciru kuzhandai (Tamil)**

**sinnañciru kuzhandai ammā tuṇayārūmillai ammā  
undan maṭi tañcamena vīlaiyāṭi makizha ēnkudammā**

Mother, I am Your infant. I have no support other than You.  
I yearn to play in Your lap.

**undan tiruccēvaṭikal nān paṇiya vēṇḍumammā  
undan tirumandirattai nāvuraikka vēṇḍumammā  
un punita sindanaiyil manamuruka vēṇḍumammā  
unnai maravāmal piriyaṃal vāzha vēṇḍumammā**

Mother, may I worship Your feet. May I chant Your sacred names. May I always remain immersed in thoughts of You. May I never forget You or live apart from You.

**kālam seyda kōlam enne alaipāya vaikkudammā  
māyai ennai tākkudammā taṭumāra vaikkudammā  
kālam ennai nāṭi varum kālamum nerunkudamma  
kāpāṭṭra tāyē nī karuṇai koṇḍu viraivāyē**

The changes that time wreaks have disturbed me. Maya, the power of cosmic illusion, has created obstacles in my path. The time of my death is drawing near. Mother, please come quickly and save me with Your compassion.

**kaṅkuḷira unnai kaṇḍappin kaṇ mūṭa vēṇḍumammā  
en uyir un sēvaṭiyil sērndamara vēṇḍumammā  
pirappirappillā appērinba nilaiyaṭaiya  
tāyē gati nīyē mahāmāyē hṛdayēśvariye amṛtēśvariye**



May I die only after gazing at You to my heart's content. May my life become one with Your feet. Mother, great illusion, Goddess of my heart, only You can help me attain the blissful abode beyond life and death.

## **Siṭrinbam nāṭum (Tamil)**

**siṭrinbam nāṭum sirumatiyinai  
sīrākki sīrārum pērinba amutinai  
allittarum annaiyē arputamē - un  
porpadamē em narpadamē**

O Mother, You are a great wonder! You mend our little minds that seek petty pleasures and provide immortal bliss in plenty. Your golden feet are our ultimate refuge!

**azhiyāta ānandam taruvāl  
annayiṭam aṭaikkalam aṭaintiṭuvōm  
nilayillā ulakil irundālum  
nilayāna tuṇayāy irundiṭuvāl**

Let us seek refuge in our Mother who gives eternal bliss. She remains as our permanent support in this ever-changing world.

**vazhikāṭṭa nīyum maruttuviṭṭāl  
vazhimāri pōyviṭuvōm tāyē  
takuti illamal irundālum  
untālkal nāṭiyē vandōmē**

O Mother! Should You ever refuse to guide us, we would go astray. Though we know we are utterly unqualified, we have come seeking protection at Your holy feet.

**gativēṇḍi ēngiṭum unsēygal  
vidhitūṇḍum vazhiyil sellāmal  
matimayakkam tannai telivakki  
ativēgam untan tāḷsērppāy**

O Mother! Your children are yearning to reach the supreme state. Protect us from falling into evil paths driven by fate. Please provide clarity to our confused minds, and gather us at Your holy feet without delay.

## Śivanē śankaranē (Kannada)

śivanē śankaranē jayasāmbasadā śivanē  
harahara mahādēva śiva śiva mahādēva

Hail to the great Lord! Victory to Lord Shiva!

praṇavasvarūpanē pralāyāntakanē  
karuṇāmayanē paripālisu dēvanē

O Lord, You are of the nature of the pranava mantra and Lord of cosmic dissolution. Filled with compassion, You protect us all.

smaśānavāsiyē kailāsavāsiyē  
hṛdayanivāsiyē sarvantaryāmiyē

You dwell in the cremation ground. Your abode is also Mount Kailash. You dwell in the heart, and You pervade the whole universe.

jai namaḥ pārvati patayē harahara mahādēva

Salutations to the consort of Goddess Parvati. Hail to the great Lord!

## Śivaśakti aikyave (Kannada)

ōm namaḥ śivāya śivāyyai namaḥ ōm

Prostrations to Shiva and Shakti.

śivaśakti aikyave sṛṣṭi sthiti rahasya  
samacitta bhāvave ātmika rahasya  
ihapara eraṭilla iruvundodātma

**yātake ahamkāra mereve jīvātma ?**

The union of Shiva and Shakti is the secret of creation and its maintenance. Equanimity of mind is the secret of spirituality. There are no two as 'this world' and 'that world'. There is just one Atma. Why do you show off your ego, O individual soul?

**hindina sukṛtava induṭṭuṇa bēkāṭma  
indina karmava munduṇa bēkāṭma  
phaladāse toredalli migilāda phalavunṭu  
sankalpa śakti ninadāgali ō ātma**

The fruits of the past shall be enjoyed in the present, just as the fruits of the present shall be enjoyed in future. If You give up the desire for fruits, then, there is a greater fruit. May you have a strong will, O individual soul!

**apajaya jayagaḷu nāṇyada mukhagaḷu  
priyavu apriyagaḷu eṭabala kaigaḷu  
paravaśavāgi nī ēkāgra manadi  
paramārtha paratatva nene sadā ō ātma**

Success and failures are two sides of the same coin. Likes and dislikes are like both hands. Transcendent them, and with a one-pointed mind, meditate on the Supreme, O individual soul.

**manuja, ni alpanu lakṣyahīnanu saha  
mānava janmavu amūlyavu keḷu  
māṭuvu dellavu yōgavē āgali  
mahātmage śaraṇāgi kai mugi jīvātma**

O Man, you are a mere one with no sense of direction. Listen, this human birth is very precious. May everything you do relate you to the Supreme. Surrender to the Mahatma, and offer Him prostrations, O jivatma!

## Śivke (Hindi)

śivke bayē śobhit śakti  
tum deti hō bandan mukti  
har jīvōm ke antaryāmi  
tumre āgē mastak ṭekkum

Adorning Shiva on his left, You free us from bondage. O  
indweller of all beings, I bow down to You.

śivaśakti svarupiṇī, ānandarupiṇī, prēmasvarupiṇī mātē  
Mother, You are of the embodiment of Shiva-Shakti, of ananda  
(bliss) and of love.

nabh hai terā śirsh bhavāni  
dhartti pe tu per rakhī hai  
sab jīvōm me cetan tuhi  
bhavbādhā kō dur kare mā

With the sky as Your head, You keep Your feet on the earth.  
You are life in all beings. You remove of worldly sufferings.

jai mātē, jai devi, jag mātē, jagadambe...

Hail Mother, hail Goddess, hail Mother, O Mother of universe!

jananī terī sarjan keli  
bujhṭti nā ye sṛṣṭi paheli  
tumhī jāne tatva anōkhā  
nit nīrāgēṭup nirālā

O Mother, it is impossible to solve the riddle of Your creation. You  
alone know the wondrous essence of this ever changing creation.

bagtōm kō tu premamayī hai  
dukhiyōm pe kārūṇya dikhāṭti  
muniyōm mē tu gyān jagāṭti  
danujōm kō niśṣeṣ harāṭti

You are full of love towards Your devotees, and You shower Your compassion on the afflicted. You are the source of knowledge in the sages. You are the destroyer of evil.

## **Śri dēvi lalitā (Tamil)**

**śri dēvi lalitā paramēśvari  
śricakraṁ vittiṭṭum lalitēśvari  
ulakin annaiyē anpunāyaki  
umai ambikē dēvi kanyākumari**

You are Lalita Paramesvari who is Goddess of wealth and Supreme Goddess. You are Goddess Laliteshvari who resides in Sri Chakra. You are the Mother of Universe and the Queen of compassion. You are Goddess Uma Parasakti in the form a maiden.

**kayalvizhi karuṇaimiku mīnakṣiyē  
kāśipuram jñānamaruḷ viśalākṣiyē  
karimbuvillēntum kāmākṣiyē  
arumbu malarāṭi śaraṇam tāyē**

You are compassionate Goddess Meenakshi with fish shaped eyes. You are Goddess Visalakshi from the city of Kashi, bestowing knowledge. You are Goddess Kamakshi holding the sugarcane bow. O Mother! We take refuge at Your feet which are as soft as flower buds.

**āyiram itazhmītē kamalāmbikē  
ātmavidyaiyarulūṁ vimalāmbikē  
anaittuyirai anpāl piṇaittavaḷē  
anbu malarāṭi śaraṇam tāyē**

You are the Goddess sitting on thousand petaled lotus. You are the Goddess giving the knowledge of Atman. You have connected all souls with love. We take refuge at Your feet that are like flowers of compassion

ūnamatai akattum umāśankariyē  
vīṇai nādaṁ miṭṭiṭuṁ maṅgaḷāmbikē  
prāṇa śaktiyākum karppakāmbikē  
praṇava rūpiṇi śaraṇaṁ tāyē

You are Goddess Uma Sankari who saves us from the cycle of birth and death. You are Goddess Mangalambika who plays the veena. You are Goddess Karpakambika who has become pranic energy. You are in the form of pranava - we take refuge in You.

śaraṇaṁ śaraṇaṁ śaraṇaṁ laḷitā paramēśvari  
śaraṇaṁ śaraṇaṁ śaraṇaṁ gaurikṛpākari  
śaraṇaṁ śaraṇaṁ śaraṇaṁ śrībhuvanēśvari  
śaraṇaṁ śaraṇaṁ śaraṇaṁ rājarājēśvari

Mother Lalita, supreme Goddess, fair one, gracious one, supreme Empress of the universe, we take refuge in You!

**Śrī kṛṣṇā deva (Malayalam)**

śrī kṛṣṇā deva caitanya vihāra  
prēma varṣadayālō prēma varṣadayālō  
māyā bandha vimōcananē hari  
rādhakṛṣṇā sukumārā, rādhakṛṣṇā sukumārā

O Lord Krishna, refuge of Chaitanya. Kind-hearted One, You shower divine love. O Hari, who releases us from the bondage of illusion, ever youthful Radha Krishna!

kālīṇakūppum mānava hṛttil  
ānandatte uṇarttum  
dīna dayāmāyā kāraṇapūruṣa  
māmaka mānasa lōla

You awaken bliss in the hearts of those human beings who stand before Your feet with folded hands. You are kind towards the helpless, You are the primordial cause. You entertain my mind.

trētā yuga śrīrāma-raghūttama  
dvāpara yādava kṛṣṇā  
kātarāmām kali kāla matilvann-  
ādhīyakattuka dēva

In the Treta Yuga You came as Rama. In Dwapara Yuga You came as Krishna. In this fierce Kali Yuga You come and remove all worries.

jñānālaya śrī sādhuśarīrā  
gānālaya mama dēvā  
kātaranāmen mānasa vāṭiyil  
vāzhū nī dayaśīla

You are the abode of knowledge, the embodiment of truth. You are the abode of music, my Lord. I am weak. O merciful One, please reside in the garden of my mind!

