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1. Jai jai jai shri jagat pati, jagadadhar anant
Vishveshvar akhilesh aj, Sarveshvar Bhagvant.

Victory, Victory to the Lord of the world,
The one who carries the world and is the endless one
Lord of the universe, Lord of everywhere,
He who was not born, Lord of all beings and God.

2. Jai jai Dhranidhar shruti sagar
jayati Gadadhar sadgun agar.

Victory, victory to the one who carries the earth, The ocean of Vedas,
Victory to holder of mace, the top among good natured ones,

3. Shri Vasudev Devaki nandan
Vasudev, nasan-bhav-phandan.

The son of Vasudeva and Devaki,
And Krishna who cuts off ties of birth.

4. Namonamom sacharachar-svami
paranbrahma prabhu namonamom namami.

Salutations and salutations to the lord of all beings,
Salutations and salutations to the Lord who is the divine Brahman.

5. Namonamom Tribhuvan pati Ish
Kamala pati keshav yogish.

Salutations and salutations to the God who is the lord of the three worlds,
Consort of Lakshmi, Kesava and the Lord of Yogis.

6. Garudadhvaj aj, bhav bhai hari
Murlidhar Hari Madan murari.

He who has Garuda on his flag, remover of fear of birth,
He who carries flute, Hari, the very attractive killer of Mura,

7. Narayan shripati Purshottam
Padmanabhi narhari sarvottam.

He who is Narayana, consort of Lakshmi, the best among Purushas,
He who has lotus in his belly, the man lion and the best of all gods.

8. Jai Madhav Mukuud,vanamali,
khal dal mardan, daman-kuchali.



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"The universe is full of action, but there is no actor. There are numberless persons small and big and very big, who, through identification, imagine themselves as acting, but it does not change the fact that the world of action (mahadakash) is one single whole in which all depends on, and affects, all. The

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Victory to Madhava, Mukunda and he who wears forest garlands,
He beats the groups of bad ones and punishes those with bad habits,

9. Jai aganit indhiya sarangdhar
vishva rup Vaman anand kar.

Victory to one who has countless sense organs,
One who carries Saranga the bow,
Personification of universe, dwarf one
And one who makes us happy

10. Jai jai lokadhyaksh-dhananijai
sahastragya Jaganath jayati jai.

Victory to him who presides over the world and Lord Vishnu,
The expert on Vedas, lord of the universe, victory to you.

11. Jai Madhusudan anupam anan
jayati Vayu-vahan vajra kanan.

Victory to killer of Madhu, and incomparable joy,
Victory to him who rides on air and the thunderbolt to forests.

12. Jai Govind Janardan deva
shubh phal lahat gahat tav seva.

Victory to God Govinda and Janardhana,
Service to you would bring in good results.

13. Shyam saroruh sam tan sohat
darsha karat, sur nar muni mohat.

Your body which is black like a dark lotus,
Is being seen by devas, men and sages.

13. Bhal vishal mukut shir sajat
ura vaijanti mal virajat.

You have broad forehead and
Your head is finely decorated by a crown,
And your chest shines with the garland Vaijyanthi.

14. Tirchhi Bhrikuti chap janu dhare
tin-tar nain kamal arunare.

Your arched eye brow looks like a bow,
And the eyes below are like the red lotus flowers.

15. Nasha chibuk kapol manohar
mridu muskan kunj adharan par.

Your nose, chin and cheeks are very pretty,
And so are your lips with a soft smile.

16. Janu mani pankti dashan man bhavan
basan pit tan param suhavan.

Your set of teeth, set like a row of gems is bewitching,
And your body dressed in yellow is indeed charming.

17. Rup chaturbhuj bhushit bhushan
varad hast, mochan bhav dushan.

Your form with four hands decorated by ornaments,
And your blessing hands remove sins and lead to freedom.

18. Kanjarun sam kartal sundar
sukh samuh gun madhur samundar.

Your palms are pretty looking like red lotus,
And leads to lot of good and are a sweet nectar like sea.

19. Kar mahan lasit shankh ati pyara
subhag shabda jai dene hara.

In your one great hand is the dear conch,
Whose good sound gives rise to victory.

20. Ravi sam chakra dvitiya kar dhare
khal dal danav sainya sanhare.

In another hand you hold a wheel shining like Sun,
So that you can kill, host of very bad asuras.

21. Tritiya hast mahan gada prakashan
sada tap-traya-pap vinashan.

In your third hand the great mace shines,
Which always removes three types of suffering and sin.

22. Padma chaturch hath mahah dhare
chari padarath dene hare.

In your fourth hand you hold a lotus flower,
Which gives the four goodies viz Dharma, Wealth, passion and salvation.

