

Need to use a proper script for Samskritam

Even though Bhagavan understands all languages, the power of our Bharatiya languages cannot be matched in expressing our cultural values especially when rising to the plane of conversing with Bhagavan. Of them, the Samskrita bhasha is special in that it is pan-Bharatiya. Hence **our scriptures, anushtana paddhati-s and a lot of bhakti sahitya texts are in Samskrita only.**

We know that in Samskritam, especially for **anushtanam**, **sound/pronunciation** is important. Therefore one should **write and read sankalpa shloka-s** etc for anushtanam in an appropriate script which is capable of distinguishing all the sounds of Samskritam.

Now the Latin (English) script was evolved for other languages, and we all know the difficulty of correlating spelling and pronunciation even in English. Further, **more letters are required to write Samskritam** than English as there are more sounds in it. However, since Latin script is widely known, scholars felt it useful to create a **Latin-based transliteration system for Samskritam.**

In such a system, Latin letters which may be casually applied to different sounds need to be **differentiated**. For instance in Rama the first or second “a” may denote a long sound. This is differentiated as Rāma or Ramā. Similarly, other marks called diacritics are used to differentiate sounds as in āā īī ūū ṛṛ ṝ ṝ̄ ṁṁ ḥḥ ṇṇ ṇ̄ ṭṭ ḍḍ ṣṣ. Aspirated (mahāprāna) sounds are denoted with an additional h as in k/kh, g/gh, c/ch, j/jh, ṭ/ṭh, ḍ/ḍh, t/th, d/dh, p/ph, b/bh.

However, a system is useful only if followed correctly. **If diacritics or added h-s are ignored and we do not read with the intended pronunciation, then the transliteration is no longer useful for its intended purpose.** It is very easy to ignore diacritics as they are not in daily use. It would then have altogether been better to use a script which actually has different symbols for the sounds.

Therefore **it is strongly recommended to learn a Bharatiya script** like Devanagari, Grantha, Telugu, Kannada etc **which has clearly different letters to denote the various sounds.** Our documents are published in many such scripts.

However, with a view to help people who are not able to immediately learn such scripts, we are now publishing documents in Latin transliteration as well as per the system called International Alphabet of Sanskrit Transliteration (IAST). For the above reasons, people should use these as a temporary measure till they learn a Bharatiya script.

The Samskrita varnamala in IAST is given below with Devanagari equivalents:

a अ, ā आ, i इ, ī ई, u उ, ū ऊ, ṛ ॠ, ṝ ॡ, ḷ ॴ, ḻ ॵ

e ए, ai ऐ, o ओ, au औ, am अं, aḥ अः

ka क, kha ख, ga ग, gha घ, ṇa ङ

ca च, cha छ, ja ज, jha झ, ṇa ञ

ṭa ट, ṭha ठ, ḍa ड, ḍha ढ, ṇa ण

ta त, tha थ, da द, dha ध, na न

pa प, pha फ, ba ब, bha भ, ma म

ya य, ra र, la ल, va व, śa श, ṣa ष, sa स, ha ह

hara hara śaṅkara

om

jaya jaya śaṅkara



śrī-vedavyāsāya namaḥ

śrīmad-ādyā-śaṅkara-bhagavatpāda-
paramparāgata-mūlāmnāya-sarvajña-pīṭham
śrī-kāñcī-kāmakoti-pīṭham
jagadguru-śrī-śaṅkarācārya-svāmi-śrīmaṭha-
samsthānam

kāverī-pūjā
||pradhāna-pūjā||

(ācamya)

[vighneśvarapūjāṃ kṛtvā]

śuklāmbara-dharaṃ viṣṇuṃ śaśi-varṇaṃ caturbhujam|
prasanna-vadanaṃ dhyāyet sarva-vighnopaśāntaye||
prāṇānāyamyā| mamopātta + kāverī-devī-prasāda-siddhyartham kāverī-
pūjāṃ kariṣye|

acchasvacchallasaddukūlavasanām padmāsanāddhyāsinīm
hastanyastavarābhayābjakalāśāṃ rākendukoṭiprabhām|
bhāsvadbhūṣaṇagandhamālyarucirām cāruprasannānanām
śrī-gaṅgādisamastatīrthanilayām dhyāyāmi kāverikām||1||
kāverī-devīm dhyāyāmi||