## Śrī rāma nāmamē (Tamil)

śrī rāma nāmamē sonnāl  
ankē varuvān hanumān  
kṣēmaṅgaḷ yāvum taruvān  
śrī rāma bhakta hanumān

Whenever we chant Lord Rama's name, Hanuman manifests himself. Hanuman, who is Lord Rama's devotee, bestows auspiciousness on all.

śrī rāma rāma jaya rāma rāma  
śrī rāma rāma jaya rāmā

Hail Lord Rama!

ilankayai vālāl erittavan – anta  
lankāpatiyai etirttavan  
aṅjana makanavanām  
śrī rāma bhakta hanumān

He razed Lanka with his tail. He defied the Lord of Lanka (Ravana). Hanuman, son of Anjana, is Lord Rama's devotee.

**sañjivani malayai koṇḍu vandavan**  
**sirañjivi ennum peyar pettravan**  
**añjana makanavanām**  
**śrī rāma bhakta hanumān**

He brought back the Sanjivani mountain. He earned the name of Cirañjivi (immortal). Hanuman, son of Anjana, is Lord Rama's devotee.

## **Sṛṣṭi vēru (Telugu)**

**sṛṣṭi vēru sṛṣṭi karta**  
**vēru kādura**  
**dēvuḍu jivuḍu**  
**vēru vēru kādura**  
**mahāvākyaḷu cebuttunna-didērā**

Creator and creation are not separate from each other. God and the self are not separate from each other. All the mahavakyas (words from the Vedas) speak the same eternal truth.

**prajnānam brahma**  
**ayamātmā brahma**  
**tatvamasi aham brahmāsmi**

Knowledge of the Self is Brahman. The individual self is Brahman. Thou art that. I am Brahman.

**maṇṇu vēru kuṇḍa vēru**  
**vēru kādura**  
**nāṭyamu nartaki**  
**vēru vēru kādura**

The clay and the clay pot are not separate from each other. Dancer and dance are not different from each other.



**kāntini sūryuni vēru ceyyalēmura  
mādhavuḍu mānavuḍu  
vēru kānē kādura**

Sun and sunlight can never be separate. God and humankind can never exist as separate entities.

**parikaramul-ennunna vidyut okaṭerā  
vigrahamul-ennunna daivamokaṭerā  
ī bhinnatvamu-lonē ēkatvam-undira  
ēkam nundi anekamē sṛṣṭi tirurā**

So many instruments yet only one electric current. So many deities yet only one God. There is unity in this apparent diversity. One becomes many – this is how creation unfolds itself.

## **Sukh kartā (Hindi)**

**sukh kartā tum ho  
duḥkh hartā tum ho  
he bhāgyavidhātā  
gaṇanāthā tum ho**

O Lord of the ganas, giver of happiness, vanquisher of sorrows,  
Lord of my fate...

**gaṇapati bāppā moryā  
mangala mūrtti moryā**

Hail to our Father Ganesha, hail to the auspicious One!

**manmohak hai rūp terā  
omkārasvarūp terā  
hai bhakton pe dhyān terā  
karuṇādr hṛday terā**

Your form is that of the sacred syllable Om, Your form is enchanting. Your compassionate heart is always dwelling on Your devotees.

man jo hai bada cancal  
tere smaran se ho niścal  
bhakti bhav karde prabal  
janam merā ho safal

The temperamental mind becomes calm and stable with Your remembrance. O Lord, please strengthen my devotion to You, that this life of mine become worthy and fruitful.

mūṣak par ho savar  
tum ho jag ke ādhar  
kṛpa kar hai pālanhār  
darśan iccha ho sakār

Your vehicle is the mouse. You cut the bonds of ignorance, taking us to supreme freedom. You are the support of the world. Bless us, O Lord, that our desire to behold You is fulfilled.

## Sundara vadanā (Hindi)

sundara vadanā kanhā – man  
mandir me tū ānā  
cañcal citvan se tu – merā  
sankaṭ sab har lenā

O Kanha with the beautiful face, please come to the temple of my mind. With Your mishchievous gaiety, please destroy all my woes.

śyām śyām śyām jai jai  
śyām śyām śyām  
śyām śyām śyām jai jai  
śyām śyām śyām

Victory to Shyam!

nandakumāra devā – terī

**bāsuri me tu bajānā  
mōhan rāg surilā – sunke  
mōhe man – vṛndāvan**

O son of Nanda, please play sweet notes on Your flute, that I might be enchanted and feel Vrindavan in my heart.

**dil ke kuñjan me āke – tū  
rās racāvegā tō  
prem ki jamunā laharāyegi  
nāc uṭhegī jaldi**

If You would only come to my heart and play the Ras (Krishna's famous dance of eternal love), a Yamuna (name of a river) of love would awaken and dance in my heart.

**terā dars dikhāne me ab  
derī kuch bhi na hōgī  
merā man kehtā hai – tū  
apanā ban jāyegā**

Now I know that there will be no delay in Your darshan (vision). My heart says that You will be mine.

## **Sundari jaganmōhini (Kannada)**

**sundari jaganmōhini kuḍi nōṭava bīrutali bā  
ātma samsātake bā bāreyā karuṇāmayi**

O beautiful One, enchantress of the world! Do come, throwing love-glances. Give companionship to my soul. Won't You come, O Mother of compassion?

**mangalē sukhakāriṇi janma pāpavināśini  
enna mārḡadarśini bhavāniye mṛdubhāṣiṇi  
ambike jagadambike janma pāvani dēviyu ni  
ninna maḍilali malagisiko kōmalē vimalāmbikē**

O auspicious One who comforts, You destroy the sins of this lifetime. You show me my path, O Bhavani, soft spoken One! Mother, Mother of the world, You are the Goddess who makes our lives blessed. Take me in Your lap, O sweet One, pure Mother.

**candrikē bhavatāriṇi bhava bandhana biḍisutali  
nava santasa nīduta bā bāreyā jaganmāteye  
śārādē vidyādevīye jñāna dēviye vandisuvē  
nīḍu bhaktiya varavēnagē dēviyē paramjyōtiyē**

O Mother, cool like moonlight, O Mother who takes devotees across the world of transmigration, release me from all worldly ties. Give me new joys, come. Won't You come, Mother of the world? O Sharada You are the Goddess of learning. You are the Devi of knowledge. My prostrations to You. Grant me the gift of devotion, O Devi, highest, resplendent One.

**lakṣmiyē kamalāmbikē ellā sṛṣṭiya oḍatiyu ni  
kaiyya mugiyuta vandisuvē māteye mamatāmayi  
durgiyē lalitāmbikē nitya prēma kaṭākṣavē bā  
satya jyōti prakāṣavē bā kālīyē amṛtēśvari**

O Lakshmi, the Goddess bearing the lotus, You lord over all of creation. I join my hands and bow to You. O Mother who is full of love for Your children! O Durga, O Lalitambika. O one who throws love-glances all the time, do come. O light of truth, come.

## **Sūryanobbane (Kannada)**

**sūryanobbane upameyamma  
sūryanobbane upameyamma  
sadā jagavabeḷaguva  
sūryanobbane upameyamma**

Mother, only the sun can be compared to You, the sun which forever brightens the world with its radiance.

**hagalilla iruḷilla dinakara yogige  
hagaliruḷilla śubha karininage  
avanalle nintu lilegaiyyuvanalla  
avani geragi nī sevisalande  
ammā nī nallave pratyakṣa daiva**

There is no day or night for the sun who is the best karma yogi, the cause of day. O Mother, cause of auspiciousness, there is also no day or night for You. He enacts His play from where He stands- but You have descended in order to serve. O Mother, are You not the Goddess present before our very eyes?

**tānalli beḷagi bānalli beḷagi  
kōṭi kōṭi jīva poreva o ravi  
anantakōṭi hṛdayava beḷagi  
sajjanikē cirabhuviyali harasuva  
ninage sūrya candraresākṣi**

He shines from up there. He illumines the sky and nurtures innumerable lives. But You brighten innumerable hearts and make the river of goodness flow on Earth. O Mother, only the sun and moon are witness to all this play!

**Śvāsamellām un peyarē (Tamil)**

**śvāsamellām un peyarē  
nēsamellām un uruvē  
pāsamellām unniṭamē – ennammā  
pūjaiyellām un aṭikkē – ponnammā**

Your name is within every breath of mine. All my affection flows towards Your form. All my attachment is only for You, my Mother. Darling Mother, all my worship is only to Your feet.

ānālum en akattil  
azhukkellām maraiyavillai  
viṇāga kazhikiradē – ennammā  
vidhiyinai māṭṭriṭuvāy  
vinaikaḷai pōkkiṭuvāy  
tuṇaiyena vandiṭuvāy – ponnammā

Still, the impurities in my mind have not disappeared. Days are wasted, Mother, please change my destiny. Darling Mother, please help me by removing the results of my bad actions.

koṇḍu vandatonṭrumillai  
koṇḍu pōvatonṭrumillai  
iṭaiṭaṭṭa vāzhvinilē – ennammā  
iṭiṭaṭṭu nondu viṭṭēn  
innum nī kāṇalaiyō?  
unnaṇbē kāvalammā – ponnammā

I brought nothing with me, I will not take anything away with me. Nothing have I brought, and nothing I will take. I'm stuck in this life, suffering in agony. Do You not see me? Darling Mother, Your love is my protection.

cindaiyellām cellammā un ninaivē  
pūjaiyellām ponnammā tiruvaṭikkē

Darling Mother, only thoughts of You are in my mind. Beloved Mother, all my worship is only towards Your holy feet.

## Taḷarnnuraṅgukayō (Malayalam)

taḷarnnuraṅgukayō? iniyum  
viṣādamūkatayō?  
manujakoṭikaḷ viṣayagaraḷam  
nukarnnuraṅgukayō! tammil

### **marannuraṅgukayō?**

Why are you sleeping in exhaustion? Why are you so sad and depressed? Why are the millions of human beings imbibing the poison of materialism and sleeping? Why have they forgotten each other?

**kālattin kaiviralttumbāl viracicca  
chāyā citraṅgaḷō... manuṣyan  
uyarttiyatalakaḷ! tāzhttiya talakaḷ  
viraḷunna – viḷarunna mukhaṅgaḷ! eviṭeyum  
maraviccu-maruvunna manuṣyan?**

Are we just pictures drawn by the finger tips of time? Men with upright heads, men with downcast faces, pale and scared faces - everywhere men are living frigid lives.

**niṅgalkku kaṇikāṇān niṅgaḷe kaṇikāṇān  
innī jagattil manuṣyarunḍō?  
unḍenkiloru tāmara-malarmoṭṭupōle  
mizhiyaṭaccuraṅgunnatentē... hṛdayam  
itaḷ-viṭarttiṭāttatentē?**

Are there human beings in this world for you to see when you wake up? Are you there for them to see when they open their eyes? If so, why are you closing your eyes and sleeping like a lotus bud? Why does your heart not open up its petals and bloom?

### **Taṅcamena vantōm (Tamil)**

**taṅcamena vantōm dayaipuri velā  
vaṅcamilā neṅcamatil  
maṅcamkoḷḷa vārāy - murukā**

O Muruga! We have come seeking refuge, please be compassionate, holder of the spear. O Lord, come and stay in our innocent hearts.

