

शिवपञ्चाक्षर नक्षत्रमाला
ŚIVA PAÑCHĀKṢHARA NAKṢHATRAMĀLĀ

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श्रीमदात्मने गुणैकसिन्धवे नमः शिवाय
धामलेशधूतकोकबन्धवे नमः शिवाय ।
नामशेषितानमद्भवान्धवे नमः शिवाय
पामरेतरप्रधानबन्धवे नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva, the Supreme soul, the matchless ocean of virtues; obeisance to Śiva whose streak of brilliance overpowers the Sun; obeisance to Śiva for whose devotees the dangerous well of worldly life exists but in name; obeisance to Śiva, the foremost kinsman of the learned.

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कालभीतविप्रबालपाल ते नमः शिवाय
शूलभिन्नदुष्टदक्षफाल ते नमः शिवाय ।
मूलकारणाय कालकाल ते नमः शिवाय
पालयाधुना दयालवाल ते नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva the protector of that young brahmin boy (Mārkaṇḍeya) who was afraid of Yama. Obeisance to Śiva who broke the forehead of the wicked Dakṣa with his trident. Obeisance to Śiva, the primeval cause as well as the destroyer of Yama. Obeisance O Śiva, do protect me now, O repository of compassion.

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इष्टवस्तुमुख्यदानहेतवे नमः शिवाय

दुष्टदैत्यवंशधूमकेतवे नमः शिवाय ।

सृष्टिरक्षणाय धर्मसेतवे नमः शिवाय

अष्टमूर्तये वृषेन्द्रकेतवे नमः शिवाय ॥

I bow to Śiva, the principal donor of things desired. Obeisance to Śiva, the fire of destruction to the wicked host of demons. Obeisance to Śiva, the Creator and Protector, the bridge of dharma. Obeisance to Śiva, the bull-bannered, the God of eightfold form (earth, water, fire, air, ether, Sun, Moon and Yajamāna).

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आपदद्रिभेदटङ्कहस्त ते नमः शिवाय

पापहारिद्विव्यसिन्धुमस्त ते नमः शिवाय ।

पापदारिणे लसन्नमस्त ते नमः शिवाय

शापदोषखण्डनप्रशस्तं ते नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva, whose hand is the chisel that breaks the mountain of calamities. I bow to Śiva on whose head flows the celestial river Ganges that removes all sins. I bow to Śiva, towards whom salutations flow in succession and who destroys sins. I bow to Śiva famous for his destruction of the evils of curse.

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व्योमकेश दिव्यभव्यरूप ते नमः शिवाय
हेममेदिनीधरेन्द्रचाप ते नमः शिवाय ।
नाममात्रदग्धसर्वपाप ते नमः शिवाय
कामनैकतानहृद्दुराप ते नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva whose tresses are the space and whose form is divine and auspicious. I bow to Śiva the wielder of the bow in the form of mount Meru. Obeisance to Śiva the utterance of whose name burns all sins and who is inaccessible to those whose hearts hanker after only pleasure.

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ब्रह्ममस्तकावलीनिबद्ध ते नमः शिवाय
जिह्वगेन्द्रकुण्डलप्रसिद्ध ते नमः शिवाय ।
ब्रह्मणे प्रणीतवेदपद्धते नमः शिवाय
जिह्वकालदेहदत्तपद्धते नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva who wears a row of Brahmā's skulls. Obeisance to Śiva noted for his ear-ring in the form of lordly serpents. Obeisance to Śiva, the author of Vedapaddhati created for the sake of Brahmā. Obeisance to Śiva who kicked with his foot the crooked God of death.

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कामनाशनाय शुद्धकर्मणे नमः शिवाय
सामगानजायमानशर्मणे नमः शिवाय ।
हेमकान्तिचाकचक्यवर्मणे नमः शिवाय
सामजासुराङ्गलब्धचर्मणे नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva, the God of pure deeds and the destroyer of Cupid. I bow to Śiva, who feels delighted on listening to the music of Sāmaveda. Obeisance to Śiva who is surrounded by a halo of lustre resembling the Sheen of gold. Obeisance to Śiva who wears the hide of Gajāsura.

