

Sri Nrsimha Kavaca-Stotra

By Prahlada Maharaja in the Brahmanda Purana

*nrsimha-kavacam vaksye
prahladenoditam pura
sarva-raksa-karam punyam
sarvopadrava-nasanam (1)*

I shall now recite the Nrsimha-kavaca, formerly spoken by Prahlada Maharaja. It is most pious, vanquishes all kinds of impediments, and provides one all protection.

*sarva-sampat-karam caiva
svarga-moksa-pradayakam
dhyatva nrsimham devesam
hema-simhasana-sthitam (2)*

It bestows upon one all opulences and can give one elevation to the heavenly planets or liberation. One should meditate on Lord Nrsimha, Lord of the universe, seated upon a golden throne.

*vivritasyam tri-nayanam
sarad-indu-sama-prabham
laksmyalingita-vamangam
vibhutibhi rupasritam (3)*

His mouth is wide open, He has three eyes, and He is radiant as the autumn moon. He is embraced by Laksmidevi on His left side, and His form is the shelter of all opulences, both material and spiritual.

*catur-bhujam komalangam
svarna-kundala-sobhitam
saroja-sobhitoraskam
ratna-keyura-mudritam (4)*

The Lord has four arms, and His limbs are very soft. He is decorated with golden earrings. His chest is resplendent like the lotus flower, and His arms are decorated with jewel-studded ornaments.

*tapta-kancana-sankasam
pita-nirmala-vasasam
indradi-sura-maulisthah
sphuram manikya-diptibhih (5)*

He is dressed in a spotless yellow garment, which exactly resembles molten gold. He is the original cause of existence, beyond the mundane sphere, for the great demigods headed by Indra. He appears bedecked with rubies which are blazingly effulgent.

virajita-pada-dvandvam

*sankha-cakradi-hetibhih
garutmata ca vinayat
stuyamanam mudanvitam (6)*

His two feet are very attractive, and He is armed with various weapons such as the conch, disc, etc. Garuda joyfully offers prayers with great reverence.

*sva-hrit-kamala-samvasam
kritva tu kavacam pathet
nrsimho me sirah patu
loka-raksartha-sambhavah (7)*

Having seated Lord Nrsimhadeva upon the lotus of one's heart, one should recite the following mantra: May Lord Nrsimha, who protects all the planetary systems, protect my head.

*sarva-gopi-sthamba-vasah
phalam me raksatu dhvanim
nrsimho me drisau patu
soma-suryagni-locanah (8)*

Although the Lord is all pervading, He hid Himself within a pillar. May He protect my speech and the results of my activities. May Lord Nrsimha, whose eyes are the sun, and fire, protect my eyes.

*smritam me patu nriharih
muni-varya-stuti-priyah
nasam me simha-nasas tu
mukham laksmi-mukha-priyah (9)*

May Lord Nrhari, who is pleased by the prayers offered by the best of sages, protect my memory. May He who has the nose of a lion protect my nose, and may He whose face is very dear to the goddess of fortune protect my mouth.

*sarva-vidyadhipah patu
nrsimho rasanam mama
vaktram patv indu-vadanam
sada prahlada-vanditah (10)*

May Lord Nrsimha, who is the knower of all sciences, protect my sense of taste. May He whose face is beautiful as the full moon and who is offered prayers by Prahlada Maharaja protect my face.

*nrsimhah patu me kantham
skandau bhuhrid ananta-krit
divyastra-sobhita-bhujo
nrsimhah patu me bhujau (11)*

May Lord Nrsimha protect my throat. He is the sustainer of the earth and the performer of unlimitedly wonderful activities. May He protect my shoulders. His arms are resplendent with transcendental weapons. May He protect my shoulders.

*karau me deva-varado
nrisimhah patu sarvatah
hridayam yogi-sadhyas ca
nivasam patu me harih (12)*

May the Lord, who bestows the benedictions upon the demigods, protect my hands, and may He protect me from all sides. May He who is achieved by the perfect yogis protect my heart, and may Lord Hari protect my dwelling place.

*madhyam patu hiranyaksa
vaksah-kuksi-vidaranah
nabhim me patu nriharih
sva-nabhi-brahma-samstutah (13)*

May He who ripped apart the chest and abdomen of the great demon Hiranyaksa protect my waist, and may Lord Nrhari protect my navel. He is offered prayers by Lord Brahma, who has sprung from His own navel.

*brahmanda-kotaya-katyam
yasyasau patu me katim
guhyanam me patu guhyanam
mantranam guhya-rupa-drik (14)*

May He on whose hips rest all the universes protect my hips. May the Lord protect my private parts. He is the knower of all mantras and all mysteries, but He Himself is not visible.

*uru-manobhavah patu
januni nara-rupa-drik
janghe patu dhara-bhara
harta yo 'sau nrikesari (15)*

May He who is the original Cupid protect my thighs. May He who exhibits a human-like form protect my knees. May the remover of the burden of the earth, who appears in a form which is half-man and half-lion, protect my calves.