**arivirkkaṇiṣēr aranār makanē  
piravippiṇitīr piraīyōn makanē  
turavikaḷ paṇiyum maraiyin poruḷē  
iruvinaī nikkum saravaṇabhavanē**

You are the son of he who adorns a snake around his neck,  
You are the supreme truth that adds beauty to all knowledge.  
Cure us of the disease of birth and death, O Son of Lord of  
Shiva, who wears the crescent moon. The sages bow down to  
You, You are the essence of the Vedas. O Saravana Bhava, You  
free us from the effect of our actions.

**anpin vaṭivē arivin suṭarē  
irulaī akaṭri oḷiyai perukkiṭu**

Embodiment of love, flame of knowledge. Please remove this  
darkness by shedding light upon us!

**aṭiyārkkaruḷ sēr jñānakkumārā  
eḷiyār maruḷtīr śaktikkumārā  
oruvāy mozhiyilai unpēr anṭri  
varuvāy vēṇḍiṭa manatil onṭri**

Embodiment of wisdom, please shower Your grace on Your  
devotees and remove the fear of this less fortunate son of Shakti.  
I am unable to utter anything but Your holy name. O Lord,  
You come to us whenever we pray whole-heartedly.

**inpam tunpam imai marumai  
irumai akaṭri orumai uṇarttiṭu**

Please remove the dualities of sorrow and joy, of this birth and  
of the next one, and make us realize Your glory!

**vēlvēl murukā veṭrivēl murukā  
vaṭivēl azhakā śakti umai balā**

Glory to You, O Muruga, holder of the spear, beautiful One,  
son of Uma!



## Tañcam undan (Tamil)

tañcam undan pādamentru  
śaraṇaṭaindēn dēviyē... nān śaraṇaṭaindēn dēviyē  
neñcam undan kōyilentru  
nī amarvāy dēviyē... adil nī amarvāy dēviyē

O Goddess, Your holy feet are my only refuge. I surrender to  
You. Make my heart Your temple. Please reside within my heart.

munnam seyda vinaikaḷ ellam  
muṭṭimōdippārkcutē... enai muṭṭimōdippārkcutē  
enna solvēn undan seviyil  
ēzhaiyin kural kēṭkutā – inda ēzhaiyin kural kēṭkutā

The fruits of past actions are trying to torment me. What shall  
I tell You, O Mother? Please listen to the helpless musings of  
this poor one.

enda niramtān undan niramō  
enakku colvāy dēviyē... nī enakku colvāy dēviyē  
enda vaṭivam undan vaṭivō  
eṭuttu colvāy dēviyē... nī eṭuttu colvāy dēviyē

O Goddess tell me which color is Your true color? O Devi,  
please show me which form Your true form is.

kaṅkaḷ ceyta payan anṭrō  
kāḷi unnai kāṇpadu – annai kāḷi unnai kāṇpadu  
paṇ amaittu pāṭum inda  
bālanai nī kattiṭu... inda bālanai nī kattiṭu

Beholding Your form would be the true merit of having eyes.  
Please protect this child of Yours who is singing Your glories!

## Tandam t̄anannai (Malayalam)

tandam t̄anannai t̄anai tandanai  
t̄anai tandanai t̄anannā  
tandam t̄anannai t̄anai tandanai  
t̄anai tandanai t̄anannā  
velli malamēlē vāṇaruḷunnoru  
indu kalādhara kaitozhunnēn  
bhūtiyaṇiññulla bhūtaavidhāyaka  
bhūvitinennum abhayamēkū

Salutations to the One who resides on top of the silver mountain, wearing the crescent moon on his head. To He who is smeared with vibhuti all over His body, who commands the ghosts and spirits, we pray to give refuge to the whole earth.

mūnnu purangalerichulla mukkaṇṇan  
mōdamāy ceyyunna narttanavum  
viśvatteyākeyaṭakkum svarūpavum  
viśvanātha prabhū kumbiṭunnēn

The three-eyed one, who reduced the three cities of Tripura to ashes, is dancing enchantingly. Salutations to the One who controls the entire universe.

tandanittannāna t̄anai t̄anai tandam t̄anittannāna  
tandam t̄anittāna t̄anai tandam t̄anittānnānā – teyyattām  
pilittirumuṭiyum mārila tūvanamālikayum  
ōṭakkuzhalumēnti kaṇṇan uḷḷam kāvarnnu nilkkum

Peacock feather in his hair, a beautiful garland on his chest, with flute in his hand, stands Lord Krishna, who has stolen our hearts.

gōpījanapriyanē giridhara gokula pālakanē  
rādhikā vallabhane murārē nityam namichiṭunnēn

Beloved of the gopis, the one who raised Govardhana mountain, protector of the gopis, Radha's Lord, slayer of the asura Mura, we pray to You.

**tannēnāne nanē nānē tannannānā tāne  
tānānai tānakatittai tannannānā – takitai  
rāma nāmam japichītu kōṭi puṇyam – janmam  
ennumennum ariyunna kāruṇyapūram – tai tai**

Chant the name of Lord Rama to acquire punya (merit) which will bestow a shower of compassion all through your life.

**janmamakum alayāzhi taraṇamceyyān – bhakta  
hanumānde padamennum abhayamakum tai tai**

In order to cross over the ocean of life, the holy feet of the great devotee Lord Hanuman are the only refuge.

**vāṇiṭunna vāṇīdēvi ulṭtaṭātil – ennāl  
vāṇaruḷum arivallō abhayamakum – tai tai**

When Goddess of Wisdom, Saraswati, resides in your ardent heart, then discriminative knowledge will be bestowed.

**mangalaṅgaḷ bhavichīṭān tozhutiṭuka – lōka  
mangalaṭtināy nityam namichīṭuka – tai tai**

Bow down for blessings and auspiciousness in one's life and also for the whole world.

## **Tāṇḍavamāṭi (Tamil)**

**tāṇḍavamāṭi dayāpari varuvāy  
dharāṇiyil piravippiṇi tīrkka  
tāmarai malarmīṭē vittitūm mā dēvi  
tāmarai idayattil naṭamāṭi vā kaḷi**

Compassionate One, come dancing, to remove the cycle of birth and death! Mother Devi, sitting on lotus flower, Mother Kali! Come dancing to my lotus heart

**vañcanaiyāl enkuṁ adharmam perukutē  
nañcāka koṭuñceyalē enkuṁ vaḷarutē  
kāḷiyāy vantu nī dharmam uṇarttavē  
adharmmattai ozhittiṭa tāṇḍavamāṭi vā**

Unrighteousness spreads everywhere due to deception. Cruelty grows everywhere like a poison. Come as Mother Kali to make us realize righteousness. Come dancing to remove unrighteousness!

**jadi colli kavipāṭa kāḷiyāṭa manamāṭa  
dēvi nīyō naṭanamāṭa  
salankai kiṇukiṇunka virikūntalāka  
kaṇṇāyirattāl āṭuṁ tiruttāṇḍavam  
dēviyāṭu... ādiparāśaktiyāṭu**

My mind is in joy with rhythmically composed poems. O Mother Devi – You are dancing, with anklets tinkling and Your hair flowing freely. O thousand-eyed Goddess who dances so divinely! It is Mother Devi, primordial energy!

**māyā svarūpiṇi māyaiyil vaśappetṭē  
māyayai aṭṭivaikkum ādiparāśakti  
manattirai vilakkiyē māyai kaṭattiṭavē  
maṇṇulakil dharmam tazhaikka vanta tāy nī**

You are the form of maya (illusion) and You at the same time You are under maya. You govern maya – O primordial One, You have come to Earth to unveil the mind and remove maya! In this way righteousness will flourish.

**maṇṇāti uyirkaḷuṁ makizhntē āṭiṭa  
maṇṇilum viṇṇilum mankaḷam niraintiṭa  
dēvādi dēvaruṁ isaimiṭṭi malar tūva  
tiruḷlattōṭu nī aṭuṁ pukazhṭtāṇḍavam**

For earthly beings to dance happily, for auspiciousness to fill the earth and heaven, for the showering of flowers to the sound of divine music by the gods- the dance You are dancing is a much-praised one!

## **Tapamanu (Telugu)**

**tapamanu dhanuvanu cēpaṭṭu  
manasanu śaramunu sandhiñcu  
brahmamanu lakṣyamu bhēdincu  
ekatvamune sādhiñcu**

Take up the bow of austerities, fix the arrow of mind, shoot the goal of Brahman, and gain oneness with Brahman.

**bhavabandhamulu māyakaṭṭlut  
gaṭṭivi vāṭini tempuṭṭaku  
puṭṭuṭṭa giṭṭuṭṭa karaṇamaina  
pāpapuṇyamula tolagiñcu**

Worldly bonds are illusory bondages, but very strong to cut free. Rid yourself of both merit and sin; they are responsible for the cycle of birth and death.

**manasulō cintalu malinamulu  
madilō dēvuni marapiñce  
maruguna paṭina mādhavu neruga  
avidya teranu tolagiñcu**

Thoughts in the mind are like dirt covering up the Lord inside the heart. Remove the curtain of ignorance, to find the veiled Lord.

## **Tāraka nāma (Kannada)**

**tāraka nāma mahā mahimā śrī rāma**

**jaya-rāma raghu-rāma sītā-rāma**

The glorious name of Rama enables one to transcend samsara, the cycle of birth and death. Victory to Rama of the Raghu dynasty, consort of Sita!

**manavemba markāṭa – ō rāma**

**nina nāma dinda nina prēmadinda**

**nina dhyāna dinda nina sēveyinda**

**manavemba markāṭa āyitalla hanuma**

O Rama, the mind is like a monkey. O Rama, by chanting Your name, loving You, meditating on You and performing selfless service, the monkey mind attained the state of Hanuman!

**jaya-rāma raghu-rāma sītā-rāma**

Victory to Rama of the Raghu dynasty! Victory to Rama, consort of Sita!

**kānana kusuma – ō rāma**

**nina nāma dinda nina prēmadinda**

**nina dhyāna dinda nina pūjeyinda**

**kānana kusuma āyitalla śabari**

O Rama, by chanting Your name, loving You, meditating on You and worshipping You, Shabari who was like a wild flower, became a renowned devotee.

**jagadagala carisi carācarava porede**

**jaṭāyu sampati jāmbavara porede**

**manujara porede amānuṣara porede**

**nammante nakke nammante atte**

**nammante silukade viśva-vibhu-vāde**

You traversed the entire world. You nourished all beings, moving and unmoving. You nurtured Jatayu, Sampati, and Jambavan. You looked after the welfare of both human and non-human beings. You laughed and cried just like us, but You did not get caught in the world. You became Emperor of the universe!

## **Tāraka nāmamu (Telugu)**

*śrī rāma rāma rāmēti*

*ramē rāmē manōramē*

*sahasranāma tattulyam*

*rāma nāma varānanē*

Meditate upon Sri Ram as Sri Rama Rama Rama. The thrice recital of Rama's name is equal to the recitation of the thousand names of Lord Vishnu (Vishnu Sahasranama).