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जन्ममृत्युघोरदुःखहारिणे नमः शिवाय
चिन्मयैकरूपदेहधारिणे नमः शिवाय ।
मन्मनोरथावपूर्तिकारिणे नमः शिवाय
सन्मनोगताय कामवैरिणे नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva who dispels the horrid sorrow attendant on birth and death. I bow to Śiva whose body is naught but consciousness. I bow to Śiva who fulfils my desires. Obeisance to Śiva, the enemy of Cupid and who dwells in the minds of the wise.

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यक्षराजबन्धवे दयालवे नमः शिवाय
दक्षपाणिशोभिकाञ्चनालवे नमः शिवाय ।

पक्षिराजवाहृच्छयालवे नमः शिवाय

अक्षिफालवेदपूततालवे नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva, the compassionate who is the kinsman of Kubera. Obeisance to Śiva in whose right palm shines a golden pitcher I bow to Śiva who reposes in the heart of Viṣṇu whose vehicle is Garuda. Obeisance to Śiva who has an eye on his forehead and whose mouth is sanctified by the recitation of the Vedas.

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दक्षहस्तनिष्ठजातवेदसे नमः शिवाय

अक्षरात्मने नमद्विद्वौजसे नमः शिवाय ।

दीक्षितप्रकाशितात्मतेजसे नमः शिवाय

उक्षराजवाहृ ते सतां गते नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva who has in his right hand the holy fire. Obeisance to Śiva who is immortal in nature and who is saluted by Indra. I bow to Śiva who reveals his power to the initiated. Obeisance to Śiva who rides on the sacred bull and who is the refuge of noble men.

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राजताचलेन्द्रसानुवासिने नमः शिवाय

राजमाननित्यमन्दहासिने नमः शिवाय ।

राजकोरकावतंसभासिने नमः शिवाय

राजराजमित्रताप्रकाशिने नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva who dwells on the summit of (Kailāsa) the silver mountain. Obeisance to Śiva who ever shines with his gentle smile. I pray to Śiva who has the crescent moon to adorn his head and who radiates lustre. Obeisance to Śiva who extends friendship to Kubera.

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दीनमानवालिकामधेनवे नमः शिवाय

सूनबाणदाहकृत्कृशानवे नमः शिवाय ।

स्वानुरागभक्तरत्नसानवे नमः शिवाय ।

दानवान्धकारचण्डभानवे नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva who is Kāmadhenu to the poor mortals; Obeisance to Śiva, the fire that burnt the flowery arrowed Cupid. Obeisance to Śiva who is a 'Meru' to the loving devotees, and the fierce Sun that dispels the darkness in the form of demons.

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सर्वमङ्गलाकुचाग्रशायिने नमः शिवाय

सर्वदेवतागणातिशायिने नमः शिवाय ।

पूर्वदेवनाशसंविधायिने नमः शिवाय

सर्वमन्मनोजभङ्गदायिने नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva who reposes on the bosom of Umā, the auspicious Goddess. Obeisance to Śiva who excels all groups of divinities. I bow to Śiva who causes the destruction of demons. Obeisance to Śiva who destroys all the effects of Cupid.

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स्तोकभक्तिततोऽपि भक्तपोषिणे नमः शिवाय

माकरन्दसारवर्षिभाषिणे नमः शिवाय ।

एकबिल्वदानतोऽपि तोषिणे नमः शिवाय

नैकजन्मपापजालशोषिणे नमः शिवायः ॥

Obeisance to Śiva who supports the devotees even if they show a little devotion. Obeisance to Śiva whose speech is as sweet as the essence of honey. Obeisance to Śiva who is pleased even with a single bilva leaf. Obeisance to Śiva who dries up the entire sins accumulated in many births.

