

Sastha Dasakam

(Ten verses about Sastha)

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(Sastha is the son of Lord Vishnu and Lord Shiva. He was born in this world to kill an ogress called Mahishi. Sastha assumed the form of a baby and was found by a king belonging to Pandya Dynasty ruling over Pandalam of Kerala. He was named Iyappa .After his life's objectives were over; he entered in to a Temple in the forests of Kerala called Sabarimala. Millions of devotees congregate there every year to have a glimpse of this god)

Loka Veeram Maha poojyam,
Sarava raksha karam Vibhum,
Parvathi hrudayanandam ,
Sastharam pranamamyaham **1**

I salute that God Sastha,
Who is the hero of the world,
Who is greatly noble,
Who is the lord protecting everyone,
And who gives happiness to the heart of Parvathi.

Vipra poojyam , Viswa Vandhyam,
Vishnu Shambho priyam sutham,
Kshipra prasada niratham,
Sastharam pranamamyaham **2**

I salute that God Sastha,
Who is being worshipped by Brahmins,
Who is saluted by the universe,
Who is the darling son of Vishnu and Shiva,
And who is becomes pleased very quickly.

Matha mathanga gamanam,
Karunyamrutha pooritham,
Sarva vigna haram devam,
Sastharam pranamamyaham **3**

I salute that God Sastha,
Who walks like a vigorous elephant,
Who is filled with nectar of mercy,
And who is the God who removes all obstacles.

**Asmad kuleshwaram devam,
Asmad Shathru vinasanam,
Asmad ishta pradha daram,
Sastharam pranamamyaham** 4

**I salute that God Sastha,
Who is the god of my family,
Who destroys my enemies,
And who fulfills all my wishes.**

**Pandyesha vamsa thilakam,
Kerale Keli vigraham,
Artha thrana param devam,
Sastharam pranamamyaham** 5

**I salute that God Sastha,
Who is the greatest of the clan of Pandyas,
Who is the playful god of Kerala,
And who is the God who looks after the oppressed.**

**Traymbaka puradheesam ,
Ganadhipa Samanvitham,
Gajaroodam aham Vande,
Sastharam pranamamyaham** 6

**I salute that God Sastha,
Who rides on an elephant,
Who is the king of Tryambaka,
And who is near to Lord Ganesa.**

**Siva veerya samud bhootham,
Sreenivasa thanudbhavam,
Siki vahanujam Vande,
Sastharam pranamamyaham** 7

**I salute that God Sastha,
Who is the personification of power of Shiva,
Who was born out of the body of Sreenivasa,
And who is the brother of him who rides the peacock.**

**Yasya Danwantharir matha,
Pitha devo Maheswara,
Tham Sastharamaham vande ,
Maha Roga nivaranam.** 8

I salute that Sastha,
Whose mother is Dhanwanthari,
Whose father is Lord Shiva,
And who cures all diseases.

**Bhoothanatha, sadananda,
Sarva bhootha daya para,
Raksha raksha maha baho,
Sasthre thubham namo nama.**

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Salutations and salutations to that Sastha,
Who is the lord of all beings,
Who is perennially ever happy,
Who shows mercy towards all beings,
And I pray ,” Protect me great hero.”

**Ashyama komala vishala thanum Vichithram,
Vasoavasana arunothphala dama hastham,
Uthunga rathna magudam, kutilagra kesam,
Sastharamishta varadam saranam prapadhye.**

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I seek the protection of Sastha who loves his devotees,
Who has the peculiar pretty black body colour,
Who lives till the end of the world,
Who has dawn like hands which resemble lightning
Who has tall crown made of costly gems,
And Who has curly and pretty hair.