**tāraka nāmamu taluvara manuḥ**

**bhava-nāśaka mantram maruvakurā**

O Man, without forgetting, chant the name of Rama, which is capable of taking one across this ocean of samsara.

**kancarla gōpuni kācina mantram**

**rāmadāsugā mārcina mantram**

**annamācāryulu nutincinadi**

**śabari-mātaḥ varamaina mantram**

This mantra protected Kancharlagoppanna and changed him to Ramdas. This mantra was praised by the great poet Annamacharya. This mantra was Shabari's boon.

**bhōgā-saktuni tulasīdāsuni**

**yōga-yuktuni cēsina mantram**

**pōtanā-mātulya brōcina mantram**

**tyāgarājula madi koluvuṇḍinadi**

This mantra turned worldly-minded Tulasidas into a great devotee. This mantra protected the poet-devotee Potana and also was established in the heart of Tyagaraja.

**duḥkhālālō dānini viḍuvakurā  
sukhālālō asalu maruvakurā  
anni vēḷalā taluvara manujā  
adiyē manaku ēkarakṣrā**

O Man, don't leave it during your difficult times, don't ever forget it during your good times, chant it at all times, that alone will rescue us.

**rāmā rāmā jaya jaya rāmā  
rāmā rāmā jaya śrī rāmā  
gaṭṭiga piluvara rāmā rāmā  
prēmatō palukara rāmā rāmā  
bhaktitō piluvara rāmā rāmā  
śraddhatō taluvara rāmā rāmā**

Chant loudly, Rama Rama! Chant with love, Rama Rama!  
Chant with devotion, Rama Rama! Chant with faith, Rama Rama!

## **Tataikalai nīkkitum (Tamil)**

**tataikalai nīkkitum dēva dēva  
taḷarum manankaḷai kākkum dēva**

O Lord who removes all obstacles in life, the One who protects an exhausted mind!

**varam onṭru kēṭṭēn vallabhanē  
varadā undan ninaivuṭaṇ vāzhndiṭa  
vallamai pettriṭa vaiyyagam pōttriṭa  
vaḷankaḷ yāvaiyum vāri nī tandiṭa**



O Lord, I asked for only one boon from You, to always live in Your remembrance, thus making my life meaningful. Without that boon, which is the real wealth, I will not be able to lead a prosperous life.

**piravi mēl piravi eṭuttu calittēn  
piravā varam vēṇḍum eṇṭrunnai tudittēn  
nallavai nāṭiṭa tīyavai tēyndiṭa  
nanneri nāṭiyē nānilam uyndiṭa**

I am tired of taking endless births. I pray to You to liberate me from this cycle of birth and death. O Lord, let my mind always see only good in everything and let the negative tendencies wither away from me, thus making me a worthy recipient for Your grace.

**gajamukha vadanā gajānanā  
garvita madahara śubhānanā  
pārvati nandana parātparā  
paripālayamām pāpaharā**

O Elephant-faced One, destroyer of ego, auspicious-faced One, O son of Goddess Parvati, supreme One, protector, You are the destroyer of all sins.

## **Tāyendru azhaikkavā (Tamil)**

**tāyendru azhaikkavā tandaiyendru azhaikkavā  
guru eṇḍru azhaikkavā daivamendru azhaikkavā**

How should I address You — as mother, father, guru or god?

**aravanaittu anbai tandāi  
azhumpōtu ārutal tandāi  
atanāle nī endan tāyallavā  
artavaru seytāl kaṇḍittāyē dayavuṭan mannittāyē  
atanāle nī endan tandaiyallavā  
enakku ellāmē nītān amma**

You love me through embraces, and console me when I cry.  
Therefore, aren't You my Mother? You chastise me when I err,  
and forgive me compassionately. So, aren't You my Father? O  
Mother, You are everything to me!

**manam telīya mandiram tandāi  
makkaḷkkutava sēvaikaḷ tandāi  
atanālē nī endan guru allavā  
eḷiyavarin tuyaram tīrttāi  
ellōreyum sēyāi nēsittāi  
atanālē nī endan daivam allavā  
enakku ellāmē nītān ammā**

To purify the mind, You gave me a mantra. For the welfare of  
humanity, You offered selfless service. Therefore, aren't You  
my guru? You assuage the sorrows of the suffering, and love  
everyone as Your child. So, aren't You my God? O Mother,  
You are everything to me!

**tāyum tandayum nītān ammā  
guruvum daivamum nītān ammā**

Mother, Father, Guru, God— my Mother, You are everything to me!

## **Taye tava (Kannada version)**

**tāye ninna makkaḷali  
kāruṇya tōrammā  
tāpadi hṛdaya tapisutide  
kāruṇya rūpāngane**

**mōda bandu divākara prabheyu  
mareyāguvantē  
mōhakkai siluki nāsōlladirali  
kāruṇya rūpāngane**

taruvu lateyū jalavu akhila  
jīva jālagalū  
nina sṛṣṭi entu nānintu arite  
kāruṇya rūpāngane

## **Teyyōm taka (Malayalam)**

teyyōm taka tārōm tittōm ttaka  
teytaka tārōm tittōm  
rārikkam rārō rērikkam rērō  
rārikkam rārō rērikkam rērō  
nalluma maintanallē murukā valli maṇaḷanallē  
māmala mōḷilayi vāzhunnoru māmayil vāhakanē  
murukā ninpadam kumbiṭunnēn

O Muruga who rides on the great peacock, we worship Your feet. Son of Parvati, O Lord Muruga, groom of Goddess Valli. You reside on top of great mountains.

nal paḷanimalayil murukā vāzhunnadēvatamē  
māmarutāmalayil amarum dēvasēnāpatiye  
murukā ninpadam kumbiṭunnēn

You reside in the Palani temple and live in Marutha malai as the commander in chief of the gods. Muruga, we worship Your divine feet!

kāvaṭicintupāṭām murukā āṭiyulaññiṭāmē  
pālkkuṭakāvaṭiyay kumārā kōvilaṇaṇñiṭunnē  
murukā ninpadam kumbiṭunnēn

We sing the Kavadi Sindhu (a devotional folk song) for You, and dance with milk kavadi (a devotional apparatus), and we are reaching Your temple, Muruga. We worship Your feet!

**āraṇa rūpanallē murukā nīraṇa āryanallē  
vēlēnti villēntiyum murukā ērivarikayillē  
vēlā ninpadam kumbiṭunnēn**

O Muruga, You have six heads and are a great warrior. You hold a bow, arrow and spear- are You not coming? We worship Your divine feet.

**tāarakabhañjakanē mānasa tārilamaraṇamē  
pāritaruḷuvōnē murukā jñānamaruḷiṭaṇē  
vēlā ninpadam kumbiṭunnēn**

O You who killed the asura Tharaka, please reside in our hearts. You bestow grace to the world, please give us wisdom. We worship Your divine feet.

## **Tintaka tintaka (Malayalam)**

**tintaka tintaka teyyam tārō taka  
tintaka tintaka teyyam tārā  
kaṇṇottu nōkkuvān pattunnatallende  
kaṇṇende ceytikaḷattaramē  
kuṭṭittaraṅgaḷaṇenkilumammaykku  
tiṭṭattil viṭṭilirunniṭāmō**

In order to see Krishna, two eyes are not enough. His lilas are like that. Even if those plays are like a child's play, is it possible for His mother to stay inside the house?

**muttattu ninnonnu cuttikkaḷicciṭum  
tettannu kāṇilla pinnavane  
veṭṭattil ninnonnu māriyalāyavan  
cettenu kāṭakamēriṭumē**

The baby Krishna plays all around the courtyard, and the next moment he disappears. If He disappears from the open space, in another moment He is climbing in the forest.

kalluṇḍu muḷḷuṇḍu kuññinde kālāṭi  
ennuḷḷa cintayavaykkuṇḍāmō  
kuṇḍukaḷ pāraḷuṇḍava kāṭṭilay  
kuññavanennavayorttiṭumō

There are thorns and sharp edged stones there. Do they know that it is a child's tender foot that is stepping on them? There are pits and rocks in the forest. Do they remember that He is a kid?

paikkaḷōṭottavanōṭi kaḷikkumbōḷ  
payyeyirunnatu nōkkiṭāmō  
payyummarannavanōṭi kaḷikkumbōḷ  
vayyennu connaṅgirinniṭāmō

Can You see Him from afar when He plays with the cows? The cows too are playing with Him, forgetting everything.

veṇṇa kavarnnavanuṇṇum parāṭikal  
penṇuṅgaḷeppōzhum conniṭunnu  
kaṇṇanennallavar collunnatippōzhāy  
kaḷḷanennākiliṅgentu ceyyum

The ladies from Vrindavan always come complaining that He is stealing their butter. Instead of calling him Krishna, they are now calling Him a thief.

taṇḍupiṇaccuḷḷa pīliyumāycennu  
talluvānonnu tuṭaṅgiyālō  
taṇḍukaḷ kāṭṭi kaṭannu pōminnavan  
paṇḍillātullōru bhāvamāṇē

When He starts with a fighting stance with a peacock feather twisted on the end of it, He now moves on with a show of pride never before seen in Him.

cellakkārkoṇḍatil pilitirukumbōḷ  
cinnicciriccavan vanniṭumbōḷ

**onnu koṭuttiṭumōṭattaṇḍonnināy  
allāte colliyāl ettiṭilla**

While inserting the peacock feather in His crown, when He comes close with an innocent smile, then I give Him one with His flute (hollow stick), otherwise He'll never listen to me.

**maññayuṭuttavan celammē ciriccukonḍ-  
ammēyennōtiyaṭuttiṭumbol  
ellām marannaṅgu ninnupōmuḷḷilāy  
ammayennuḷḷoru puṇyamallē**

Wearing a yellow cloth, when He comes near calling 'mother'. All His mischief will be forgotten inside, that is the merit of being His mother.

**ambāṭi paitalām nilakkārvarṇṇanam  
ammayumārnnuḷḷa lilakaḷe  
ambōṭeyōrkkunnu mānasameppazhum  
ambāṭiyāyi vilasiṭunnu**

The child of Ambadi, the blue cloud-colored one's lilas with his mother. By lovingly remembering little Krishna's lilas, the mind becomes Ambadi itself!

**Tori koler chele āmi (Bengali)**

**tori koler chele āmi  
ori doyay khāi-pori  
shongshar mājhe karmo kore  
dekhish tore bhule na jāi**

I'm a baby in Your lap. I get my food and clothing by Your grace. Please ensure that I don't forget You and become immersed in worldly tasks.

**ekti shukno patar mato  
hava dilei jhore jaai**

**mātir shonge jabo mishe  
bidāy na chai tore bhule**

With a slight breeze I fall off like a dry leaf and get absorbed in the soil but I don't want an end like that - forgetting You completely.