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śrīkaṇṭhaviśveśvarasannibhāni
 līṅgāni yadrodhāsi lakṣakoṭyaḥ|
 jalapravāhepi ca koṭikoṭyaḥ
 kaverajāyāśśivamūrtayassyuḥ ||

payāṃsi tīrthāni śilāśca devatā
 divaukaso vālukatām prapannāḥ|
 ato nadī sahyagiriprasūtā
 saritsumukhyāmanujairalabhyā ||
kāverī-devīm āvāhayāmi||

ādāvādi vidhātṛmānasasutā paścātkaverātmajā
 bhūyaḥkumbhabhavasya tasya dayitā tasmānnadīrūpiṇī|
 śrīraṅgātulakumbhaghonaṇavilasanmāyūramadhyārjuna-
 śvetāraṇyamukhasthaleṣu mahitā sahyādriajā drśyate||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, āsanam samarpayāmi||

marudvṛdhe mahādevī mahābhāge manohare|
 sarvābhīṣṭaprade lokamātaḥ pādyam dadāmi te||

marudvṛdhe mānyajalapravāhe kaverakanye namatām śaraṇye|
 mānye jagatpūjyatamaprabhāve kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, pādyam samarpayāmi||

sahyapādodbhave devi śrīraṅgotsaṅgāmini|
 kāverīnāmaṇvikhyaṭe grhāṇārghyam namo'stute||

prācīnavākkīrtita-puṇyakīrte kalyāṇi bhaktepsitadānadhurye|
 kumbhodbhavapreritagumbhitārthe kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, arghyam samarpayāmi||

śrīsahyaśailatanaye sarvāsahya nivāriṇi|
 prasādam kuru me devi prasannābhava sarvadā||

saṃsāraṇisraṃsini saṃskṛtānām
 sarvāghasaṃhāriṇi sarvavandye|
 samastalokaikaśaraṇyamūrte
 kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, ācamaṇīyaṃ samarpayāmi||

tulāmāse tu kāverī sarvatīrthāśritā nadi|
 pañca-pātaka-saṃhartrī vājimedhaphalapradā||

bhaktānukampe munibhāgyalakṣmi
 nitye jaganmaṅgaladānaśīle|
 nirañjane dakṣiṇadeśagaṅge
 kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, pañcāmṛtasnānaṃ samarpayāmi||

kāverītīrajanmānaḥ mṛgapakṣimahīruhāḥ|
 tadvāriśītavātaiśca sprṣṭā muktiṃ prayānti vai||

mokṣaśriyopāsita-pādapadme
 nitye harīśadruhiṇasvarūpe|
 sadāśive dhātṛvaraprasāde
 kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, śuddhodakasnānaṃ samarpayāmi|| snānānantaram
 ācamaṇīyaṃ samarpayāmi||

kaverakanyekāveri nimnagānāthanāyike|
 vastrāṇi vasabhūvastre bhuktimuktipradāyini||

devarṣipūjye vimale nadīśe
 parātpare bhāvitānityapūrṇe|
 samastalokottamatīrthamātaḥ
 kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, vastraṃ samarpayāmi||

sarvayajñāśrayataṭe sarvayajñasahāyini|
 yajñāṅgasambhave devi sarvayajñaphalaprade||
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kaliprabhūtākḥiladoṣanāśe
 viśuddhavijñānajalapravāhe|
 kadambakalhārakadambapūrṇe
 kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, yajñopavītaṃ samarpayāmi||

jayadevi jagannātarlopāmudre purātane|
 jayabhadre bhavoddhāri maṅgale maṅgalaprade||

prasīda kārūṇya-guṇābhīrāme
 prasīda kalyāṇatarapravāhe|
 prasīda kāmādhīhare pavitre
 kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, maṅgaladravyaṃ samarpayāmi| haridrā-kuṅkumaṃ
 samarpayāmi|

candanāgarukastūrīhimavālukakesaraiḥ |
 rāṅkavaissāṅkavairyuktaṃ gandhaṃ svīkuru sahyaje||