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सर्वजीवरक्षणैकशीलिने नमः शिवाय

पार्वतीप्रियाय भक्तपालिने नमः शिवाय ।

दुर्विदग्धदैत्यसैन्यदारिणे नमः शिवाय

शर्वरीशधारिणे कपालिने नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva who is ever disposed to protect all living beings. Obeisance to Śiva, the protector of his devotees and the beloved Lord of Pārvaṭī. I bow to Śiva the destroyer of the wicked demoniac forces. Obeisance to Śiva adorned with skulls, who wears the moon (on his head).

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पाहि मामुमामनोज्ञदेह ते नमः शिवाय

देहि मे वरं सिताद्विगेह ते नमः शिवाय ।

मोहितर्षिकामिनीसमूह ते नमः शिवाय

स्वेहितप्रसन्न कामदोह ते नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva, whose body is resplendent on account of Uma's presence. Pray, protect me. Obeisance to Śiva, the dweller of Kailāsa. Be pleased to grant me a boon. Obeisance to Śiva, who is accompanied by the wives of sages who are infatuated by delusion. I pray to Śiva, the one who grants all that is desired and one who is pleasant since all that He wills are fulfilled.

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मङ्गलप्रदाय गीतुरङ्ग ते नमः शिवाय

गङ्गया तरङ्गितोत्तमाङ्ग ते नमः शिवाय ।

सङ्गप्रवृत्तवैरिभङ्ग ते नमः शिवाय

अङ्गजारये करेकुरङ्ग ते नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva whose mount is the swift bull and who confers auspicious things. Obeisance to Śiva on whose head the river Ganges flows. Obeisance to Śiva who destroyed the enemies who were engaged in battle. I bow to Śiva, the enemy of Cupid, who has an antelope in his hand.

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ईहितक्षणप्रदानहेतवे नमः शिवाय

आहिताग्निपालकोक्षकेतवे नमः शिवाय ।

देहकान्तिधूतुरौप्यधातवे नमः शिवाय

गेहदुःखपुञ्जधूमकेतवे नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva who grants anything that is desired the very moment. Obeisance to Śiva, the bull-bannered God who protects those who worship the consecrated fire. Obeisance to Śiva, who by the lustre of his body excels the mineral silver. Obeisance to Śiva who is the fire that destroys the sorrows of worldly life.

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त्र्यक्ष दीनसत्कृपाकटाक्ष ते नमः शिवाय
दक्षसप्ततन्तुनाशदक्ष ते नमः शिवाय ।
ऋक्षराजभानुपावकाक्ष ते नमः शिवाय
रक्ष मां प्रपन्नमात्ररक्ष ते नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva, the three-eyed One who extends His graceful look to the poor and noble. I pray to Śiva who skilfully destroyed the sacrifice of Dakṣa and who has his three eyes in the form of the lord of stars (Moon,) the Sun and the fire and who protects anyone who seeks refuge under Him. Be pleased to protect me.

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न्यङ्कुपाणये शिवंकराय ते नमः शिवाय
सङ्कटाब्धि-तीर्णकिंकराय ते नमः शिवाय ।
कङ्कभीषिताभयंकराय ते नमः शिवाय
पङ्कजाननाय शङ्कराय ते नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva who bears an antelope in his hand and who brings about auspiciousness. Obeisance to Śiva, the servant of those who have

crossed the ocean of miserable existence. I bow to Śiva who removes the fear from those who are frightened by the God of death. Obeisance to Śiva the doer of auspicious things, whose countenance is as beautiful as lotus.

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कर्मपाशनाशनीलकण्ठ ते नमः शिवाय

शर्मदाय वर्यभस्मकण्ठ ते नमः शिवाय ।

निर्ममर्षिसेवितोपकण्ठ ते नमः शिवाय

कुर्महे नतीर्नमद्विकुण्ठ ते नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva, the blue-throated God who destroys the bonds of 'Karma'. Obeisance to Śiva, the bestower of happiness, who smears his neck with the ash of Cupid. Obeisance to Śiva who is propitiated in his vicinity by the selfless sages. I bow to Śiva who dotes on his devotees. To him, I offer countless salutations.

