

Adi Sankaracharya's

Shiva Manasa Pooja [The mental worship of Lord Shiva]

Shiva Manas Puja, written by *Adi guru Shankaracharya* is a very special hymn, which not only praises Shiva, but also depicts the true flavour of Shiva worship. Shiva needs devotion and not demonstration. In this stotram we offer to the great Lord various offering not in physical form but in mental form. We Start by offering bath, cloths, foods, devotion and finally offer ourselves to the Lord. The beauty lies in the fact that everything we offer, we offer in the portal of our mind and not physical. The compassionate Mahadev accepts all our offering and frees us from the consequences of our wrong doings, done knowingly or unknowingly.

Rathnai Kalpitham asanam Himajalai, snanam cha divyambaram, Naana rathna vibhooshitham mruga madhaa Modhan kitham Chandanam, Jaathi champaka bilwa pathra rachitham, pushpam cha doopam thathaa, Deepam deva daya nidhe pasupathe, hrud kalpyatham gruhyathaam.	O Shiva, O merciful Lord of all creatures, I have imagined a throne decorated with precious stones and gems for you, I offer you cold water melted from Great Himalaya to bath, I offer you divine cloths adorned with many precious gems, I offer you musk and sandals, <i>bilva</i> leafs and champak flowers and holy lamp. All these I offer you in my imagination, Please accept my offering, O Lord.
Souvarne nava rathna Ganda Rachithe, paathre Grutham... Paayasam, Bakshyam pancha vidam Payo dadhi yutham, rambha phalam paanakam, Shaaka naama yutham jalam ruchikaram, karpoora khanddo jwalam, Thaamboolam manasaa mayaa virachitham Bhakthya prabho.. sweekuru	I am offering you ghee, and sweet milk in golden bowl decorated with nine jewels and another five varieties of foods made of milk and curd, preparations made from divine fruits and scented sweet water to drink. I offer you lighted lamp with camphor, betel leafs and nuts. O Shiva, I offer you all these from my devotion in my inner mind. Please accept my offerings.

<p>Chathram Chamara yoryugam vya-janakam, chaar darshakam nirmalam, Veena bheri mrudanga kaa..hala kala geetham cha nruthyam thatha, Shaastaangam pranthihis sthuthir bahu vidha, hyethat samastham maya, Sankalpena samarpitham thava vibho , poojaam gruha...na. prabho.</p>	<p>I offer you a seat decorated with canopy, two decorates hand fans and a shining mirror and I present to you songs and dance accompanied with music from veena, mridanga and big kettle drums. I offer you various prayers and hymns in total devotion. O Shiva, please accept these offerings, which is a product of my devotion in my imagination.</p>
<p>Aathma thwam Girija Mathi saha charaa, praanaa sareer..ram gruham, Pooja theey vishayo.pa bhoga rachana, nidhra samadhi sthithi, Sanchara: padayoh pradakshina vidhi:, sthothrani sar. vaagirau, Yad yath karma karomi thadhdhad akhilam, shambho thavaa...aradhanam.</p>	<p>O Shiva, you are my soul, Goddess Paarvati is my reason, my five senses (hearing, speaking ,touching, tasting and smelling) are Your attendants and my body is your home. All the pleasures of my senses are objects to your worship. My sleep is you meditation. Wherever I walk I am walking around You. Everything I say is your prayer and everything I do is in devotion to You.</p>
<p>Kara charana krutham vaak kayajam karmajam vaa, Sravana nayanajam vaa maanasam vaa aparadham, Vihithamavihitham vaa sarva methath Kshamaswa, Jaya Jaya karunabdhe sri Mahadeva Shambho.</p>	<p>O Shiva please forgive all my sins, that I may have committed knowingly or unknowingly through my hands or feets, voice or action, ears or eyes or mind in various different forms. Hail! Hail! O ocean of compassion! O great God! O benevolent Lord!</p>

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