

Mahalakshmi Ashtakam

महालक्ष्म्यष्टकम् · The Eight Verses to Mahalakshmi, from the Padma Purana

Spoken by Indra in praise of the Goddess. Each verse closes on the same refrain, *Mahalakshmi namo'stu te* — salutations to you, Mahalakshmi — which is what makes the hymn so easy to hold in memory. Traditionally recited on Fridays and through the days of Diwali.

- 1 नमस्तेऽस्तु महामाये श्रीपीठे सुरपूजिते ।
शङ्खचक्रगदाहस्ते महालक्ष्मि नमोऽस्तु ते ॥ १ ॥

*Namaste'stu Mahamaye Shripithe Surapujite,
Shankhachakragadahaste Mahalakshmi namo'stu te.*

Salutations to you, O Mahamaya, seated on the throne of Sri and worshipped by the gods, bearing conch, discus and mace. Salutations to you, Mahalakshmi.

- 2 नमस्ते गरुडारुढे कोलासुरभयङ्करि ।
सर्वपापहरे देवि महालक्ष्मि नमोऽस्तु ते ॥ २ ॥

*Namaste Garudarudhe Kolasurabhayankari,
Sarvapapahare Devi Mahalakshmi namo'stu te.*

Salutations to you who ride upon Garuda, terror of the demon Kola, remover of every sin. Salutations to you, Mahalakshmi.

- 3 सर्वज्ञे सर्ववरदे सर्वदुष्टभयङ्करि ।
सर्वदुःखहरे देवि महालक्ष्मि नमोऽस्तु ते ॥ ३ ॥

*Sarvajne Sarvavarade Sarvadoshtabhayankari,
Sarvaduḥkḥahare Devi Mahalakshmi namo'stu te.*

Knower of all, giver of every boon, terror of all the wicked, remover of every sorrow. Salutations to you, Mahalakshmi.

- 4 सिद्धिबुद्धिप्रदे देवि भुक्तिमुक्तिप्रदायिनि ।
मन्त्रमूर्ते सदा देवि महालक्ष्मि नमोऽस्तु ते ॥ ४ ॥

*Siddhibuddhiprade Devi Bhuktimuktipradayini,
Mantramurte sada Devi Mahalakshmi namo'stu te.*

Giver of attainment and intelligence, bestower of both enjoyment and liberation, you whose very form is the mantra. Salutations to you, Mahalakshmi.

- 5 आद्यन्तरहिते देवि आद्यशक्ति महेश्वरि ।
योगजे योगसम्भूते महालक्ष्मि नमोऽस्तु ते ॥ ५ ॥

*Adyantarahite Devi Adyashakti Maheshvari,
Yogaje Yogasambhute Mahalakshmi namo'stu te.*

Without beginning or end, primordial power, great sovereign, born of yoga and arisen from yoga. Salutations to you, Mahalakshmi.

- 6 स्थूलसूक्ष्ममहारौद्रे महाशक्ति महोदरे ।
महापापहरे देवि महालक्ष्मि नमोऽस्तु ते ॥ ६ ॥

*Sthulasukshmamaharudre Mahashakti Mahodare,
Mahapapahare Devi Mahalakshmi namo'stu te.*

Gross and subtle and terrible, great power, great of womb, remover of the greatest sins. Salutations to you, Mahalakshmi.

- 7 पद्मासनस्थिते देवि परब्रह्मस्वरूपिणि ।
परमेशि जगन्मातर्महालक्ष्मि नमोऽस्तु ते ॥ ७ ॥

*Padmasanasthite Devi Parabrahmasvarupini,
Parameshi Jaganmatar Mahalakshmi namo'stu te.*

Seated upon the lotus, whose nature is the supreme Brahman, highest sovereign and Mother of the world. Salutations to you, Mahalakshmi.

- 8 श्वेताम्बरधरे देवि नानालङ्कारभूषिते ।
जगत्स्थिते जगन्मातर्महालक्ष्मि नमोऽस्तु ते ॥ ८ ॥

*Shvetambaradhare Devi Nanalankarabhushite,
Jagatsthite Jaganmatar Mahalakshmi namo'stu te.*

Clothed in white, adorned with manifold ornaments, abiding in the world as its Mother. Salutations to you, Mahalakshmi.

Phala Shruti

महालक्ष्म्यष्टकं स्तोत्रं यः पठेद्भक्तिमान्नरः ।
सर्वसिद्धिमवाप्नोति राज्यं प्राप्नोति सर्वदा ॥

*Mahalakshmyashtakam stotram yah pathed bhaktiman narah,
Sarvasiddhim avapnoti rajyam prapnoti sarvada.*

The devoted person who recites this hymn attains every accomplishment and lasting sovereignty.

एककाले पठेन्नित्यं महापापविनाशनम् ।
द्विकालं यः पठेन्नित्यं धनधान्यसमन्वितः ॥

*Ekakale pathen nityam mahapapavinashanam,
Dvikalam yah pathen nityam dhanadhanyasamanvitah.*

Recited once daily it destroys great sin; twice daily it brings wealth and grain in abundance.

त्रिकालं यः पठेन्नित्यं महाशत्रुविनाशनम् ।
महालक्ष्मीर्भवेन्नित्यं प्रसन्ना वरदा शुभा ॥

*Trikalam yah pathen nityam mahashatruvinashanam,
Mahalakshmir bhaven nityam prasanna varada shubha.*

Recited three times daily it destroys the greatest enemies, and Mahalakshmi becomes ever gracious and auspicious.

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Minor textual variants exist between recensions, as with every hymn carried for centuries in recitation. This follows the version most widely recited.

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