

Mala Lyrics

Govinda Jaya Jaya

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Radha Ramana Hari Govinda Jaya

Krishna (here referred to by his other names Govinda and Gopala) and Radha (the consort of Krishna, whose name means fortunate or successful) are symbolic of the unity of the world and the observer of the world, the lover and the beloved.

Bhagavati

The Mahishasuramardini Stotram (found in the Devi Mahatmyam) has twenty verses, of which I have selected the four I find most essential. The text is a prayer to the Goddess Durga, who slays the demon of the ego with the power of grace.

1. Ayi giri nandini, nandita medini, visva vinodini, nandinute
Giri vara vindhya shirodhini vasini vishnuvिलासini jishnunute
Bhagavati he shitikanthaku tumbini bhooriku tumbini bhoorikrute
Jaya jaya he mahishaa suramardhini ramya kapardini shailasute

2. Suravara varshini durdhara dharshini durmukha marshini harsharate
Tribhuvana poshini shankara toshini kilbisha moshini ghosharate
Danujani roshini ditisuta roshini durmada shoshini sindhusute
Jaya jaya he mahishaa suramardhini ramya kapardini shailasute

8. Dhanuranu sangara nakshana sanga parishphu radanga natatkatake Kanakapishanga
prishatkanishanga rasadbhatasringa hataabayuke
Krutachaturanga balakshitiranga ghatadbahuranga ratadbatuke
Jaya jaya he mahishaa suramardhini ramya kapardini shailasute

16. Vijita sahasra karaika sahasra karaika sahasra karaikanute
Krutasura taaraka sangara taaraka sangara taaraka soonusute
Suratha samaadhi samaana samaadhi samaadhi samaadhi sujaatarate
Jaya jaya he mahishaa suramardhini ramya kapardini shailasute

Shivaya Namah Om

Shivaya Namah Om Namah Shivaya

A series of infinitely sustainable sounds that invoke the infinite being of Shiva, the Lord of dissolution. Shiva is the witness of the endless rise and fall of all transient forms. In chanting this mantra, one identifies with the still point around which the entire universe revolves.

Gaja Nana

Gaja Nana Hey Gaja Nana Gauri Manohara Priya Nandana
Pashupati Taneya Gaja Nana
Parama Niranjana Gaja Nana Hey

A song to Ganesha, who removes the obstacles of the mind. In yoga, what obstructs also contains within it the wisdom by which one finds the way through. The pure exists within what has become corrupted, and within heaviness are the seeds of liberation and light.

Saraswati Ma

Ya kundendu tushara hara dhavala ya shubhra vastravirta
Ya vinavara danda mandita kara ya shveta padmasana
Ya Brahmachyuta Shankara prabhirtibhir devaih sada vandita
Sa mam patu Saraswati bhagavati nihshesha jadyapaha

Saraswati Ma
Mahadevi Namoh Namah

The name Saraswati means literally 'she of the stream'. The Goddess of music and art and literature, she can also be thought of as the stream of ideas, the stream of the breath, of the movement of forms in time.

Devakinandana Gopala

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Devakinandana, Gopala and Govinda are all names of Krishna, an expression of the longing to return to a state of union with love, at the source of all things.

Universal Prayer

Durjanah sajjano bhuyat sajjanah shantim-apnuyat
Shanto muchyeta bandhebhyo muktash-chanyan vimochayet

Sarve bhavantu sukhinah sarve santu niramayah
Sarve bhadrani pashyantur mas kashchid-dukha-bhag bhavet

Sarvas-taratu durgani sarvah kaman-avapnotu
Kale varshatu parjanya sarvah sarvatra nandatu

May the wicked become good. May the good obtain peace. May the peaceful be freed from bonds. May the freed set others free.

May all be happy. May all be healthy. May all see only auspicious sights. May no one have a share in sorrow.

May everyone surmount his difficulties. May everyone have their desires fulfilled. May it rain at the right time. May everyone everywhere be glad.