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# Sri Ranga Gadyam

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svadhina trividha cetana cetana-svarupasthiti pravritti-bhedam  
klesa-karmadyasesa-dosa-samsprashtam svabha vikanavadhikatisya  
jnana bala isvarya virya-shakti-tejas sausilya vatsalya-mardava-arjava-  
sauharda-samya karunya-madhurya-gambhiryaudarya-caturya-  
sthairya dhairya shaurya-parakrama-satyakama-satya sankalpa-krtitva  
krtajnata dya-sankhyeya kalyana-guna ganaugha-maharnavam parabrahma  
bhutam purushottamam shri rangasayinam asmat svaminam prabuddha  
nitya niyamyam-nitya dyaikaras atma-svabhavoham tadekanubhavah  
tadekapriyah paripurnam bhagavantam visadatamanubhavena  
nirantaram anubhuya tadanubhavajanita anavadhikatisaya pritikarita  
asesavasthocita-asesaseshataika ratirupa-nitya-kinkaro bhavani (1)

"May I be accepted in the eternal and devoted service of that faultless One, who is complete in all respects — that Lord who holds sway over the nature, existence and activity of the three gradations of the conscious (cetana) and the non-conscious (acetana), Who is untouched by the five types of miseries and pious and sinful karmic reactions: Who is an ocean of sublime, unlimited auspicious qualities: who is the Supreme Brahman and Supreme Person; who reclines on the serpent bed in Sri Rangam; my Master who is complete.

I, who have clearly understood myself to be eternally subject to Your command; I who have tasted the sweetness of always engaging in Your service; I, who realizes that You are the subject of all my knowledge and devotion; I, who have experienced You constantly without interruption; eager and anxious to be of immense and commendable service at all times and under all circumstances to You; with this eagerness generated by the pleasure of my experience of Yourself, let me, the very personification of desire be of service, be accepted eternally for such service.

svatma nitya niyama nitya dasyaika-rasatma svabhavanu-sandhana purvaka  
bhavadanavadhikatisaya svamyadi akhila-guna gananubhavajanita anavadhikatisya  
pritikarita asesasesataikaratirupa nitya-kainkarya-prapyupaya bhakti tadupaya  
samyagjnana tadupaya samicinakriya tadanuguna satvikastikyadi samastatmaguna  
vihinah duruttarananta tadviparyaya jnana-kriyanuguna anadi papavasana  
maharnavantarnimagnah tilatavilavat daruvahnivat durvivecatri-guna  
kshanaksharana-svabhava acetana-praktivyapti-rupa duratyaya bhagavamayatirohita  
svaprakasah anadyasa vidyancitanantasakya visramsana karma pasapasapragrathitah  
anagatanantakalasangamishyapi adrashtasantaropayah nikhila-jantu jatasaranya!  
Shriman narayana! tava caranaravainda-yugalam saranamaham prapadye (2)

I, whose essential nature is built to be ever commanded by Him, understanding this nature and ever thinking of it, meditating always on His great Lordship and all his auspicious qualities, with a devotion which is a means to the service in the form of an intense desire to be of service in all forms under all conditions, possessed of ripe knowledge which would lead to devoted service, engaged in action in the form of service to Him, lacking as I am in personal qualities like virtue (sattva) and firm faith, possessed as I am of qualities and conduct directly opposite to that enumerated and hence steeped in an ageless ocean of sin incapable of being crossed, with naturally endowed knowledge and lustre covered by inevitable association with prakriti which by nature is susceptible to continuous change and is a mixture of the threefold qualities (satva, rajas & tamas), the inevitable association being ordinarily inseparable like oil in the gingelly seed and fire in firewood; bound inextricably by the rope or karma in the form of virtue and sin collected over ages out of ignorance; I who cannot find the means of overcoming this bond to samsara however long I may try; I take refuge in your lotus feet as the only means of emancipation O, Narayana! ever associated with Sri! The refuge of all created beings! I seek your protection.

Evan avasthityapi arthitva matrena parama-karuniko  
bhagavan svanubhava-prityopaitaikatyantika  
nitya-kainkaryaika-rati-rupa nitya-dasyam dasyatiti  
vishvasa purvakam bhagavantam nitya-kinkaratam prarthaye (3)

Though I am in this state, full of various defects, I beg of the Lord my acceptance in eternal service to him in the firm faith that the all merciful Lord, heeding to my earnest request, will grant me the favor of steadfastness in everlasting service to Him urged by devotion resulting from the experience of the Lord.

tavanubhuti-sambhuta priti-kaitadastam dehi me kripaya natha! najane gtimanyatha  
(4)

My Lord! you should be pleased, out of Your unbounded mercy, to grant the service to You resulting from the joy of experiencing you. Apart from begging you, I do not know of any other means.

sarva-vasthochita-sesha-seshataikaratistava bhaveyam  
pundarikaksha! tvamevaivam kurusva mam (5)

O lotus eyed one! I should be eager to render all forms of service under all conditions. You should grant me this state of mind.

evambhuta tatvayathatmavabodha tadiccharahitasyapi  
etadhuccharanamatravalambanena uchyamanartha  
paramartha-nishtam me manas-tvamevadyaiva karaya (6)

Even if I do not have the wish sincerely for the knowledge or that I am not fit for your grace to reach the goal, Please make the words I gave expression to as an excuse to fill in the deficiencies and render me fit.

apara-karunambudhe! analochitavishesha-seshaloka saranya!  
pranarthihara! asritavatsalyaikamahodadhe! anavaratavidita  
nikhila-bhutajatayatatma! satya-kama! satya-sankalpa!  
apatsakha! kakutsa! sriman! narayana! purushottama!  
sri-ranganatha! mama natha! namo'stu te! (7)

|| iti sri-ranga-gadyam samaptam ||

Oh! Limitless ocean of mercy!! One who does not think of the differences when his subjects are in distress, You who destroys the distress of those who seek You! Great ocean of love to His devotees, You who know the truth about all Your creations at all times! You with wishes always fulfilled ! You who can do all that You desire! Friend in my distress! You who grieves at the pains of all men, May You ever be associated with Sri! Greatest of personalities! Lord of Sri Ranganam! My Lord! I prostrate before you.

Thus ends the Sri Ranganatha Gadyam.