ādye pare cinmayapūṇyapāde
 pacelimapraudhākaverabhāgye|
 ananyasādhāraṇa vaibhavādhye
 kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, gandhān dhārayāmi||

yasyāṃ sakṛtsnānamātrānnaro'kṣayyaphalaṃ labhet|
 nakṣatramālyavacchubhrāmakṣatairarcayāmyaham ||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, akṣatān samarpayāmi||

kirīṭahārakeyūrakuṇḍalāṅgadakaṅkaṇaiḥ |
 haṃsakairmekhalādyaiśca bhūṣayetvāṃ marudvṛdhām||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, ābharaṇāni samarpayāmi||

tāṭaṅkaṃ kaṇṭhasūtraṃ ca sindūraṃ kajjalādikam|
 saumaṅgalyaprade devi gr̥hāṇāgastyavallabhe||
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kāverī-devyai namaḥ, tāṭaṅkādikān samarpayāmi||

tulasībilvamandārakuśāgraśatapatrakaiḥ |
indīvaraiḥ kokanadairhallakaiḥ kamalairapi||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, puṣpamālāṃ samarpayāmi||

kalhāraiḥ puṇḍarīkaiśca puṣpaiḥ saugandhikādibhiḥ |
jāṭīcampakapunnāgamallikāketakādibhiḥ ||

surabhidroṇavāsantī gandharājakadambakaiḥ |
puṣpaiḥ sahyasute mātārveṇyalaṅkaraṇaṃ kuru||

bahujanmakṛtānekavāsanāvāsītātmabhiḥ |
divyaiḥ sumavaraiḥ pūjyāṃ pūjayet puṣpajātibhiḥ ||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, puṣpaiḥ sampūjayāmi|

atha aṅga-pūjā||

marudvṛdhāyai namaḥ	pāḍau pūjayāmi
mahālakṣmyai namaḥ	gulphau pūjayāmi
sahyakanyakāyai namaḥ	jaṅghe pūjayāmi
sarasvatyaijānuni namaḥ	pūjayāmi
agastyapatnyai namaḥ	madhyam pūjayāmi
kāveryai namaḥ	nābhim pūjayāmi
lopāmudrāyai namaḥ	hṛdayam pūjayāmi
varapradāyai namaḥ	stanau pūjayāmi
kamaṇḍalusamutpannayai namaḥ	bāhū pūjayāmi
sarvatīrthādhidevatāyai namaḥ	kaṇṭham pūjayāmi
virajāyai namaḥ	nāsikām pūjayāmi
dakṣiṇagaṅgāyai namaḥ	śrotre pūjayāmi
brahmaviṣṇuśivātmikāyai namaḥ	netre pūjayāmi

caturvidhaphaloddhātryai namaḥ vaktram pūjayāmi
 caturānana kanyakāyai namaḥ śiraḥ pūjayāmi
 sarvābhīṣṭapradātryai namaḥ sarvāṅyaṅgāni pūjayāmi

kāveryaṣṭottaraśatanāmāvaliḥ

ananta-guṇa-gambhīrāyai namaḥ
 arkapuṣkara-sevitāyai namaḥ
 amṛtasvādu-salilāyai namaḥ
 agastyamuni-nāyikāyai namaḥ
 āśānta-kīrti-tilakāyai namaḥ
 āsugāgama-varadhinyai namaḥ
 itihāsa-purāṇoktāyai namaḥ
 itibādhā-nivāriṇyai namaḥ
 unmattajana-dūrasthāyai namaḥ
 ūrjitānanda-dāyinyai namaḥ
 ṛṣisaṅgha-susamvītāyai namaḥ
 ṛṇatraya-vimocanāyai namaḥ
 lupta-dharma-janoddhārāyai namaḥ
 lūnabhāva-vivarjitāyai namaḥ
 edhitākhila-lokaśriyai namaḥ
 aihikāmuṣmikapradāyai namaḥ
 oṅkāranāda-ninadāyai namaḥ
 oṣadhīkṛta-jīvanāyai namaḥ
 audāryaguṇa-nirdiṣṭāyai namaḥ
 audāsīnya-nivāriṇyai namaḥ
 antaḥkaraṇa-saṁsevyāyai namaḥ
 accha-svaccha-jalāśrayāyai namaḥ
 kapilākhyā-nadī-snigdhāyai namaḥ
 karuṇā-pūrṇa-mānasāyai namaḥ
 kāverī-nāma-vikhyātāyai namaḥ
 kāmītārtha-phala-pradāyai namaḥ

