

Siksastakam

Text 1

Let us praise the chanting of God's names, which cleans away our selfish thoughts. It stops the cycle of repeated birth and death. It is the best gift, because it spreads good fortune everywhere, like the cooling rays of the rising moon. This moon increases the ocean of spiritual joy, helping us taste real happiness. It gives life and purpose to our learning.

Text 2

O my Lord, Your holy name can bring good luck to all creatures. You have millions of names, like Krishna and Govinda. In these names, you have injected divine power. There are no strict rules for chanting your names. O my Lord, out of kindness you allow us to easily get close to you, through your names. I am so unlucky, however, that I don't like chanting.

Text 3

We should chant the Lord's name in a humble state of mind. We should be gentle, like a delicate blade of grass; and tolerant, like a sturdy tree. Free of pride, we should offer respect to everyone. With such an attitude, we can always chant God's holy names.

Text 4

O Almighty Lord, I have no desire to collect more money than I need. I don't want many worldly pleasures; I don't want to be a great celebrity with thousands of followers. All I want to do is serve you with love, life after life.

Text 5

O Krishna, my real home is your everlasting world. However, I have fallen into this world, the dangerous ocean of birth and death. Please pick me up and place me like a speck of dust at Your lotus feet.

Text 6

O my Lord, when will my eyes be decorated with tears of love, flowing constantly when I chant Your sacred name? When will my voice crack up due to love? When will the hair of my body stand on end as I chant Your name?

Text 7

O Govinda! When you are away, one second feels like twelve years or more. Tears flow from my eyes like torrents of rain. Without you, the world feels completely empty.

Text 8

I love no-one as much as Krishna. I will always love him, even if he embraces me too tightly, or breaks my heart by going away. He is free to do anything and everything, for I will always love him unconditionally.