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विष्टपाधिपाय नम्रविष्णवे नमः शिवाय

शिष्टविप्रहृद्गुहाचरिष्णवे नमः शिवाय ।

इष्टवस्तुनित्यतुष्टजिष्णवे नमः शिवाय

कष्टनाशनाय लोकजिष्णवे नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva who is bowed to by Viṣṇu and who is the lord of the celestial world. Obeisance to Śiva who moves in the inner recess of the heart of noble brahmins. Obeisance to Śiva the ever victorious and who never has any want for objects of

desire. I pray to Śiva the conqueror of the worlds and the destroyer of ills.

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अप्रमेयदिव्यसुप्रभाव ते नमः शिवाय
सत्प्रपन्नरक्षणस्वभाव ते नमः शिवाय ।
स्वप्रकाश निस्तुलानुभाव ते नमः शिवाय
विप्रडिम्भदर्शितार्द्रभाव ते नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva, the God of immeasurable divine valour. Obeisance to Śiva, whose inherent nature is to protect the good and those who seek his shelter. Obeisance to Śiva, the self-luminous One whose propensities are matchless. I bow to Śiva who showed extreme compassion to that young brahmin boy (Mārkaṇḍeya).

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सेवकाय मे मृड प्रसीद ते नमः शिवाय
भावलभ्यतावकप्रसाद ते नमः शिवाय ।
पावकाक्ष देवपूज्यपाद ते नमः शिवाय
तावकाङ्घ्रिभक्तदत्तमोद ते नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva, be compassionate towards me, Thy servant, be pleased. Obeisance to Śiva whose grace is obtained by devotion. Obeisance to Śiva, One having the eye of fire and whose feet are worshipped by Gods Obeisance to Śiva who causes delight in the minds of devotees who cling to His feet.

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भुक्तिमुक्तिदिव्यभोगदायिने नमः शिवाय
शक्तिकल्पितप्रपञ्चभागिने नमः शिवाय ।
भक्तसङ्कटापहारयोगिने नमः शिवाय
युक्तसन्मनःसरोजयोगिने नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva who confers happiness on earth, the bliss of liberation and pleasure in heaven. Obeisance to Śiva who pervades the universe that was produced by his śakti. Obeisance to Śiva the yogin who removes the ills of his devotees. I bow to Śiva who is associated with the lotus-like noble mind of yogins.

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अन्तकान्तकाय पापहारिणे नमः शिवाय
शन्तमूय दन्तिचर्मधारिणे नमः शिवाय ।
सन्तताश्रितव्यथाविदारिणे नमः शिवाय
जन्तुजातनित्यसौख्यकारिणे नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Śiva, the destroyer of sins and of the God of death. Obeisance to Śiva, the most auspicious, and the wearer of elephant hide. Obeisance to Śiva the destroyer of distress of those who frequent him for shelter. Obeisance to Śiva who is ever disposed to loving in happiness to all creatures.

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शूलिने नमो नमः कपालिने नमः शिवाय
पालिने विरिञ्चिमुण्डमालिने नमः शिवाय ।
लीलिने विशेषरुण्डशालिने नमः शिवाय
शीलिने नमः प्रपुण्यमालिने नमः शिवाय ॥

Obeisance to Siva, the trident bearer, the wearer of skulls. Obeisance to Śiva, the protector, who wears a row of Brahmā's skulls. Obeisance to Śiva who plays divine sports and wears strangely enough truncated bodies. I bow to Śiva, the God of all virtues, the God devoted to doing holy things.

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शिवपञ्चाक्षरमुद्राचतुष्पदोल्लासपद्यमणिघटिताम् ।
नक्षत्रमालिकामिह दधदुपकण्ठं नरो भवेत्सोमः ॥

This 'Nakṣatramālikā' is made of gems of verses that contain in each foot the mark of Śivapañcākṣara. Any person who recites these verses shall become Śiva who is accompanied by Umā.