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kumbhaghoṇa-kṣetra-nāthāyai namaḥ
 kautukaprathama-prabhāyai namaḥ
 khagarāja-rathotsāha-raṅgasthala-suśobhitāyai namaḥ
 khagāvalī-samākrāntakallolāvalimaṇḍitāyai namaḥ
 gajāraṇya-suvistīrṇa-pravāha-janamohinyai namaḥ
 gāyatrīākhyā-śilā-madhyāyai namaḥ
 garuḍāsana-bhaktidāyai namaḥ
 ghana-gambhīra-nināda-nirjaraprāpti-nirjharāyai namaḥ
 candrapuṣkara-madhyasthāyai namaḥ
 caturānana-putrikāyai namaḥ
 coladeśa-janoddhāra-grīṣmakāla-pravāhinyai namaḥ
 cuñcukṣetra-samānītāyai namaḥ
 chadmadoṣa-nivāriṇyai namaḥ
 jambūdvīpa-saricchreṣṭha-nadī-nada-garīyasyai namaḥ
 jhaṅkāranāda-saṁmrṣṭa-ṣaṭpadāli-samākulāyai namaḥ
 jñānaika-sādhana-parāyai namaḥ
 jñaptimātrārti-hāriṇyai namaḥ
 ṭiṭṭibhārāvasa-vyāja-divija-stuti-pātriṇyai namaḥ
 ṭhaṅkāranāda-sambheda-jharjharīkṛta-parvatāyai namaḥ
 ḍākinī-śākinī-saṅghanivāraṇa-sarittaṭāyai namaḥ
 ḍhakkā-ninādapāriṇa-pārvatīśa-samāśritāyai namaḥ
 ṇāntavācyā-dvijāṣṭāṅga-yogasādhana-tatparāyai namaḥ
 taraṅgāvali-saṁviddha-mṛdu-vāluka-śobhitāyai namaḥ
 tapasvijana-satkāra-niveśita-śīlāsanāyai namaḥ
 tāpatraya-tarūnmūla-gaṅgādibhirabhiṣṭutāyai namaḥ
 thānta-pramatha-saṁsevyā-sāmba-sānnidhya-kāriṇyai namaḥ
 dayā-dākṣiṇya-satkāraśīla-loka-subhāvitāyai namaḥ
 dākṣiṇātya-janoddhāra-nirvicāra-dayānvitāyai namaḥ
 dhana-māna-madāndhādi-martya-nirvartana-priyāyai namaḥ
 namajjanoddhāra-śīlāyai namaḥ
 nimajjajana-pāvanāyai namaḥ

