

Rudra Gita from Bhagavatham

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(Pracheena Barhis was a king in the Dynasty of Pruthu. He had ten sons and they were known as Prachethas. When their father ordered them to create human beings, they went to the ocean shore to do penance. They saw a very pure water lake near the ocean and they saw Lord Rudra coming out of the lake. They saluted the God. The god became pleased with them and told them like this. (this is contained in Skandam 4 chapter 24 - slokas 27-31 and slokas 33-68). This is called as Rudra Gita by some people and as Rudra geetham by others. It essentially is a prayer by Lord Shiva addressed to Vishnu.

At the end Lord Shiva tells them, "Lead your life as per your own Dharma and chant this stotra. This prayer which is called as 'yogodesam' should be chanted or heard as often as possible. If you do it, you will get divine fame. Among all the fame the greatest is, 'Knowledge of God' and once you attain it, you would be able to cross the difficult to cross ocean of Samsara. Lord Vishnu would be extremely pleased with the chanting of this prayer. Lord Shiva finally emphasizes that it is only those devotees who have caught hold of the Lord's lotus feet who are free from all fear."

1. Yooyam vedishta puthraa,
Viditham vanchikeershitham,
Anugarhaaya badhram vaa,
Evam may darasam krutham

You are the sons of Pracheena barhiss,
I know about your desire,
I am blessing all of you, and,
I have come before you to bless you.

2. Ya param ramhasa saakshaath,
Trigunaath jeeva samjnithath,
Bhagwantham Vasudevam,
Prapanna sa priyo hi may.

You who are all devotees,
Of that God who is beyond,
The three Gunas as well as the soul,
And who have surrendered to him are dear to me.

3. Swa dharma nishta, satha janmabhi poomaan,
Virinchathaamethi, thatha param hi maam,
Avyaaktham bhagavatho adha vaishnavam,
Padham yadhaaham vibudhaa kalathyaye.

Those who follow their allotted Dharma for hundred births,
Reach the Brahma loka and those who do more punyas than that,
Reach me, but the devotees of Lord Vishnu reach him directly,
After their death, but me and devas can go there, only after appointed time.

4. Adha bhagawathaa yooyam,
Priyaastha bhagawan yadhaa,
Na madh bhagawathaanaam cha,

Preyaanunyosthi karhichith.

You who are the devotees are Lord Vishnu,
Are very dear to me as he himself is,
And to the devotees of Lord Vishnu,
No one is dear to them like me.

5. Idham viviktham japthavyam,
Pavithram mangalam param,
Nisreyaskaram chaapi,
Sruyathaam thath vadhaami vaa

I would teach all of you a prayer,
Which takes man to his divine aim-salvation,
That which is pure as well auspicious,
Should be properly pronounced.

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1. Jidham tha aathma vidhdhurya,
Swasthaye swasthirasthume,
Bhavathaa radhasaa raddham,
Sarvasmma athmena nama.

Oh God, you always exist for the auspiciousness,
Of the very great people who know about the soul,
May I be auspicious, You are the one who is divinely happy,
My salutations to you who is divine and one who is the form of all.

2. Nama Pankaja Nabhaya,
Bhootha sookshmendriyaathmane,
Vasudevaya, saanthaaya,
Kootasthaya swarchishe.

Salutations to one having lotus on his belly,
Who is the lord of even minute beings and all organs,
Who is Vasudeva, who is peaceful,
Who is without emotions and self lustrous.

3. Sangarshanaaya sookshmaaya,
Duranthaayanthakaaya cha,
Namo viswa prabodhaaya,
Pradhyumnaayantharathmane.

He who is minute form, who is without end,
Who is the one who burns the universe at deluge,
I salute him who gives consciousness to universe,
And who is the god of the inner soul and knowledge.

4. Namo namo anirudhaaya,
Hrishikesa indryaathmane,
Nama parama hamsaaya,
Poornaaya nibruthathmane

Salutation to god controlling mind,
Who controls the organs and spreads luster,
Salutation to the god with divine form of Sun,
Who is complete and spreads light everywhere.

5. Swargapavarga dwaraya,
Nithyam suchishadhe nama,
Namo hiranya veeryaaya,
Chathur hothraaaya thanthave.

Salutations to him who is the door,
To heaven and salvation and who is pure hearted,
Salutations to the Valorous shining God,
Who makes fire sacrifices possible.

6. Nama oorje ishe thrayaa,
Pathaye, yajna rethase.
Trupthi dhaya cha jeevaanaam,
Nama sarva rasaathmane

Salutations to the God who is,
Of the food to devas and Pithrus,
Salutations to God who in the form,
Juice of water satisfies all beings.

7. Sarva sathathma dehaaya,
Viseshaya sthaveeyase,
Namas trilokya paalaaya,
Saha ojo balaaya cha.

Salutations to God, who is,
The individual and worldly body of all beings,
Salutations to the god who is in the form of three worlds,
Who is also the one who grants strength to the bodies and minds.

8. Artha lingaaya nabhase,
Namo anthar bahiraathmane,
Nama punyaya lokaaya,
Amushmai boori varchase.

Salutations to God who fills inside and outside,
Who is the one who helps to understand things,
Salutations to the God who is the Punya world,
And who exists with great luster.