**ekla pother pothik āmi  
mayar shuray neche jāi  
hāriye moner pralobhane  
poth hāriye chede na jāi**

I am a lonely wayfarer on a lonely path. I keep dancing to the tune of maya. I should not get distracted and lose the way, tempted by the mind.

**ghare eka bandho kopāt  
kāndbo tore mone kore  
ghadir kanta thamlo bole  
āy ma chole amāy nite**

Remembering You I'll shed tears in a room alone with the door shut. The clock is about to stop (death is about to come), please come to take me away with You.

**Ulagankaḷ yāvum (Tamil)**

**ulagankaḷ yāvum nalamāga irukkaṭṭum  
uyirinam yāvum vaḷamāga vāzhaṭṭum  
kalahankaḷ nīnkiyē ottrumai ōnkaṭṭum  
kaliyugam sattiya yugamāga māraṭṭum**

May all the worlds be happy. May all beings be contented. May strife disappear and harmony take its place. May this Kali Yuga (age of unrighteousness) thus become transformed into Satya Yuga (age of righteousness).

**lokaḥ samasta sukhino bhavantu**

May all beings in all the worlds be happy.

**vānam mum māriyē mazhaiyinai peyyaṭṭum  
vaiyyagam āṭaiyāy pasumaiyai aṇiyāṭṭum  
kanivōṭu tiraikaṭaḷ nanmaiye puriyaṭṭum  
kaliyugam sattiya yugamāga mārāṭṭum**

May the skies shower rain at the right times. May flora proliferate on Earth. May the oceans protect us compassionately. May this Kali Yuga thus become transformed into Satya Yuga.

**māndarum aravazhi kaṭamaikaḷ puriyaṭṭum  
matiyōṭu idayamum kaikōrttu naṭakkaṭṭum  
kāvalāy annaiyām kāliye nirkkaṭṭum  
kaliyugam sattiya yugamāga mārāṭṭum**

May humanity follow dharma. May our hearts and intellects move hand-in-hand. May Mother Kali watch over everything as our guardian. May this Kali Yuga thus become transformed into Satya Yuga.

**lokaḥ samasta sukhino bhavantu**

May all beings in all the worlds be happy.





## Ulagamāga māri nirkkum (Tamil)

*cētanā adhiṣṭhitam jagat sarvam*

*inda pārellām paramporuḷin palarūpangal*

The whole universe is supreme consciousness. All that we see in this universe are manifestations of this supreme.

**ulagamāga māri nirkkum ulaga annaiyē**

**inda ulagam vēr nī vēr embatillaiyē**

**idanai ariyum naḷvarayil amaidiyillaiyē**

**idai arinda pinnar arindiṭavē onṭrum illaiyē**

O Mother who is both the universe and the universal Mother, You are not separate from this universe, You are the universe itself. There is no peace till one realizes this truth. Once one realizes this truth, there is nothing more to achieve in this world.

**arindu seyyum pizhaikaḷum agalavē illaiyē**

**ariyāda pizhaikaḷum vilagavē illaiyē**

**unnai nānum arindiṭa vāyppum illaiyō**

**vidhiyai māttrum unnaruḷ enakkillaiyō**

I have not been able to get rid of the errors committed knowingly, nor have the unknowingly committed errors ended. Is there no way I can realize You? Am I not worthy of Your grace to change my fate?

**aṭankāda manadil nī oḷirvadē illaiyē**

**manadai aṭakkum vazhiyum teriyavē illaiyē**

**vāzhum nāṭkaḷ ovvonṭrum undan maṭiyilē**

**un dayavanṭri vērēdum vazhiyum illaiyē**

You don't shine forth in an uncontrolled mind- nor do I know how to control my mind. Every day of my life is on Your lap. There is no other way to obtain Your grace.

## Ulakālūm nāyakiyē (Tamil)

ulakālūm nāyakiyē ōmkāra rūpiṇiyē  
uḷḷanpāl manamkuḷirum navagraha nāyakiyē  
umayavaḷē karpagamē paruvattu māriyē  
uṇarvinil kalaintiṭum karuṇaimiku māriyammā

Goddess who rules the world, Your form is that of the Omkara.  
You rule over the nine planets and delight in our love. Uma  
(Shiva's consort), Goddess of richness, Goddess of seasons.  
You are Mariyamma who is woven into my life and experience!

māriyammā muttumāriyammā  
vārivazhankum aruḷ māriyammā  
varuvāy malarvāy anpu malarē  
paramē tiruvē kanivuttayē

O Mariyamma, bestower of grace! Please come and make the  
flower of my love blossom. You are the compassionate Mother,  
the eternal One.

jñāna oḷi cintiṭum ulakin ponnōḷiyē  
pannezhuta tunnaipuriya tī pantam ēntiyē  
kaviyin karam turitamāy kannattil iśayavē  
kavitayinai azhakura in mukhamāy mozhintāy

You are the golden effulgence of this universe, spreading the  
light of knowledge. You are holding a lamp to help me write  
poetry. As I write the poems, You immediately sing them. You  
sing the poems beautifully with love.

ūśikkuttum iṭamillatē niraivāyē muttaka  
iśaikēṭkka mēniyilē āṇmika vittāka  
āśaiyuṭan vantaṭuvāl anpāna viruntuṇṇa  
diśayeṭṭum niraipavaḷē kāvalākum māriyammā

Mariyamma, You completely permeate me with pearls of spiri-  
tual wisdom. Please come lovingly to feast on my devotion. You

stand in the eight directions and become my protector!

**āyiramkaṇ pānayilē māviḷakku arppaṇam  
āyimakamāyikku tamaraiyāl arccanam  
agnikalaśam tānkiṭavē agni rūpamākavē  
muktinalam cērttiṭavē jñānavaṭivākavē**

I offer lamps made of flour (traditional prasād) in thousand-eyed pots. I perform archana to Mariyamma with lotus flowers to hold the fire of knowledge and to attain liberation, becoming knowledge itself.

**māriyammā muttumāriyammā  
māriyammā enkaḷ kaḷiyammā**

Goddess Mariyamma, our Mother Kali!

## **Ulakattin tāyenṭru (Tamil)**

**ulakattin tāyenṭru unaipōttricolvārē  
uttamarellōrum tāyē – atan  
uṭkaruttariyēn un sēyē  
uṭalukku tāyāka ulakattil palaruṇḍu  
uyirukku tāyanatalē – enkaḷ  
ulakattāy ānāyō nīyē**

The great ones praise You as the universal Mother. The significance of this is not clear to this child. There are many biological mothers. Are You the universal Mother because You are the mother of life itself?

**pullirkkum pūvirkkum bhuvitannil yāvirkkum  
purikindra mozhiyondru tāyē – adai  
purindanbai pozhipavaḷ nīyē  
kallirkkum uḷḷeyum īrattai kaṇḍinku  
kanivōṭu anaittiṭum tāyē – emmai  
karaisērkum tōṇiyum nīyē**

There is one language understood by all beings in creation (love); knowing this, You shower love on all beings. O Mother, You lovingly embrace even the stone-hearted. You are the boat which takes us ashore from this ocean of samsara.

**nimmatiyai tēti nirkkāmālē oṭi  
niraivindri māṇiṭam taḷarum – tan  
ninaivizhandiravil kaṇ āyarum  
tammirkkuḷ tāmākum tanitta annilaiyilē  
tavaramal nī vandaṇaippāy – amaidi  
tarukinṭra muttam padippāy**

Humanity is relentlessly running in a fruitless search for peace. Exhausted from this search, man enters the state of deep sleep. In this state, where there is no duality, You unfailingly come and kiss us, bestowing peace upon us.

## **Unai maravā varamonḍru (Tamil)**

**unai maravā varamonḍru unniṭam kēṭṭēn – unai  
enḍrum vaṇankiṭum nal manamonḍru kēṭṭēn**

Please grant me a boon that I may never forget You. Grant me a heart that ever bows down to You.

**sollonnā tūyarattil tūvaṇḍiṭum pōtum  
cañcalankaḷ en manadai sūzhndiṭumbōtum  
piravāda nilai kāṇa vazhiyinai kāṭṭi  
piraviyadu kaṭaitṭera padamalar taruvāy...**

When my mind is tormented by endless sorrows, when desires engulf my mind, show me the way out of the cycle of birth and death by granting me refuge at Your lotus feet.

**ulakirkku unaiyanṭri uyvadu uṇḍō  
uyirukku unaiyanṭri uravadu uṇḍō  
sērāda iṭam sērndu uzhanṭriṭum ennai**

**sērttiṭuvāy un pādakamalattil inḍru...**

**sērttiṭuvāy un pādakamalattil inḍru**

Is there any refuge for the world other than You? Is there any near and dear one for this soul other than You? Even as I languish in the midst of unsuitable company, may You merge me unto Your divine feet.

**manamōhana madhusūdhana rādhā ramaṇā**

**kaṇṇā kaṇṇā...**

O Krishna of enchanting beauty, slayer of demon Madhu, beloved of Radha.

## **Underneath a kalpataru (English)**

**underneath a kalpataru**

**wish granting banyan**

**I pray for it to listen to me**

**pray for it to see**

**deep into my heart and hear it**

**sing a distant melody**

**take me in your arms devi,**

**take me back to thee**

**I wish there would be harmony**

**and within it a place for me**

**I wish I had the eyes to see**

**the oneness around me**

**aranyani aranyani**

**goddess of this banyan tree**

**take me in your heart devi**

**take me back to thee**

I wish the world would pray with me  
and think about our destiny  
I wish we could be like this tree  
giving shade impartially

## Unmatta pañcakam (Tamil)

unmatta pañcakam pāṭiṭuvēnō  
janmattin payan tanai tēṭiṭuvēnō  
eṇpattum oru viradam irundiṭuvēnō  
kaṇṇpotti kaḷikkum kaṇṇā nī solvāy

Will I sing five hymns that were written in divine intoxication?  
Will I attain the purpose of human birth? O You who play hide  
and seek, tell me.

solvatellām seyvatuṇḍō  
seyvatellām solvatuṇḍō  
uyyum vazhi ētum uṇḍō  
un pādām tozhuvatanṭrō  
tozhuvatonṭrē vazhiyākum  
azhuvatu tān abhiṣēkam – atu  
kzhuvum pāvamellām – atil  
karayum vinaikal ellām

Do we do whatever we say? Do we say whatever we do? Is there  
any way to transform myself? Your lotus feet are the only way  
for transformation; the only way is to worship You. My tears, a  
ceremonial worship to You, will remove all my sins. My karma  
will melt away in that worship.

vinai tīrndāl ānandam  
sollāmal akattil varum  
akattil ullā ānandam – eṇṭrum  
azhiyā pēṭtrai tarum

pēratanaṁ nān peravē  
perumai migum padam paṇindēn  
pērinbam nilai peravē  
pillai unai caraṇ pukundēn

When all my sins are absolved, inner peace will come to me of its own accord. That bliss alone will give immortality. To attain immortality, I worship Your honored lotus feet and take refuge in You.

