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[Slokas 8 to 25 of Chapter 11 of Devi Mahathmyam is called Narayani Sthuthi (Prayer to Narayani). Narayani denotes "the innate power behind ultimate god". It also means "she who provides the basis for all living things." Or "She who is the power behind Lord Narayana." Or the power of illusion behind Lord Narayana or she who is personification of salvation or She who is fit to be worshipped by Devas. This prayer was done by all devas after the Goddess exterminated Shumbha, Nishumbha and their army.]

1. Kalakashtadhi roopena parinama pradhayini,
Visvasyoparathou shakthe, narayani namosthute.

Hey powerful one, who leads to evolution of earth from the micro time and who is the main force in the destruction of the world, Our salutations to you, Narayani.
(Kashta is the time when eyes blink and open naturally for 18 times and kala is 30 kashtas. These are small measurements of time.)

2. Sarva mangala mangalye, Shive, sarvartha sadhake,
Saranye triambike Gowri narayani namosthute.

Oh Goddess who is a giver of all good things, who is peaceful, who is a giver of all wealth, who can be relied upon, who has three eyes and who is golden in colour, Our salutations to you, Narayani

3. Srushti sthithi vinasanam sakthi bhoothe, sanathani,
Gunasraye, gunamaye, narayani namosthute.

Hey goddess who is the power behind creation, upkeep and destruction. Hey goddess who is for ever, who is depended upon by three characters of sathva, Rajas and Thamas and who is filled with all good characteristics, Our salutations to you, Narayani

4. Saranagatha deenaartha, parithrana parayane,
Sarvsyarthi hare devi, narayani namosthute.

Hey Goddess, who takes care of those who surrender to you and those who are suffering, Hey Goddess who removes all sufferings from the entire world, Our salutations to you, Narayani

5. Hamsa yuktha vimanasthe, brahmani roopa dharini,
Kaushambha ksharika devi, Narayani namosthute.

Oh goddess who travels in the air plane with swans, who is having the form of Lord Brahma and who sprinkles water mixed with Dhurbha grass, Our salutations to you, Narayani

6. Trishula chandrahi dhare, maha vrushabha vahini,
Maheswari swaropena narayani namosthute.

Oh Goddess who has the form of Lord Shiva, who holds a trident, who adorns herself with the crescent and snake and who rides on the great bull, Our salutations to you, Narayani

7. Mayura kukkuda vruthe, maha shakthi dhare anaghe,
Kaumari roopa samsthane, Narayani namosthute.

Of Goddess who is with cock and peacock, who holds a great spear, who is without sin, who is of the form of Lord Subrahmanya, Our salutations to you, Narayani.



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"Truth is one; only It is called by different names. All people are seeking the same Truth; the variance is due to climate, temperament, and name. A lake has many ghats. From one ghat the Hindus take water in jars and call it 'jal'. From another ghat the Mussalmans take water in leather bags and

8. Samkha chakra gadha sarnkhya graheetha paramayudhe,
Praseedha Vaishnavi roope, Narayani namoshthuthe.

Oh Goddess who holds mace, wheel, conch and bow in your hands, and who is the form of Lord Vishnu, be pleased with us, Our salutations to you, Narayani

9. Graheethogra maha chakre, damshtro dhyutha vasundhare,
Varaha roopini, shive, narayani namosthuthe.

Oh Goddess who holds aloft the great holy wheel, who holds the earth in her frontal teeth, who has the form of Lord Varaha and who does only good, Our salutations to you, Narayani

10. Nrusimha roopenogrena hanthum daithyan kruthodhyame,
Trilokya trana sahithe, Narayani namosthuthe.

Oh Goddess who has the form of the Lord Narasimha, who has a horrifying look and who is ready to kill asuras and who takes care of the three worlds, Our salutations to you, Narayani

11. Kiritini, maha vajre, sahasra nayanojwale,
Vruthra prana hare, narayani namoshthe.

Oh Goddess with the holy crown, who holds aloft the great Vajrayudha, who shines with thousand eyes, who killed the Vruthra asura and who has the form of Indra, Our salutations to you, Narayani

12. Shivadhoothi swaropena hatha daithya maha bale,
Ghora roope, maharave, Narayani namosthuthe.

Oh Goddess who has the form of Shiva Dhoothi, who killed the great army of asuras, who has a horriying look and who has a great sound, Our salutations to you, Narayani

13. Damshttra karala vadane, siro mala vibhooshane,
Chamunde, munda madhane, narayani namosthuthe.

Oh Goddess who has a fearful face because of her teeth, who adorns herself with the garland of skulls, who killed the giant called Munda and who is goddess Kali, Our salutations to you, Narayani

14. Lakshmi lajje mahavidhye, sradhe, pushti swadhe, druve,
Maha rathri maha maye, Narayani namosthuthe.

Hey Goddess Lakshmi, who is the personification of shyness, who is of the form of upanishads, who has a religious temper, who looks very strong, who has the form of the manes, who is permanent, who is the night of deluge and who is the cause of all the worlds, Our salutations to you, Narayani

15. Medhe, saraswathi, vare, bhoothi bhabravi, thamasi,
Niyathe, thwam, praseedhesa, narayani namosthuthe.

Oh Goddess who is wisdom of intelligence, who is the goddess of words, who is greatest, who is the goddess of the properties of Sathva, Rajo and Thamas, and who is our Goddess, please be kind on us, Our salutations to you, Narayani

16. Sarva swarope sarveshe, sarva shakthi samanvithe,
Bhayebhya sthrahino devi, durga devi namosthuthe.

Oh goddess who takes all forms, who is the goddess of every thing and who is having all types of strengths, please save us from fears, Our salutations to you, Goddess Durga.

17. Ethathe vadanam soumyam, lochana thraya bhooshitham,
Pathu na sarva bhoothebhya, kathyayani namosthuthe.

Oh Goddess Kathyayani, our salutations to you, let your pretty face adorned with the three

eyes protect us from all beings.

18. Jwala karala mathyugra maseshasura soodhanam,
Trishoolam padu no bheeder bhadrakali, namosthutte.

Oh Goddess Bhadrakali, salutations to you, let your horrifying trident surrounded by flames,
which is very angry and is being kept to trouble all asuras, protect us from fear.

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