9. Pravvruthaaya, nivvruthaaya,
Pithru devaaya karmane,
Namo adharma vipaakaaya,
Mruthyuve dukhadhaaya cha.

Salutations to God who is normal and spiritual action,
As well as the rituals done to Pithru deva,
Salutations to one who matures dharma,
And also causes death as well as sorrow.

10. Namastha aseeshaam eesaa,
Manave Kaaranathmane,
Namo Dharmaaya bruhathe,
Krishnaaya Kunta medhase,
Purushaaya puraanaayaa,
Sankhyaa yogeswaraaya

Oh God of all blessings,
Oh Manu, who was born for a cause,
Salutations to the very huge Dharma,
Oh clear thinker, Oh Krishna,
Who is the purana purusha,
Who is the chief of Sankhya yoga.

11. Sakthi thraya samethaaya,
Meedushe, aham kruthathmane,
Chetha aakruthi roopaaya,
Namo Vacho vibhuthaye

Salutations to the God Rudra,
Who has three types of strength,
Who is god of egotism,
Who is God Brahma, the god of speech.

12. Darsanam Nidrikshunaam,
Dehi Bhagawatharchithaam,
Roopam priyathamam sthaanam,
Sarva dharma gunanjanam,

Oh god, show your forms to your devotees,
And also bless us who are anxious to see you,
Please show us your very dear form,
Which would make all our senses happy.

13. Snigdha pravyadghana shyamam,
Sarva soundarya sangraham,
Chaarvaayatha chathurbahum,
Sujathaa ruchirananam.

Let us see your form, which is the collection,
Of all that is pretty and which has the water rich cloud,
Please let us see your pretty form with four long hands,
And your round attractive face.

14. Padmakosa palaasaksham,
Sundarbru sunaasikam,
Sudwijam sukapolasyam,
Sama karna vibhooshanam

He has eyes like inner petals of lotus flower,
Pretty eye brows, very pretty nose,
Pretty teeth, two pretty cheeks,
And ears to suit them all, which are ornamental to him.

15. Preethi prahasithaapaangam,
Alakair upa shobitham,

Lasad pankaja kinjalka,
Dukoolam mrushta kundalam

He has a loving looks that shower pretty smile,
Pretty hair locks which are shining like his forehead,
Pretty ear globes, silk cloths shining like lotus flower,
And we may be blessed to see your such a form.

16. Sphurath kireeda valaya-
Haara noopura mekhalaam,
Sankha chakra gadhaa padma,
Malaa mnyuthamardhimath.

Let us see your form with shining crown, Bangles,
Necklaces, anklets, waist belts,
Holding conch Chakra, mace, lotus flower,
Further decorated by gems, making you very pretty.

17. Simha skandhathwisho bibhral,
Soubhaga greeva kousthubham,
Sriyaanapaayinyaakshiptha,
Nikashaasmorasollayath.

Your shoulders which resemble that of a lion,
And which shine decorated by gems, your neck,
Beautified by Kausthubha gem,
Your chest shining due to presence of Goddess Lakshmi,
May be seen by all of us.

18. pura rechaka samvighna,
Vali vathgudhalodharam,
Prathi samkamayadh viswam,
Nabhyaa vartha gabheerayaa.

You have moving pretty lips, which has,
Three lines like that of a banyan leaf,
And the belly button, which appears,
As if it is calling back the universe to it.

19. Shyama sronyadhirochishnu,
Dukhoola swarna mekhalam,
Sama chaarvamghijamghoru,
Nimna jaanu sudarshanam.

Your black form with shining yellow cloth,
Tied on the hips, golden belt, equal feet,
Calf, thigh and pressed knees,
Is extremely pretty to look at.

20. Padhaa saradh padma palaa sarochishaa,
Nakhadhyubirno antharagham vidhunwathaa,
Pradarsaya sweeyamapaastha saadhwasam,
Padhm guro margga gurusthamojushaam.

Your feet which shine like the petals of lotus,
Flower of autumn, with shine of its nails,

Removes the sin in our mind, Oh teacher of the world,
Who shows the way to those drowned,
In the darkness of ignorance, please show us the place that removes fear of devotees.

21. Yetharupamanudhyeyam,
Athma shudhimabheepsathaam,
Yadh bakthi yogo abhayaddha,
Swadharma anuthishtathaam.

Those who wish for a pure mind,
Should meditate on this form of God,
Following Bhakthi yoga to follow our Dharma,
We will get rid of the fear of samsara.

22. Bhavan bhakthimathaa labhyo,
Durlabha sarva dehinaam,
Swaraajya swaapyabhimatha,
Yekanthaenaathma vidh gathi.

You, who is difficult to get to devotees,
A matter of search for people in heaven,
And the ultimate aim of Atma Jnanis,
Can only be attained for very great devotees.

23. Tham dhooraaradhya maaradhya,
Sathamapi duraapayaa,
Yekaantha bhakthyaako vaancheth,
Paadha moolam vinaa bahi.

It is not easy to worship you,
And if we worship you by ananyabakthi,
Which is difficult even for good people,
What will man desire except,
The protection that your feet gives.