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nāgāriketu-nilayāyai namaḥ
 nānā-tīrthādhi-devatāyai namaḥ
 nārījana-manollāsāyai namaḥ
 nānārūpa-phala-pradāyai namaḥ
 nārāyaṇa-kṛpā-rūpāyai namaḥ
 nādabrahma-svarūpiṇyai namaḥ
 parābhūta-samastāghāyai namaḥ
 paśu-pakṣyādi-jīvanāyai namaḥ
 pāpatūlāgni-saḍṣāyai namaḥ
 pāpiṣṭhajana-pāvanāyai namaḥ
 phaṇīndra-kīrtita-kalāyai namaḥ
 phaladāna-parāyaṇāyai namaḥ
 bahujaṇma-tapo-yoga-phalasamprāpta-darśanāyai namaḥ
 bāhurūpa-dvipārśvastha-svamātrka-jalārthināṃ-(kamala)(klauma)kṣetra-
 śālyanna-dāna-nirjita-vittapāyai namaḥ
 bhagavatkrta-santoṣāyai namaḥ
 bhāskarakṣetra-gāminyai namaḥ
 bhāgīrathī-samākranta-tulāmāsa-jalāśrayāyai namaḥ
 majjaddurjana-prāgjanma-durjayāṃhaḥpramārjanyai namaḥ
 māgha-vaiśākhādi-māsa-snāna-smaraṇa-saukhyadāyai namaḥ
 yajña-dāna-tapaḥ-karmakoṭi-puṇya-phala-pradāyai namaḥ
 yakṣa-gandharva-siddhādyairabhiṣṭuta-padadvayāyai namaḥ
 raghunātha-padadvandva-virājita-śilātalāyai namaḥ
 rāmanāthapurakṣetra-kāmadhenu-samāśritāyai namaḥ
 lavodaka-sparśamātra-nirvāṇa-pada-dāyinyai namaḥ
 lakṣmī-nivāsa-sadanāyai namaḥ
 lalanā-ratna-rūpiṇyai namaḥ
 laghūkrta-svarga-bhogāyai namaḥ
 lāvaṇya-guṇa-sāgarāyai namaḥ
 vahnipuṣkara-sānniddhyāyai namaḥ
 vanditākhila-lokapāyai namaḥ

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vyāghrapāda-kṣetra-parāyai namaḥ

vyomayāna-samāvṛtāyai namaḥ

ṣaṭkāla-vandya-caraṇāyai namaḥ

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ṣaṭkarma-nirata-priyāyai namaḥ

ṣaḍāsya-mātr-saṃsevyāyai namaḥ

ṣaḍūrmi-jita-sormikāyai namaḥ

sakṛtsmaraṇa-saṃśuddha-tāpatraya-janāśritāyai namaḥ

sajjanoddhāra-sandhānasamartha-svapravāhinyai namaḥ

sarasvatyādi-devībhirabhivandita-nirjharāyai namaḥ

sahyaśaila-samudbhūtāyai namaḥ

sahyāsahya-jana-priyāyai namaḥ

saṅgamakṣetra-sāmīpyāyai namaḥ

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svavaśārtha-catuṣṭayāyai namaḥ

saubharikṣetra-nilayāyai namaḥ

saubhāgya-phala-dāyinyai namaḥ

saṃśayāviṣṭa-dūrasthāyai namaḥ

sāṅgopāṅga-phalodayāyai namaḥ

hari-brahmeśa-lokeśa-siddhavṛndāra-vanditāyai namaḥ

kṣetra-tīrthādi-sīmāntāyai namaḥ

kṣapānātha-suśītalāyai namaḥ

kṣamātalākhilānanda-kṣema-śrī-vijayāvahāyai namaḥ

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||iti śrīkāveryaṣṭottaraśatanāmāvaliḥ sampūrṇā||

kāverī-devyai namaḥ, nānā-vidha-parimala-patra-puṣpāṇi samarpayāmi||

uttarāṅgapūjā

raṅgatrayotsaṅgavirājamāne

brahmādrīkūṭāśritatīrthagarbhe|

samastasiddhāśramaramyatīrthe

kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||

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daśāṅgoguggulopetassugandhoghrāṇatarpaṇaḥ |
 marudvṛdhe'mbakāveri dhūpoyante samarpitaḥ ||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, dhūpam āghrāpayāmi ||

tulāgate'rketatini varābhir-
 gaṅgādibhiḥ sevitapādapadme |
 trikoṭitīrthāśrama-puṣkarāḍhye
 kāveri kāveri mama prasīda ||

