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[To bring down the pride of Indra, Lord Krishna advised the cowherds to discontinue the worship of him and instead worship Govardhana mountain. Enraged by this Lord Indra attacked Gokula by torrential rain. The Lord lifted the mountain and under it, the entire Gokula was protected. Humbled by the Lord, Indra prayed to him. This prayer occurs in Tenth Skanda, twenty seventh chapter and slokas 4-13. I have consulted the translation of this prayer by Smt, Sudha Devi Ramkumar in her book in Tamil called Sri Krishna Sthuthi malai and the translation by Sri C. I. Goswami in his English translation of Bhagawatham published by Gita press, Gorakhpur.]

1. Vishdha thathwam thava dhama shantham,
Thapomayam dwastha rajastha maskam,
Maaya mayoyam guna sampravaho,
Na vidhyathe they agra hana anu bandha.

Your peaceful abode is the principle of purity,
It is full of penances and devoid of Rajas and Thamas,
And the tide of characters created by your illusion,
Does not reach here and persists only through ignorance.

2. Kuthaa nu thadwethava yeesa thathkruthaa,
Lobhaadhayo ye abudha linga bhaava,
Thadaapi dandam bhagwan vibhothim,
Darmasya guptyai khala nigrahaaya.

In spite of even an iota of greed and other qualities,
Which cause rebirth and are the sign of ignorant,
Does not exist in you, you have taken the rod of punishment,
For punishing the bad and protecting the good, Oh God.

3. Pitha guru sthwam jagathaam adheeso,
Durathyaya kala upatha danda,
Hithaaya swecha thanubhi sameehase.
Manam vidhunvan jagadheesa maaninam.

Father and teacher you are, Oh Lord of the universe,
And you hold the scepter of the impassable time,
And take the form that pleases you,
And punish those who falsely think that they are Gods.

4. Ye madh vidhaagnaa jagadheesa maanina,
Thwaam veekshya kale abhayamasu than madham,,
Hithwaa aarymargam prabha janthya pasmayaa,
Yeehaa khalaanaam api they anusasanam.

Fools like me think that we are the lords of universe,
But seeing you, we shake of our pride too quickly,
For, you without feeling of ego, face dangers peacefully,
And punish the bad ones, simply by your discipline.

5. Sa thwam mamaiswarya madha pluthasya,
Krtuthaga sasthe avidhusa prabhavam,
Kshanthum prabho adharhasi mooda chethaso,



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"This is the gist of all worship - to be pure and to do good to others. He who sees Shiva in the poor, in the weak, and in the diseased, really worships Shiva; and if he sees Shiva only in the image, his worship is but preliminary. He who has served and helped one poor man seeing Shiva in him, without thinking of

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Maivam punarboonmathireesa may asathi.

Due to the fact that I was immersed in the pride of wealth and power,
And being ignorant of your greatness I troubled and sinned against you,
And so Oh Lord pardon my not suitable foolish pride and also protect me,
From doing such wrong things,like falling into this type of deceit.

6. Thavaa avatharoo ayam adhokshajeha,
SWayambharanaa muru bhara janmnam,
Chamupthinama bhavaaya deva,
Bhavaya Yushasath charananu varthinaam.

Oh God who is above the self perception, your incarnation,
Is meant to exterminate great valorous people,
Who are themselves burden to this earth,
And also capable of making others burden to the world,
And also to protect devotees who worship your feet.

7. Namasthubhyam bhagawathe, purushaya mahathmane,
Vaasudevaaya Krishnaaya sathwathaam pathaye nama.

Oh God, O h Purusha, Oh great one, my salutations to you,
Oh Vasudeva, Oh Krishna, oh protector of devotees, I salute you.

8. Swachandho patha dehaaya, vishudha Jnana murthaye,
Sarvasmai sarva bheejaaya, sarva bhoothatmane nama.

Oh God who can take any form that you like,
Oh God who is personification of pure wisdom,
Oh God who is everything and is the seed of all beings,
Oh God who is the soul of all beings, My salutations.

9. Mayedham Bhagawan goshta naasaya sara vayubhi,
Cheshtitham vihathe yagnye, maninaa theevramanyunaa.

Due to the obstruction to my worship, I tried the mischief,
Of destruction of Vruja by torrential rain and wind,
Since I was filled with pride and violent anger.

10. Thwayesa anugruhithosmi dwastha sthambho vrudhodhyama,
Iswarem guru mathmaanam thwamaham saranam gatha.

My efforts were put to naught and my pride was crushed, Oh teacher of my soul,
And I have received your blessings and I have surrendered to you.

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