## Unnarumai (Tamil)

unnarumai mukham kaṇa kaṇṇa nān tavamirundēn  
untanatu varavālē en piravippayanaṭaindēn  
kaṇkaḷum kāṇāmal gangayāy ponkiyātē  
kaṇḍapinnum mārāmal ennilaiyai solliṭutē

O Krishna, I have been doing penance in order to behold Your divine face. When You finally came, I felt my life had been fulfilled. My eyes filled with tears like the ever-flowing Ganges. But because of this I could not see You, thus demonstrating my pathetic state.

un madhura nāmamatai uṇavāga uṇḍirundēn  
uḷḷam kavar un ninaivai uyirāga koṇḍirundēn  
kanavilum kaṇḍatellām un mukham adanālē  
kanavilum kaṇḍatellām un mukhamē adanālē  
kanavō itu nanavō eṇṭru nānum mayankukintṛēn

Your sweet names were like food to me. I survived only because of the enchanting thoughts I had of You. Even in my dreams I could only see Your divine face. I became confused as to whether I was dreaming or awake, as in both states I could only perceive Your holy face.

mālaiyēndi unakkāka nāninku kāttirundēn  
mālaitōrum mālaivāṭa nānuminku vāṭi ninṭren  
pūmalai kōrkkavillai unaikkāṇum innēram  
pūmalai kōrkkavillai unnaikkāṇum innēram  
pāmālai ennuyiril kōrttēṭuttu cūṭṭukinṭren

Everyday I waited for You with a garland, but by evening when  
You had not come, the flowers had drooped along with my  
face. When You came today, I had not made a garland, so I am  
garlanding You with heart-felt songs of Your praises.

## Uṇṇi gaṇapatiye (Malayalam)

uṇṇi gaṇapatiye uḷḷam vaṇaṅgānāy  
entaṭa kuṇṇāṇē nammalum pōvēṇḍē

O little brother, shouldn't we also go to worship baby Ganesh  
with all our heart?

uḷḷamazhiñṇu tozhām meyyitulañṇu tozhām  
uḷḷilezhunniṭaṇē uṇṇi gaṇapatiyē

We pray with fervor, we pray as we sway. O baby Ganapati,  
please be present within us.

mālarum mauli tozhān mānattil nōkkiṭunṇē  
pārāte pādam tozhān pārtil viṇiṭunṇē

To bow down to His purifying crown, we look up to the sky.  
To bow down at His feet, we look down to the earth.

ambīlikkīraṇiyum vambezhum kēśabhāram  
tumbōṭu kaṇṇariñṇē mumbāyikkaitozhunṇē

We bow down, beholding his thick hair adorned with a cres-  
cent moon.

embāṭu mumbartozhum mānpezhum nalpadaṅgal  
vembalakattiṭānāy nambivaṇaṅgiṭunṇē



To remove grief, we bow down with faith to His feet which are worshipped by the gods.

**tumbamakanniṭānāy tumbikku kumbiṭunnē  
imbamiyanniṭānāy kumbayum kaitozhunnēn**

To remove sorrows we bow down to His trunk. To acquire joy, we bow down to His belly.

**vambezhum kombatinē anpināy kaitozhunnēn  
lambōdharanivane ambōṭu kumbiṭunnēn**

For grace we bow down to his tusk; we bow down with love to this large-bellied Ganapati.

**nallavil śarkkarayum veṇmalar kēramatum  
nanpezhum nalpazhavum mātaḷam nīḷkarimbūm**

We offer You beaten rice, jaggery, puffed rice, coconut, excellent plantain bananas, pomegranates, and sugarcane.

**nallaṭa mōdakavum kalkkaṇḍa muntiriyum  
aṅcāte nēdichiṭām ayyanē kāttiṭānē**

We offer You rice pancakes, modaka, rock candy and grapes. Please protect us!

**nalluma yankamatil ārnirunnennnum  
nanmayaruḷiṭāṇē uṇṇivināyakanē**

O little Ganapati, seated on the lap of Goddess Parvati, bestow goodness on us always.

**ādi vaṇaṅgiṭuṇē ādhikaḷattiṭāṇē  
śankara nandanānē śakti nīyēkiṭāṇē**

We bow down at the very beginning to remove all our anxieties. O son of Lord Shiva, give us strength!

## Ūraṭankum (Tamil)

*anpu kuzhantai urankiṭa tālāṭṭum annai  
āruyirai tālāṭṭi uḷḷam teḷivākkum kaḷi  
imaippozhutum kāppāl enum nambikkaiyilē  
īndra makkaḷ urankiṭukaiyil ulāvarudam makākālī*

Mother sings a lullaby for the dear child to sleep. Mother Kali sings a lullaby for the soul, to make the mind clear. When Her children are sleeping with the faith that She will always protect them, Mahakali goes on a promenade.

**ūraṭankum vēlayilē ūrvalamāy vārālē  
uttamiyām bhattirakālī namme kākka vārālē  
urakkamatu vizhitazhuva akamuṇara umāśankarī  
urankātu nammiṭaiyē ānandamāy vārālē  
ammā om kaḷī makākālī  
ammā om śaktī parāśaktī**

When it is dusk and the city retires, She comes in a procession. Bhadra Kali, an embodiment of purity, is coming to protect us. For sleep to embrace our eyes and make us realize - the consort of Lord Shiva comes to us happily, without sleeping Herself. O Mother, Kali, primordial energy!

**pañcam paśī tīravē gaṇapati tāy vārālē  
mañcamākam manatinilē paḷḷikoḷḷa vārālē  
añcum manatai amaidiyākka vārālē  
pañcabhūtam ālpavaḷay vārālē**

The Mother of Lord Ganesha is coming to remove poverty and hunger. She is coming to sit in the seat of the mind. She is coming to put the fearful mind at peace. She is coming to rule the five elements of nature.

**kanimālai tānkiyē kanivuṭanē vārālē  
piñitira vēppilai vīśi vēlavan tay vārālē**

**paccaipayar śezhittiṭavē vārālē**  
**icchayellām kaḷaintiṭavē vārālē**

She is coming with compassion and bearing garland of fruits.  
The Mother of Lord Muruga is coming and waving neem leaves  
to remove disease. She is coming to grant a good harvest of  
crops. She is coming to rid us of desires.

**mūlaippāri śiram tānka bhaktiyāka vārālē**  
**viḷainilattai ponnīlamāy māṭṭriṭavē vārālē**  
**bhānakāram paṭayālērka vārālē**  
**manataiyāla makēsvārī vārālē**

She is coming with devotion to bear the mulaipari (traditional  
earthen pot filled with sprouts of nine different grains) on Her  
head. She is coming to change the farmland into a golden land.  
She is coming to accept offerings of spicy beverages (traditional).  
Goddess Durga is coming to rule our mind.

**Uṭayavaḷ (Malayalam)**

**uṭayavaḷ umayennu ninaykkum uḷḷam**  
**upakariccīṭum-ārkkum- onnupōle**  
**orikkalum-uzharilla bhaya kōpādikaḷilla**  
**sukha duḥkha bhāva bhēdam onnumilla**

The mind that considers Uma as the most intimate will be  
beneficial equally to everyone. It will not go astray, nor will it  
succumb to fear and anger. The mind will be free of the dif-  
ferences arising from opposites such as happiness and sorrow.

**uṇarvvinnāyuttu nōkkum**  
**unmatta bhaktarkkellām**  
**unnati nalkum niyammā parāśakti**  
**unnati nalkum nīyammā**

For the ecstatic devotees who look up to You for enlightenment,  
Mother Parashakti, You grant exaltation.

uṭalenna bōdham viṭṭu uttaval nīyennōrttāl  
uṭanōṭi ettunnaval nī parāśakti  
uṭanōṭi ettunnaval nī

O Parashakti, You immediately come running to those who no longer identify with the body and consider You as the most intimate.

ulakellam-udippiccu ūnamattu kaḷiyāy kattu  
uḷḷilotukkunnaval nī parāśakti  
uḷḷilotukkunnaval nī

Creating the whole universe as a play, O Parashakti, You protect it and then dissolve it into Yourself.

uḷḷatonnāyundatu uḷḷilunduṇṇu kaṇḍal  
uttungaparam-ānandam parāśakti  
uttunga param-ānandam

There is one reality that exists. If we see that it is within, O Parashakti, we get supreme bliss!

## Uyara uyara (Tamil)

uyara uyara pōkum manam āzhntu pōkavē  
sōrntu pōyviṭāmal atai nī kākkavē  
vāzhkayil uttama tattuvam nī  
makattuvam nirainta māmaṇi nī

The mind that is soaring upwards must also dive into the depths. While doing that, please protect me so that it will not lose vigor and become listless. O Master, You are the supreme truth in one's life. In You lies the pearl of excellence.

ganamāna ninaivukaḷ varumbōtellām  
guruvē un vārttaikaḷ itamānatē  
mārā vicāraṇai seytīṭavē  
vairāgyam nī tūṇḍa nalamākutē

Whenever I am in the throes of my own spiritual seeking, O Guru, Your words of comfort alone give me strength. You are instigating the determination in me so that the ceaseless enquiry will go on within.

**anubhavamām peru vīthiyil naṭattum guruvē  
pūvō vazhi mūlḷō viral piṭi pōtumē  
ituvē nān nitaṁ seyyum or prārtthanai  
guruvē un aruḷ vāḱku balamānavai**

In this expanded world of experiences, You are leading me on the path where there may be thorns and there may be flowers. No matter how the journey is, as long as You are holding onto at least one finger of mine, that is enough for me. This is my everlasting prayer to You. Please always give me strength with Your grace-filled words.

## **Uyirōṭuyirāy (Tamil)**

**uyirōṭuyirāy uṇarvōṭuṇarvāy  
uravāṭiṭa vā kaṇṇā  
siraiyil piranda maraiyin poruḷē  
piravippayanē kaṇṇā**

O Krishna! Come and be one with my being and consciousness. You, who were born in a prison, are the essence of the Vedas and the fulfillment of life.

**pettravar anbum suttravar tuṇaiyum  
uttravanum nī kaṇṇā  
katratu koṇḍu pattradu viṭṭu  
pettradum unaiyē kaṇṇā...  
pettradum unaiyē kaṇṇā**

You are the embodiment of parental affection, of help from kith and kin. You are the intimate One. You are attained by dispassion that is obtained through knowledge.

akalāden manam tudittiṭum un padam  
ānirai mēykkum kaṇṇā  
āyarāduṛu kaṇam ninaittiṭum un mukham  
ālilai tuyilum kaṇṇā...  
alilai tuyilum kaṇṇā

O Krishna, cowherd boy! My mind steadfastly worships Your feet. O Krishna who sleeps on the banyan leave! My mind tirelessly remembers Your face.

kaṇṇā... kaṇṇā... kaṇṇā... kaṇṇā...