āpo jyotistvamasyamba kumbhasambhavatejasā |
 tejaḥpradātri kāveri dīpo'yaṁ pratigrhyatām ||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, dīpaṁ darśayāmi ||

dadāsi tulyābhiranarghadhānyā-
 nyaśeṣacolīyajanasya devi |
 bhuktiprade muk্তividhānadakṣe
 kāveri kāveri mama prasīda ||

annaṁ caturvidhaṁ rucyaṁ śākavyaṅjana saṁyutam |
 saphalaṁ saghṛtaṁ bhuṅkṣva kāveri taṭitām vare ||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, naivedyaṁ samarpayāmi || pānīyaṁ samarpayāmi |
 uttarāpośanaṁ samarpayāmi | nivedanāntaram ācamanīyaṁ samarpayāmi |

nijābhidhānaśravaṇāḍṛtānām
 niśśeṣapāpakṣayakāriṇītvam |
 nidāghatṛṣṇādi nirāsadaḁṣe
 kāveri kāveri mama prasīda ||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, phalaṁ karpūra-tāmbūlaṁ ca samarpayāmi ||

parāśarāgastyavasiṣṭhamukhyair-
 maharṣibhirmānyatapobhiraṁba |
 tvamāśritākarmaṭhasiddhihetuḥ
 kāveri kāveri mama prasīda ||

sarvatīrthaistulāmāse tvannīrājanapādukā |
 nīrājayāmi bhaktyātvām kāveryambamarudvṛdhe ||
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kāverī-devyai namaḥ, nīrājanam samarpayāmi||

māyūramadhyārjunakumbhaghonaś-
rīraṅgacuñcusthalaghaṭṭagā tvam|
sasyodbhave sindhuyute svatantre
kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||

pradakṣiṇam karomi tvām puruṣārthapradāyini|
dakṣiṇāvartakaśrīnivāsaprīte marudvṛdhe||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, pradakṣiṇam samarpayāmi||

brahmādibhirdevavaraistrisandhyam
vasiṣṭhapūrvairmunibhirvarīṣṭhaiḥ|
nityam gajāraṇyagatairniṣevye
kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||

namaste taṭitām mukhye nigamāgama samstute|
pāhi pāhyamba kāveri prapannam mām kṛpādṛśā||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, namaskārān samarpayāmi||

||arghyapradānam||

marudvṛdhe mahābhāge sarvalokaikapāvanī|
gṛhāṇārghyam mayā dattam pāvanam kuru mām sadā||1||
kāveryai namaḥ - idamarghyam idamarghyam idamarghyam||

viṣṇumāye mahākāye kaverakulasambhave|
sahyācalasambhūte gṛhāṇārghyam varaprade||2||
kāveryai namaḥ - idamarghyam idamarghyam idamarghyam||

kumbhasambhava-kumbhāt tvam sahyāmalakapūjayā|
śaṅkhodakena sañjātā gṛhāṇārghyam samudrage||3||
kāveryai namaḥ - idamarghyam idamarghyam idamarghyam||
prārthanā

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marudvṛdhe mahālakṣmīssahyakanyā sarasvatī|
agastyapatnī kāverī lopāmudrā varapradā||1||

kamaṇḍalusamutpannā sarvatīrthādhidevatā|
virajā dakṣiṇā gaṅgā brahmaviṣṇuśivātmikā||2||

caturvidhaphaloddhātṛī caturānanakanyakā|
sarvābhīṣṭapradātṛī ca nāmnāṃ ṣoḍaśakaṃ smṛtam|
ebhirnāmapadairnityaṃ pūjayedbhaktimānnaraḥ||3||

suvāsinībhyaḥ vāyanadānāni

suvāsinīnāṃ ca nijāśritānāṃ
patipriyatvaṃ ca sutādivargam|
dāsyasyudāraṃ bahubhogabhāgyaṃ
kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||

nijapravāhāpravalabdhapuṇya-
prasiddhasatkarmaphalodayena|
nr̥ṇāmabhīṣṭārthavidhāyinī tvam
kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||

pāpakṣayaṃ pāriśudhyamāyurārogyameva ca|
saubhāgyamapi santānaṃ jñānaṃ dehi marudvṛdhe||
iti samprārthya||

||iti vratacūḍāmaṇau kāverī-pūjāvidhiḥ||

om tat sad brahmārpaṇamastu|