*sura-rajya-pradah patu
padau me nriharisvarah
sahasra-sirsa-purusah
patu me sarvasas tanum (16)*

May the bestower of heavenly opulence protect my feet. He is the Supreme controller in the form of a man and lion combined. May the thousand-headed Supreme enjoyer protect my body from all sides and in all respects.

*manograh purvatah patu
maha-viragrajo gnitah
maha-visnur daksine tu
maha-jvalas tu nairrtah (17)*

May the most ferocious personality protect me from the east. May He who is superior to the greatest heroes protect me from the southeast, which is presided over by Agni. May the Supreme Visnu protect me from the south, and may that person of blazing luster protect me from the southwest.

*pascime patu sarveso
disi me sarvato mukhah
nrisimhah patu vayavyam
saumyam bhusana-vigraha (18)*

May the Lord of everything protect me from the west. His faces are everywhere, so please May He protect me from this direction. May Lord Nrsimha protect me from the northwest, which is predominated by Vayu, and may He whose form is in itself the supreme ornament protect me from the north, where Soma resides.

*isanyam patu bhadro me
sarva-mangala-dayakah
samsara-bhayatah patu
mrityor mrityur nrikesari (19)*

May the all-auspicious Lord, who Himself bestows all-auspiciousness, protect me from the northeast, the direction of the sun-god, and may He who is death personified protect me from fear of death and rotation in this material world.

*idam nrisimha-kavacam
prahlada-mukha-manditam
bhaktiman yah pathenaiyam
sarva-papaih pramucyate (20)*

This Nrsimha-kavaca has been ornamented by issuing from the mouth of Prahlada Maharaja. A devotee who reads this becomes freed from all sins.

*putravan dhanavan loke
dirghayur upajayate
yam yam kamayate kamam
tam tam prapnoty asamsayam (21)*

Whatever one desires in this world he can attain without doubt. One can have wealth, many sons, and a long life.

*sarvatra jayam apnoti
sarvatra vijayi bhavet
bhumi-antariksa-divyanam
grahanam vinivaranam (22)*

He becomes victorious who desires victory, and indeed becomes a conqueror. He wards off the influence of all planets, earthly, heavenly, and everything in between.

*vrisikoraga-sambhuta
visapaharanam param
brahma-raksasa-yaksanam
durotsarana-karanam (23)*

This is the supreme remedy for the poisonous effects of serpents and scorpions, and Brahma-raksasa ghosts and Yaksas are driven away.

*bhuje va tala-patre va
kavacam likhitam subham
kara-mule dhritam yena
sidhyeyuh karma-siddhayah (24)*

One may write this most auspicious prayer on his arm, or inscribe it on a palm-leaf and attach it to his wrist, and all his activities will become perfect.

*devasura-manusyesu
svam svam eva jayam labhet
eka-sandhyam tri-sandhyam va
yah pathen niyato narah (25)*

One who regularly chants this prayer, whether once or thrice daily, he becomes victorious whether among demigods, demons or human beings.

*sarva-mangala-mangalyam
bhuktim muktim ca vindati
dva-trimsati-sahasrani
pathet suddhatmanam nrinam (26)*

One who with purified heart recites this prayer 32,000 times attains the most auspicious of all auspicious things, and material enjoyment and liberation are already understood to be available to such a person.

*kavacasyasya mantrasya
mantra-siddhiih prajayate
anena mantra-rajena
kritva bhasmabhir mantranam (27)*

This Kavaca-mantra is the king of all mantras. One attains by it what would be attained by anointing oneself with ashes and chanting all other mantras.

*tilakam vinyased yas tu
tasya graha-bhayam haret
tri-varam japamanas tu
dattam varyabhimantrya ca (28)*

Having marked ones body with tilaka, taking acamana with water, and reciting this mantra three times, one will find that the fear of all inauspicious planets is removed.

*prasayed yo naro mantram
nrsimha-dhyanam acaret
tasya rogah pranasyanti
ye ca syuh kuksi-sambhavah (29)*

That person who recites this mantra, meditating upon Lord Nrsimhadeva, has all of his diseases vanquished, including those of the abdomen.

*garjantam garjayantam nija-bhuja-patalam sphotayantam hatantam
rupyantam tapayantam divi bhuviti-jam ksepayantam ksipantam
krandantam rosayantam disidisi sattatam samharantam bharantam
viksantam purnayantam kara-nikara-satair divya-simham namami (30)*

Lord Nrsimha roars loudly and causes others to roar. With His multitudes of arms he tears the demons asunder and kills them in this way. He is always seeking out and tormenting the demoniac descendants of Diti, both on this earth planet and in the higher planets, and He throws them down and scatters them. He cries with great anger as He destroys the demons in all directions, yet with

His unlimited hands He sustains, protects and nourishes the cosmic manifestation. I offer my respectful obeisances to the Lord, who has assumed the form of a transcendental lion.

*iti sri-brahmanda-purane prahladoktam
sri-nrsimha-kavacam sampurnam (31)*

Thus ends the Nrsimha-kavaca as it is described by Prahlada Maharaja in the Brahmanda Purana.