

GURU PRĀRTHANĀ

hai praarthanaa gurudeva se, yaha dharma-maya sansaara ho |
ati uch-chatam jeevana bane, paramaatha-maya vyava-haara ho ||
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naa ham rahe apane liye, hamako sabhee se garja hai |
gurudeva ye aasheṣha de, jo sochane kaa farza hai ||

hama ho pujaaree tattva ke, gurudeva ke aadesha ke |
sacha prema ke, nita nema ke, sad-dharma ke, sat-karma ke ||

ho chidha jhooṭhee raaha kee, anyaaya kee, abhimaana kee |
sevaa karana ko daasa kee, para-vaaha nahee ho jaana kee ||

chhoṭe na ho hama buddhi se, hove samartha eeshamay |
ho raamamay aura kriṣṇamay, jaga-devamaya jaga-deeshamay ||

hara indriyo kaa taaba kara, hama veera ho atidheera ho |
ujjala rahe sara se sadaa, nija dharma-rata hama-veera ho ||

ati-shuddha ho aachaara se, tana mana hamaaraa dharma kaa |
adhyaatma kee shakti hame, pala bhee nahee kara de judaa ||

isa amara aatmaa kaa hame, hara shvaasa bhara me gama rahe |
gara mauta bhee ye aa gae, sukha-duhkha hama ase sama rahe ||

As translated by Swami Niranjan, at Mangrove Ashram, April 2009:

I pray to the almighty Guru – please remember Guru is not a person, Guru is God. Just as we name the unknown and the transcendental by the name of “God”, the spiritual tradition named the transcendental by the name of “Guru”. Guru does not mean teacher, Guru does not mean master. “Gu” means darkness, and “ru” means light, the force, the power that takes us from darkness to light. This is Guru. So this is the prayer to Guru:

I pray to the highest Guru to let this whole world follow its dharma.

All life should be uplifted, and all behaviour should be appropriate.

Let me not live for my personal satisfaction, but let me connect with everyone.

Oh Guru, give me the blessings so that I can think in this manner.

Let me be the worshipper of the essence of life.

Let me be the applier of the teachings of Guru in my life.

Let me apply the true love, the true feeling, the true dharma, and the true karma in my life.

Give me the strength to avoid the crookedness and the falseness.

Give me the strength to avoid the negatives of life.

Give me the strength to serve to the last moment of my breath, and give me the strength to not cling on to my life.

Let my intelligence not be small and little, but let that intelligence identify with the bliss and the beauty of life.

Let me become infused with the energy of Rama and Krishna, of the manifest and the unmanifest power.

Let me learn how to restrain my senses, how to cultivate patience, and how to develop optimism.

Let my head always be held high, for I know that I am treading the true path.

Let my behaviour be pure.

Let my body and mind also follow the precepts of dharma.

Let the power of spiritual life not separate me from my connection with you, oh Guru.

Let me be proud, in every breath, of my unchangeable and immortal nature.

And even if I confront death, let me go with joy and happiness.