

Sri Maha Ganesha Pancharatnam

Composer: Sri Adi Sankara Baghavad Pada (8th century)

Ragamalika Tala: Adi in thisranadai (8 beats in units of 3)

Ganesha is the God of wisdom. He is worshipped before the beginning of any endeavor. He gives the necessary skill (buddhi) to do the task and bestows success (siddhi) to the effort. Upon intent meditation, the form of Ganesha symbolically reveals many noble truths. The trunk of an elephant, which can carry heavy logs of wood as well as pick up a thin blade of grass, represents the subtle discrimination we need to distinguish between the real and the illusory. The little mouse he rides on represents our own ego, which should be a small but efficient vehicle to take us around in the world, but should be inconspicuous and subservient to wisdom. Ganesha's form is revered as the very personification of the symbol "Om" the representation of the universal spirit.

- 1. Mudakaraatha Modakam Sada Vimukti Saadhakam
Kalaadharaavatamsakam Vilasiloka Rakshakam
Anaaya Kaika Naayakam Vinasitebha Daityakam
Nataasubhasu Naashakam Namaami Tham Vinaayakam.**

Ganesha, the pleasant faced one holding the sweet 'modakam' in his hand, He wears the crescent moon on his head. He liberates us from misery, protects and provides direction to those who are lost without a leader. He removes the obstacles for those who pray to him. My salutations are to Him!

- 2. Natetaraati Bheekaram Navoditaarka Bhaasvaram
Namat Suraari Nirjanam Nataadhi Kaapa Duddharam
Suresvaram Nidheesvaram Gajesvaram Ganeshvaram
Mahesvaram Samaasraye Paraatparam Nirantaram.**

Ganesha, with the orange glow of the rising sun, is the commander of Lord Shiva's army. He removes the suffering of his devotees. I seek refuge in Him!

- 3. Samasta Loka Samkaram Nirasta Daitya Kunjaram
Daredarodaram Varam Vare Bhavaktra Maksharam
Krupaakaram Kshamaakaram Mudaakaram Yasaskaram
Manaskaram Namaskrutaam Namaskaromi Bhaasvaram.**

Ganesha brings peace to the entire world. He is large, infinite, superior and immutable. He is merciful and forgiving. He brings happiness, success and purity of mind. My salutations are to Ganesha, the luminous.

**4. Akimchanaarti Marjanam Chirantanokti Bhaajanam
Puraari Poorva Nandanam Suraari Garva Charvanam
Prapancha Naasha Bheeshanam Dhananjayaadi Bhushanam
Kapola Daana Vaaranam Bhajaey Puraana Vaaranam.**

Ganesha, the merciful, who removes the suffering of those who have no other refuge, destroys the demonic forces and negative tendencies in us. He dissolves the delusions of this illusory world.

I pray to Him the one venerated in the ancient Vedas!

**5. Nitaantikaanta Dantakaanti Mantakaanta Kaatmajam
Achintya Rupa Mantahaena Mantaraaya Krintanam
Hrudantarey Nirantaram Vasantameva Yoginam
Tameka Danta Meva Tam Vichintayaami Santatam.**

Ganesha, the one with the broken tusk, the son of Lord Shiva, he is the formless absolute (his form is beyond the grasp of the intellect), he is infinite, he is the Remover of Obstacles, he lives in the hearts of yogis forever and ever.

I reflect solely upon Ganesha, forever and ever.