24. Yathra nirvishta maranam,
Kuthantho naabhimanyathe,
Viswam vidhamsayan veerya-
Sourya visphurjitha broovaa

Yama who brings the destruction of the world,
By the valorous heroic movement of eye brows only,
Does not think that the devotee who is under,
Your protection, can be taken away by him.

25. Kshanardhenaapi thulaye,
Na swargam naa punarbhavam,
Bhawath sangi sangasya,
Marthyaanaam kimuthaasisha.

I feel that Heaven, salvation without rebirth,
Is a blessing equal to contact with you,
For less than half a second and what can I say,
About the other desires that man has.

26. Adhaanachangresthava keerthi theerthayo,
Anthar bahi snana vidhuthapapmanaam,
Bhootheshvanu krosa su sathva seelinaam,
Syaath sangomonugraha yesha nasthava.

Because of that let this be your blessing to us.
Let our mind get pure by bath in the flow of your fame,
Let our body get pure by the bath in Ganges flowing from your feet,
And let us get the company of pure blessed souls,
For they who are having mercy towards all beings,
Would have very pure character and a pure mind.

27. Na yasya chitham bahir artha vibhramam,
Thamo guhaayaam cha vishudha maavisath,
Yadh bhakthiyoganugraheetha manjasaa,
Munir vichashte nanu thathra they gathim.

By practicing the penance of devotion to you,
The mind is not attracted by things outside,
And not interested in sleeping and reaches,
The pure state of wakefulness and in this,
State of the mind, the sage gets true realization.

28. Yathretham vrujyathe viswam,
Viswasminnava bhaathiyaath,
Thath thwam Brahma param Jyothi,
AAkasamiva vistrutham.

That divine light of Brahman,
In which this world is realized,
And through which this world shines,
Is as broad as the sky.

29. Yo Mayeyadhampuru roopayasyajath,
Bibarthi bhooya kshapayathya vikriya,
Yadh bedha budhi sadhivathma dussthaya,
Thamathma thnthram bhagawan preethimahi

Oh God we know that you are complete, independent and devoid of Karma,
It is Maya your power that creates, nurtures and destroys the world,
Some feel that this Maya has an independent stand apart from you,
This is perhaps a wrong feeling and wrong thought.

30. Kriya kalapai midhameva yogina,
Sradhanvithaa saadhu yajanthi sidhaye,
Bhoothendriya anthakarano upalakshitham,
Vedha cha thanthre cha tha eva kovidha.

By very many rituals and prayers, Yogis,
Are singing about your this form, for achieving greatness,
When they understand that the power that makes five sense organs and elements,
Work are yourselves only, they became experts in Thanthras and Vedas.

31. Thwameka aadhya purusha, suptha sakthi,
Thaya raja sathwathamo vibhidhyathe,
Mahanaham kham marudagni vardharaa,

Surarshayo bhoothaganaa yidham yatha.

You were the primeval power, which was sleeping,
And that woke up and exhibited itself as Rajas, Thamas and Sathya aspects,
And from that was produced greatness, pride,
Five elements, devas, sages and beings.

32. Srushtam swasakthyedhamanu pravishta,
Chathurvidham puramathmamsakena,
Adho vidhustham purusham santha manthar-
Bunkthehreeshikai madhu saaragham ya.

You entered yourself in the several bodies,
That was created by you by your own powers,
And this purusha is enjoying various things, using senses,
Like a honey bee drinking the honey of flowers.

33. Sa yesha lokaan athi chanda vego,
Vikarshasi thwam khalu kaalayaana,
Bhoothaani bhoothair anumeya thathwo,
Ghanaa valeer vayurivaa vishahya.

Your presence in nature can only be known by guess,
It is you who in the form of time, in a way which cannot be blocked,
Like just like very powerful clouds by the wind,
Drives all beings to death by five elements.

34. Pramatha muchairithi kruthya chinthayaa,
Pravrudha lobham varshayeshu laalasam,
Thwama pramatha sahasabhi padhyase,
Kshullelihgaano ahirivagumenthaka

The people who live interested in passion and money,
And busy always not knowing "What should be done now?"
Are kept away from committing mistakes, by destroying them,
Like a hungry snake searching for food, kills the rat.

35. Kasthwath padhaabjam vijahaathi panditho,
Yashe avamana vya maanakethana,
Visankhayaa asmad gururachathi sma yadh,
Vinopapatheem manava schathudasa

Even the Divine guru Brahma worships you getting,
Doubt about his own truth and similarly the fourteen Manus,
Are worshipping you with complete faith and when things are like this,
Which intelligent person, who knows that life spent without worshipping you,
Is a waste, would neglect to worship your lotus like feet?

36. Adha thwamasi no Brahman,
Parmaathman vipaschithaam,
Viswam rudha bhayadwastham,
Akoothaschid bhayaa gathi.

And so God who is Brahman and Paramathma,
We who know that the world is in the grip,
Of fear of time, are surrendering to you,

Who is not affected by any fear whatsoever.