## Vandan gaurī (Hindi)

vandan gaurīnandanā –  
tujhe vandan sukhāmandira  
sankat sab hartā terā cintan gaṇanāyaka

My salutations to You, O son of Gauri. Salutations to the giver of happiness, You who destroys all woes for those who meditate on You.

jai manōjñavīgrahā jai trilōkapālākā  
jai munīndravanditā jai mahēśānandana

Victory to the one with the beautiful form, victory to the Lord of the three worlds. Victory to the one worshipped by the sages, victory to the son of Mahesha!

mangal sab detā hai tū sang tere ham cale  
ānand hai rūp terā andar ā base... tū ā base

O One who showers prosperity, we walk along with You. May Your form of bliss be enshrined in my heart.

bālak ham tere pās āye hai karanā kṛpā  
saṅcit santāp sabhī āj dūr kare... tū dūr kare

We are Your little children who have come to You. Protect us! Please take away all our worries and sorrows.

## **Vandavar ettanai (Tamil)**

**vandavar ettanai cenṭravar ettanai  
janmankaḷ ettaneyō?  
vāzhndavar ettanai? vīzhndavar ettanai  
māyndavar ettaneyō?**

How many people have come, how many have gone, and how many lifetimes have passed! How many people have prospered, how many have fallen into bad times, and how many have died!

**ettanai svantankaḷ ēdēdō bandankaḷ  
ettanai sōdanaigaḷ ēdēdō vēdanaigaḷ  
mīṇḍum mīṇḍum tāybandam  
viṇḍu pōgum sēybandam  
koṇḍu pōgum nōynoṭigaḷ  
namakku inkē yār sondam**

How many relations, how much bondage, how many tests and how much pain there is! Time and again, the mother-child relation has been forged, only for this bond to dissolve. Given that disease will eventually take us all away, who do we have to call our own?

**vāzhum murai turanduvitṭu  
kurai śollal murai tānō  
vāzhum pōdu pala uravu iranda pinnē yār uravu  
manamadu kōyilām uḷ uraivadu kāḷiyām  
dinamadai nām uṇarndu vaḷarachaiyvōm irai  
uṇarvu**

Is it right to abandon one's dharma and then blame God for the consequences? While living, we have many relatives. After death, who is there to call our own? The mind is a temple. Kali is enshrined therein. Remembering this always, let us awaken God-consciousness.

## Var de (Hindi)

*mānav janm diyā hai tu ne  
terī carano ki chāv bhī  
bas var ye tu de de maiyā  
saphal ho jīvan merā bhī  
ek prārthanā sun le merī  
nisvārth bhāvanā bhar de  
aisā mujh ko var de mā  
aisā mujhkō var de*

You have given me a human birth; and also a shelter at Your feet. Please listen to my prayers, O Mother, and fill me with the attitude of selflessness, making my life successful. I seek such a boon, O Mother.

**var de var de - maiyyā  
var de var de - aisā  
var de var de, vardān tū de**

Grant me a boon Mother!

**var de mā  
man aisā de  
duḥkh duḥkhiyōn kā  
jān sakū**

Grant me a boon, O Mother, that I may have a mind that can recognize the problems of the distressed;

**var de mā  
samajh aisā de  
duḥkh aurō kā  
samajh sakū**

Mother, grant me a boon that I may understand others' sorrow.



**aisā var de aise vichār de  
aurō kā bhalā soch sakū  
nisvārth cintan jagā sakū**

Grant me a boon, grant me thoughts that I may invoke selfless thoughts.

**var de mā nain aise de  
duḥkh aurō ka dekh sakū**

Grant me a boon, O Mother, that I may have eyes that can see others sufferings.

**var de mā kar aisa de  
dukhiyon ko sehlā sakū**

Grant me a boon that I may have arms that can caress and console the distressed.

**aisā var de dil aisā de  
dūsron ko apnā sakū  
nisvārth karam nibhā saku**

Grant me a boon, grant me a heart that can accept others as my own and that I can carry out selfless actions.

## **Vaṭavṛkṣmām (Malayalam)**

**vaṭavṛkṣmām ninnil paṭarān kotikkunna  
oru ceruvalli ñān ammē...  
onnu taḷiriṭṭu pūviṭum munpe nī  
vēraruttīṭarutē... enne  
vērōḍe nīkkarutē**

I am a tiny creeper that yearns to climb the banyan tree that You are. Please do not uproot or tear me away before I sprout and flower.

etrayō nālayi ñān pūjiccu nin pādam  
bhakti ennil ankuriccū...  
taḷiriṭṭu pūviṭṭu kaniyāy nin padatāril  
patiyānāy ennē anugrahikkū... ammē  
patiyānāy ennē anugrahikkū

After worshipping You for so long, the bud of devotion has sprouted in my heart. O Mother, bless me so that I may sprout, flower and bear fruit, which can be offered at Your feet.

azhalinte veyilēttu vāṭumen taṇḍum  
taḷirum nīyillāte pōyāl  
viṭarātaṭarumen moṭṭukaḷ vyathayōḍe  
kezhum nīyillāte pōyāl... vāḍi  
vīzhum nīyillāte pōyāl

If You don't come to me, my stem and leaves will wilt under the scorching heat of sorrow. My buds will wither away and fall even before blossoming.

picca naṭakkuvānāvāṭta kuññine  
māṭavu kaiviṭṭu pōyāl...  
oru tuḷḷi pālināy kezhumā kuññinte  
vazhiyentu? pizhayentendammē... piñju  
kuññinte gatiyentendammē

O Mother, if You leave this toddling child, who is crying for a drop of milk, what will it do? What wrong did I do? What will the lot of this tiny babe?

## Vazhimēl vizhi (Tamil)

vazhimēl vizhi vaittu pārttirundēn  
varuvān kaṇṇan ena kāttirundēn  
manadil avan amara puttirundēn

### **malarāṭi en neñcil sērttirundēn**

With my gaze fixed on the path, I waited in anticipation for Krishna. The flower of my heart blossomed to enshrine the lotus feet of the Lord.

### **karunīla niramellām avan terindān kaḷlamillāchirippil enai kavarnḍān manatinil avan maṭṭum niraindirundān matiyinil ninaivukaḷāy uraindirundān**

I beheld Him in all that was cloud-blue. He captivated me through every innocent smile. He alone filled my heart, rooted as memories in my mind.

### **rādhayāy nāninku ēnki ninṭrēn nandanai emmanatil tānki ninṭrēn kaṇṇanin kuzhal kēṭṭu enai marandēn karutiyeṇ arukil vara ninaivizhandēn**

I stood longing like Radha, my mind engrossed fully in thoughts of Him. I forgot myself in the melody of His flute. When He came near unexpectedly, I became transfixed.

## **Vettrivēl (Tamil)**

### **vettrivēl! vīravēl! śaktivēl! jñānavēl!**

Victory to Lord Muruga, the valorous, omnipotent and omniscient One!

### **aṭipaṇiyum aṭiyavarkku vettritarum vettrivēl aṭuttuvarum tuyarkaḷaiya vīram tarum vīravēl akhilattkkē sēvai seyya śaktitarum śaktitarum anaittuyirum tannuyirāy kaṇavaikkum jñānavēl**

You grant victory to those who seek refuge in You. You impart courage to face trials and tribulations in life. You impart strength to serve the world. You teach us how to see the One in all.

**veḷḷivē! tankavē! muttuvē! vairavē!**

O bearer of the silver, golden, pearl and diamond spear, victory to You!

**veḷḷaiyuḷḷam koṇḍavarkku nallatuṇai veḷḷivē  
vēdanaikaḷ varumbozhutu tānkinirrkum tankavē  
munvinaiyai muzhuvadumāy azhittiṭumē muttuvē  
varuvinaiyai pōkki nalla vazhi seyyumē vairavē**

You are the eternal refuge of pure hearts. When in pain, You are the support. You negate the karmic consequences incurred in the past. You also avert the suffering one is destined to experience, and lead us along the right path.

**kandavē! kumaravē! azhagvē! murugavē!**

O Skanda (another name for Lord Muruga), Kumara (young one), Azhaga (beautiful one), Muruga, victory to You!

**kaṇkaḷṭannai kalvi tandu tirandvaikkum kandavē  
karpagampōḷ selvam tandu kāttu nirrkum kumaravē  
muyarchiyontṛē azhagu eṇṭru uṇarttiṭumē azhagu vē  
muyarchiyellām tiruvinaiyāy ākkiṭumē murugavē**

You bestow wisdom on us, thereby opening our third eye of knowledge. You bestow all auspiciousness, and protect us like the Kalpaka Tree (wish-fulfilling tree). You help us appreciate the value of self-effort. You fulfill our efforts with divine grace.

**vettrivē – vē vē**

**vīravē – vē vē**

**śaktivē – vē vē**

**jñānavē – vē vē**

**vettrivē! vīravē! śaktivē! jñānavē!**

**vettrivē! vīravē! śaktivē! jñānavē!**

## Vighnanāśaka śrīvināyaka (Kannada)

vāgīśādyāḥ sumanasah  
sarvārtthanām upakrame  
yam natvā kṛtakṛtyāḥ syuḥ  
tam namāmi gajānanam

You are worshipped by all the gods before any undertaking.  
Blessed by You, they gratefully pay obeisance to You, O Gajana-  
nana (elephant-headed god).

vighnanāśaka śrīvināyaka  
mudati palisunammanu  
ninnabēḍuta stutiyagaivevu  
sumukhane surapramukhane

O Ganesh, destroyer of obstacles, take care of us with love. We  
ask this of You as we sing Your praises. You have a beautiful  
form and are the leader of the Ganas (celestial followers).

pārvatisuta pāpa nāśaka  
pāśāṅkuśadhara pādasevita  
pāhi pāhi lambodara  
sumukhane surapramukhane

Son of Parvati, destroyer of sins, You bear the noose (symbol-  
izing the power of divine love ) and goad (which restrains  
the forces of evil ), we worship You. Protect us, Lambodara  
(large-bellied one – represents the acceptance of all things with  
awareness). Your form is beautiful and You are the leader of  
the Ganas.

kleśagaḷaniśśeṣa harane  
śaraṇu śaraṇusarvātmane  
caraṇakeraguve śūrppakarṇṇane  
sumukhane surapramukhane

You are the destroyer of all conflict, we take refuge in You, all-pervading one. We worship Your holy feet. You have large ears, Your form is beautiful and You are the leader of the Ganas.

**vignanaśaka jai jai jai śrī vināyaka jai jai jai**  
**pāvanacaritā jai jai jai mokṣadāyaka jai jai jai**

Victory to the destroyer of obstacles, victory to the pure One, the giver of liberation!

## **Vimmum kural (Tamil)**

**vimmum kural kēṭṭilayō?**  
**vizhinīrai pārttillayō?**  
**vimbūm neñjai arindillayō?**  
**vēdanai tān purintillayō?**

Did You not listen to my cries? Did You not see my tearful eyes? Did You not understand my longing heart? Can You not understand my pain?

