

ŚRĪ MAHĀLAKṢMYAṢṬAKAM

Hymn to Mahālakshmī

*Śrī gurubhyo namaḥ,
Śrī lābh śrī śubh śrī gaṇeśāya namaḥ.
Mahālakṣmyaṣṭakaṁ stotram.*

Salutations to the Guru; salutations to Ganesha, the auspicious one.

1. *Namaste'stu mahāmāye
śrīpīthe surapūjite,
Śaṅkha-cakra-gadā-haste
mahālakṣmi namo'stute.*

Salutations to you, Mahāmāyā, abode of fortune, worshipped by gods, wielder of conch and mace, Mahālakshmī, obeisance to you.

2. *Namaste garuḍārūḍhe
kolāsura-bhayaṅkari,
Sarva-pāpa-hare devi
mahālakṣmi namo'stute.*

Salutations, O rider of Garuda, terror of the demon Kola, remover of sins, beloved goddess, Mahālakshmī, obeisance to you.



3. *Sarvajñe sarvavarade*
sarva-duṣṭa-bhayaṅkari,
Sarva-duḥkha-hare devi
mahālakṣmi namo'stute.

Knower of all, giver of all boons, a terror to the wicked, remover of all sorrows, beloved goddess, Mahālakṣmī, obeisance to you.

4. *Siddhi-buddhi-prade devi*
bhukti-mukti-pradāyini,
Mantra-mūrte sadā devi
mahālakṣmi namo'stute.

Bestower of intelligence and success, O goddess, bestower of worldly enjoyment and liberation, with the mantra always as your form, goddess Mahālakṣmī, obeisance to you.

5. *Ādyanta-rahite devi*
ādyāśakti mahēśvari,
Yogaje yogasambhūte
mahālakṣmi namo'stute.

Without beginning or end, O goddess, primordial energy, great mistress born of yoga, Mahālakṣmī, obeisance to you.

6. *Sthūla-sūkṣma-maharandre*
mahaśakti mahodare,
Mahā-pāpa-hare devi
mahālakṣmi namo'stute.

In the form of the gross and subtle bodies, Rudra's Shakti, source of all, remover of great sins, beloved goddess, Mahālakṣmī, obeisance to you.

7. *Padmāsana-sthite devi*
parabrahma-svarūpiṇi,
Parameśi jagan-mātar
mahālakṣmi namo'stute.

Seated on a lotus, O goddess, true Self of the supreme Brahman, O supreme mistress, universal mother, Mahālakṣmī, obeisance to you.

8. *Śvetāambaradhare devi*
nānālaṅkāra-bhūṣite,
Jagat-sthite jagan-mātar
mahālakṣmi namo'stute.

Clad in white apparel, O goddess, bedecked with a variety of jewels, supporter of the universe, universal mother, Mahālakṣmī, obeisance to you.

9. *Mahālakṣmyaṣṭakam stotram*
yaḥ paṭhed bhaktimān naraḥ,
Sarva-siddhim avāpnoti
rājyam prāpnoti sarvadā.

This hymn to the great goddess of wealth, if read with devotion, will bestow all success, will grant all worldly position.

10. *Eka-kāle paṭhen nityam*
mahā-pāpa-vināśanam,
Dvi-kālam yaḥ paṭhen nityam
dhana-dhānya-samanvitaḥ.

If always read once a day, great sins will be destroyed. If always read twice a day, wealth and prosperity will ensue.

11. *Tri-kālaṁ yaḥ paṭhen nityaṁ
mahāśatru-vināśanam,
Mahālakṣmī bhaven nityaṁ
prasannā varadā śubhā.*

If always read three times a day, the great enemy (ego) will be destroyed. Mahālakshmi will be ever pleased with that auspicious one.

Sadgurunāth Mahārāj kī Jay!
Hail the true Guru!

LAKSHMI

Lakshmi is the goddess of light, beauty, good fortune and wealth. Being the consort of Vishnu, the preserving principle, Lakshmi also signifies love and grace. While Lakshmi is generally worshiped to achieve success, she does not reside long with anyone who is lazy or desires her only as wealth. She is the power of diversity and also the mother of desire (Kama). Though many deities are associated with the purity of the lotus, Lakshmi above all represents this purity. As the consort of Vishnu, she appears with him in every one of his incarnations, mainly as Radha to Krishna and as Sita to Ram.