23. Vahan Garud manogativana
tihun tyagat, jan hit Bhagvana.

You travel on Garuda who travels as fast as mind,
Whom you forsake for the sake of good of the people.

24. Pahunchi tahan pat rakhat svami
ko Hari sam bhaktan anugami.

You reach there, where you are needed,
For who in the world can follow their devotees like Hari.

25. Dhani-dhani mahima again ananta
dhanya bhaktavatsal Bhagvanta.

Blessed is your greatness which is beyond senses and endless
Blessed are you who loves your devotees.

26. Jab-jab surahin asur dukhdinha
taba tab prakati, kasht Hari linha.

Whenever asuras gave trouble to devas,
At all those times you came and removed their problems.

27. Sab sur-muni Brahmadi Maheshu
sahi na sakyoti kathin kaleshu

28. Tab tahan dhari bahu rup nirantar
mardyo-dal danvahi bhayahkar.

When devas, sages, Brahma and Shiva,

Were not able to bear their difficulties,
Then you assumed very many different forms,
And permanently destroyed those fearsome asuras.

29. Shaiyya shesh, Sindhu bich sajit
sang Lakshmi sada-virajit.

30. Puran shakti dhanya-dhan-khani
anand bhakti bharani sukh dani.

Your bed was Adhi sesha, spread out on the sea,
And with you forever shined Goddess Lakshmi,
With full powers, Who is the mine of blessed wealth,
And giver of joy, devotion, pleasure and wealth.

31. Jasu virad nigamagam gavat
sharad shesh par nahin pavat.

You are the one whose fame is sung by Vedas and shastras,
But even Adhi Sesha and Sarswathi cannot find your end.

32. Rema Radhika Siya sukh dhama
sohi Vishnu Krishna aru Rama.

You gave joy to Lakshmi, Radha and Sita,
In your forms of Vishnu, Krishna and Rama respectively.

33. Aganit rup anup apara
nirgun sagun svarup tumhara.

Innumerable, incomparable and great are your forms,
They are also forms with and without quality.

34. Nahin kachhu bhed ved as bhashat
bhaktan se nahin antar rakhat.

For the Vedas there is no difference between them,
And there is also no difference between you and your devotees.

35. Shri Prayag-Durvasa-dhama
Sundardas Tivari grama.

36. Jag hit lagi tumahin Jagdishu
nij-mati rachyo Vishnu-chalisa.

Oh Lord, this Vishnu Chalisa was composed,
By Sundardas of Tivari village to his best of ability,
At the hermitage of Durvasa,
For the good of the world.

37. Jo chit dai nit padhat padhvat
puran bhakti shakti sarsavat.

38. Ati sukh vasat, ruj rin nasat
vaibhav vikashat, sumati prakashat.

Those who with devotion read this,
Or make others read it will be blessed,
With full devotion, strength and knowledge.
They would live with great happiness,
Recover completely from diseases and debt,
Would become wealthy and get good thoughts.

39. Avat sukh, gavati shruti sharada,

bhashat Vyas-bachan rishi Narad.

40. Milat subhag phal shok nasavat
ant samaya jan Han pad pavat.

Pleasures would come, sings Goddess Saraswathi,
So also tell sage Vyasa and sage Narada,
Sorrows will vanish good will come,
And at the end people would get salvation.

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Prem sahit gahi dhyam mahan, hridai bicha Jagdish,
Arpit Shaligram kahan, kari Tulasi nit shish.
Kshan bhangu tanu jani, kari ahankar parihar.
Sar rup Ishvar lakhai, taji asar sansar,
Satya shodh kari ur gahai, ek Brahma Onkar,
Atma bodh hovai tabai, milai mukti ke dvar.
Shanti aur sadbhav kahan, jab ur phulain phul,
Chalisa phal lahai jan, rahai Ish anukul.
Ek path jan nit karai, Vishnu dev chalis,
Jai Sri Vishnu !
Char padarath navahun nidhi, deyan Dvarikadhis

This prayer should be sung with love,
After making the great Lord sit in your heart,
Basil flowers should be offered to Shaligram,
Understanding that the body is transient you should leave out all pride,
And then know that the lord is the only reality and the world is due to him,
Also do basic study on truth and find that "Om" is Brahman,
And then you will understand who you are and would reach the gates of salvation,
And if peace and goodwill are there, you would definitely get the fruits,
And if you know these forty verses, God will be on your side.
If these forty verses are read daily and you wish victory to Vishnu,
The Lord of Dwaraka would give you four rewards and nine treasures.

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