**kaṇḍrin kural kēṭṭa pinpum**  
**kanintiranga pasuvum uṇḍō?**  
**oṇḍriviḍa tuṭikkum ennai**  
**oḍukki vaittāl muraitānō**  
**varuvāy varuvāy ena eṇṇi nān**  
**engi nirkka kaṇḍa pōdum**  
**pāramukham enammā?**

Is there any cow whose heart will not melt when her calf cries? When I want to merge in You, is it appropriate for You to keep me away? Having seen that I am waiting for Your arrival with longing, still, O Mother, You have not looked at me.

**viḷayāḍa poruḷ tandāy**  
**viḷayāṭṭil mūzhkiviṭṭen**  
**arul paṣiyai alittiduvāy**

**arul amudai parikiduvēn  
kuraivellām nirayum  
kuyilotta un vākkāl  
varuvatellām nalamākum  
vañji untan kaṇ nōkkal**

You gave me the toys to play with, so I became immersed in that game. Give me that hunger for Your grace. I will drink the nectar of Your grace. All my shortcomings will be removed with Your sweet, melodious words. When You gaze at me, whatever will come will be for my good.

## **Vināyakane vinay tīrtarulvāy (Tamil)**

**vināyakane vinay tīrtarulvāy  
vaḷaṅgal peruka vāzhikai shezhikka**

Please remove the obstacles so that my life may blossom and good fortune may come to me.

**om enum mandira  
vaḍivam tāngi vandāy  
odum maraikalil  
uṭporulāki nindrai**

Your form itself carries the message of the mantra ‘Om’. You are the essence of the four Vedas.

**malaimakal maindane malarāḍi nāḍukirōm  
aḍiyavar manadinil nimmadi nilaittiḍa**

O son of Parashakti, I come to Your lotus feet. Give this slave of Yours peace of mind.

**vēzha mukham kaṇḍāl vēdanai tīrndiḍumē  
vēṇḍum varangalum vēṇḍamal kiḍaitiḍume**

When we look at Your elephantlike form all our sorrows vanish. Even without our asking, You will give all that we need.

**ulakattin nāyakane uvappuḍan pōṭrukirom  
punnakai mukhattoḍu puvitannai kātṭḍa**

O King of the world, we praise You. With Your smiling face  
You will save the universe!

## **Vināyaka enkaḷ (Tamil)**

**karuvizhi umaiyāḷ tirumaganē  
virisaḍai śivanārkkiniyavanē  
karimukha kaṭavuḷ gaṇapatiyē – un  
tiruvaṭi vaṇanki paṇindōmē**

Son of Uma who has beautiful black eyes, darling of Shiva  
who has matted locks; O Ganapati, elephant-faced Lord, we  
prostrate at Your holy feet.

**vināyaka enkaḷ vināyaka  
vinaikaḷai tīrppāy vināyakā  
vināyakā enkaḷ vināyakā  
vettriyai taruvāy vināyakā**

O Vinayaka, remove the effects of all our bad deeds, make us  
victorious!

**alayum manadai aṭakkendṛē  
eli vāhanattāl uṇarttukirāy  
adhikam kēḷ nal vakkendṛē  
ānaiceviyal uṇarttukirāy**

Through Your vehicle, the mouse, You indicate to us to control  
the wavering mind. You awaken the awareness of listening to  
wise words through Your elephant ears.

**siruvāhanamum peruntalayum  
sīrāy ceppumun tattuvamē  
nuṇṇiyatil nī nuṇṇiyane**



**periyatil ellām periyōnē**

Your tiny vehicle and huge head symbolically represent this principle: that You are the subtlest of the subtle and mightiest among the mighty.

**tōrkum karaṇam māyaiyadan**

**īrkum piṭiyil eṇḍruṇarndē**

**tōppukkaraṇam pōṭṭiṭavē**

**kākkum daivam gaṇapatiyē**

We realize that our sense organs are blinded by the bewitching spell of maya (delusion). O Ganapati, we bow down to You. You are our savior.

**Viśvam nīlō (Telugu)**

**viśvam nīlō unnadā?**

**viśvamulō nīvunnāva?**

**nijamedō telusukō dhīrā dhīrā**

O hero of subtle intellect, know which is true: is the world within you, or are you in the world?

**nīvanē caitanya kaṭalilō**

**īdēṭi dēhalanē cēpalennō**

**nīvanē cidākāśame**

**dēhamanē kuṇḍalōni ākāśamu**

**kāyamanēkuṇḍa pagilitē**

**migilēdi nīvanē cidākāśame**

You are the ocean of consciousness in which many fish called bodies are swimming. The all-pervasive space of consciousness which is You is the same space contained within the pot called the body. When this pot-like body breaks, what remains is nothing other than ‘You’ – the all-pervasive space of consciousness.

jāgṛtilō ī dṛśyajagamu  
manō indriya nimittamē kādā  
svapnamulō ī viśvamu  
nīlōnē gōcariñcu cunnadi kadā  
suṣuptilō prapañcamu  
nīku māyamu aynadi kadā

In the waking state, isn't the perceived world caused and limited by the mind and five senses? In the dream state, doesn't the whole universe appear within you? In deep sleep doesn't the whole creation disappear to you?

nīvu dēhamanē bhrāntitō  
viśvamulō bratikē ō jīvirā  
nīvu sarvātmavaina  
nīlōni sṛṣṭiki sākṣirā  
turiyam idērā dhīrā  
nījamidē telusukō ō muktuḍā

You are living as a creature in this world, deluding Yourself as the body. Realize your nature as the all-pervading atman, and you will witness the entire creation within yourself. O hero! This state of awareness is called turiya. This is the ultimate truth, O eternally liberated one!

## Viṭhal smaraṇ karā (Marathi)

*om śrī aho! ṣaḍguṇ aiśvaryai sampann  
bhāgyavantā ahō! ramākāntā śrī viṭhalā*

Om Sri! You are full of the six divine qualities, consort of Lakshmi, O Sri Vitthala!

viṭhal smaraṇ karā, viṭhal bhajan karā  
pāvan nām śrī harī smaraṇ karā

Remember Vithala, sing the glory of Vithala! Remember and chant the pious name of Sri Hari!

**yuga yugāntar narjanm miḷalā  
niścīt nāhi hā yōg parat hōyīl  
lābhlēlā janm viṭhal caraṇī lāvā  
nāmsmaraṇ karuṇ sārtaki lāvā**

After many thousands of years, you got this human birth. But it's not certain that this good fortune will come to you again; therefore, always seek the lotus feet of Vithala. Accomplish the very purpose of life by chanting His name.

**viṭhal viṭhal pāṇḍurangā  
jaya hari viṭhal pāṇḍurangā  
viṭhal viṭhal viṭhal viṭhal viṭhal viṭhal pāṇḍuranga**

Victory to Vithala! Chant the name of Panduranga! O Vithala, Panduranga!

**uṭhā uṭhā jan ho calā bhakti mārggāvar  
sādhān sajjan sakhya kāhi prāpt hōyīl  
paṇḍarināthacā nam sankīrttan svar  
sōbat nija sadgurucī kṛpā lābhē**

Wake up, wake up, O Man! Proceed on the path of bhakti yoga. If you are lucky you could get the company of virtuous men, take this opportunity to sing the glory of Pandharinatha. Get the benefit of grace from the real Sadguru!

**mānav janmācā param uddēś kēval  
muktī nirvāṇ sādhaṇē, dusarē nāhi  
sōḍu avidyā bhrānti viṣaya sukh  
samaj re manuja tu harinām sarv kāhī**

Know that the true purpose of human birth is freedom from the cycle of birth and death. Therefore, give up ignorance, illusion, passion. Realize, O Man! Hari's name is everything in life.

## Vizhi kiṭaikkumā (Tamil)

*alaimōdum kaṭalinilē turumbāy nān tavikkayilē  
nilaiyāna padam sēra niyē en tuṇaiyammā*

Like an insignificant particle tossed uncontrollably by the waves  
of the ocean, the endless ocean of transmigration is tossing me  
about. O Mother, take me and give me refuge at Your divine feet.

*vizhi kiṭaikkumā kaṭaikkaṇ vizhi kiṭaikkumā  
vāzhkaiyyil munnera vazhi pirakkumā  
tāyē vazhi pirakkumā*

Will I get Your divine glance that will allow me to progress in  
this life?

*iṭam kiṭaikkumā, enakkōr iṭam kiṭaikkumā  
unmanam tanilentrūm iṭam kiṭaikkumā  
enakkōr iṭam kiṭaikkumā*

Will I get a place in Your heart?

*karam kiṭaikkumā abhaya karam kiṭaikkumā  
tuyarattil tuṇaiyāga karam kiṭaikkumā  
undan karam kiṭaikkumā*

Will You give me Your supporting hand, my sole refuge?

*padam kiṭaikkumā malarppadam kiṭaikkumā  
vāzhvinil karaisēra padam kiṭaikkumā  
undan padam kiṭaikkumā*

Will I get refuge at Your lotus feet to help me come out of this  
ocean of transmigration?

*ōm śakti ōm śakti ōm śakti ōm  
ādiaparāśakti śivaśakti ōm  
ōm śakti ōm parāśakti ōm  
śiva śakti aikya svarūpiṇi ōm*

O primordial power, eternally supreme power, You are the union of Shiva and Shakti in a single form.

## **Vṛndāvana kuñjavihāri (Hindi)**

**vṛndāvana kuñjavihāri**  
**gopī jan sang milā hai**  
**bansī dhun cheḍ rahā hai**  
**brajme madhu baras rahā hai**

The Lord of Vrindavan is with the gopis (the cowherd women of Vrindavan). He is playing a melodious tune on his flute, showering sweet nectar on the holy land of Braj. (The flute – the eternal call of the supreme to all.)

**jai rādhika pyāre gopabāla nanda nandanā**  
**śyāma sundarā bansi gāyakā**  
**hare kṛṣṇā hare śyāma muraḷi mohana**

Victory to the beloved of Radha, cowherd boy, son of Nanda! Beautiful and dusky like the evening twilight sky, flute-player. Hail to Krishna who is dark in complexion and plays the enchanting flute.

**kālindi thirak uṭhī hai**  
**malayānil mand bahā hai**  
**rettīle jamunā tatpar**  
**bāsantī rang jamā hai**

The river Kalindi has risen joyfully in dance. There is a gentle soothing breeze from the mountains. On the sandy shores of river Yamuna, the lovely colors of spring rejoice.

**rāsotsav maṇḍal sohe**  
**gopījan nāc rahī hai**  
**muraḷidhar maddhya khaḍā hai**  
**rādhājī sāth juḍī hai**

All the gopis are dancing, gathered in rasa lila celebration.  
Holding the flute, He stands in the center along with Radha.

**madhuban kā nāc sabhī ke  
nainon ko soh rahā hai  
devon ko jogījan ko  
bhagaton ko moh rahā hai**

This divine dance is so pleasing and mesmerizing to all – devas (demi-gods), yogis, renunciates and devotees are all enchanted by it.

**kalpon se calttā āttā  
rāsotsav manko bhattā  
merī yeh cāh kanayyā  
nācūm sang tere mein bhī**

The divine dance of love has been happening for ages, enchanting all. It is my desire O Krishna, that I too may dance this divine dance with You.

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