

# LINGASHTAKAM

## Lingashtakam – A Prayer To Sivalingam

The Sivalingam is a sacred symbol of the Hindus whom they revere as the manifestation of the Universal Self in His awakened aspect in union with His dynamic energy Shakthi. This prayer is a declaration of faith, obedience, love and devotion to Lord Siva in His aspect as Shivalingam.

**Brahma Muraari Suraarchita Lingam**

**Nirmala Bhashita Shobhita Lingam**

**Janmaja Dukha Vinaashaka Lingam**

**Tat Pranamaami Sadaa Shiva Lingam 1**

Meaning: I bow before that Sada Shiva Linga, which is adored by Brahma, Vishnu and other Gods, which is praised by pure and holy speeches and which destroys the cycle of births and deaths.

**Devamuni Pravaraarchita Lingam**

**Kaamadaham Karunaakara Lingam**

**Raavana Darpa Vinaashaka Lingam**

**Tat Pranamaami Sada Shiva Lingam 2**

Meaning: I bow before that Sada Shiva Linga, which is the destroyer of desires, which the Devas and the sages worship, which is infinitely compassionate and which subdued the pride of Raavana.

**Sarva Sugandha Sulepitha Lingam**

**Buddhi Vivardhana Kaarana Lingam**

**Siddha Suraasura Vanditha Lingam**

**Tat Pranamaami Sadaa Shiva Lingam 3**

Meaning: I bow before that Sada Shiva Linga, which is lavishly smeared with variegated perfumes and scents, which elevates the power of thought and enkindles the light of discrimination, and before which the Siddhas and Suras and Asuras prostrate.

**Kanaka Mahaamani Bhushitha Lingam**

**Phanipathi Veshtitha Shobhitha Lingam**

**Daksha Suyajna Vinaashaka Lingam**

**Tat Pranamaami Sadaa Shiva Lingam 4**

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Meaning: I bow before that Sada Shiva Linga, the destroyer of Dakshas sacrifice, which is decorated with various ornaments, studded with different gems and rubies and which glows with the garland of the serpent Lord coiled around it.

**Kumkuma Chandana Lepitha Lingam**

**Pankaja Haara Sushobhitha Lingam**

**Sanchitha Paapa Vinaashaka Lingam**

**Tat Pranamaami Sadaa Shiva Lingam 5**

Meaning: I bow before that Sada Shiva Linga, which is smeared with saffron and sandal paste, which is decorated with lotus garlands and which wipes out all accumulated sins.

**Devaganaarchitha Sevitha Lingam**

**Bhaavair Bhakti Bhirevacha Lingam**

**Dinakara Koti Prabhakara Lingam**

**Tat Pranamaami Sadaa Shiva Lingam 6**

Meaning: I bow before that Sada Shiva Linga which is worshipped by the multitude of Gods with genuine thoughts full of faith and devotion and whose splendor is like that of a million suns.

**Ashta Dalopari Veshtitha Lingam**

**Sarva Samudbhava Kaarana Lingam**

**Ashta Daridra Vinaashaka Lingam**

**Tat Pranamaami Sadaa Shiva Lingam 7**

Meaning: I bow before that Sada Shiva Linga, destroyer of all poverty and misery in its eight aspects, which is the cause of all creation and which stands on the eight petalled Lotus.

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**Suraguru Suravara Pujitha Lingam**

**Suravana Pushpa Sadaarchitha Lingam**

**Paraatparam Paramatmaka Lingam**

**Tat Pranamaami Sadaa Shiva Lingam    8**

Meaning: I bow before SadaShiva Linga which is the Transcendent Being and the Supreme Self, worshipped by Suras and their preceptor (Brhaspathi), with innumerable flowers from the celestial garden.

## **Phalastuti/ benefits of Lingashtakam**

**Lingashtakam, Idam Punyam padeth Shiva Sannidhow,**

**Shivalokam avapnothi shive na sahamodathe.**

Meaning: Any one who chants the holy octet of the Lingam, In the holy presence of Lord Shiva, Would in the end reach the world of Shiva, And keep him company.

OM NAMAH SHIVAYA  
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