

Annapurna devi aarhi
(The prayer to Goddess Annapurna)

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(Aarhi are Hindi prayer songs, sung in a chorus with the waving of lamps before gods, this prayer is addressed to Goddess Annapurna , the presiding Goddess of Benares.)

Bharambhar pranaam maiya, Bharambhar pranaam,
Jo dhyave thumhi Ambike, kahan use vishram,
Annapurna devi naam thiharo, leth hoth sab kaam,
Pralaya yuganthar aur janmanthar , kalanthar thak naam,
Sur surom ki rachanaa karthi, kahan Krishna kahan ram,
Choomhi charan chathur chaturanan, charu chakradhar shyam,
Chandra chood chandranan chakar shobha laghi salaam,
Devi deva dayaneeya dasa mein, dhaya dhaya thab jama,
Thrahi , thrahi saranagath vathsal, sharanaroop thava dhaam,
Sri hi sradha, sri iye vidhya, sri kallee kamal kaam,
Kaanthi bhaanthe mayeekaanthi shaanthe sayovar dethu nishkaam.

Again and again, I salute you , mother , again and again,
He who thinks of you Oh goddess, where is need for rest for him,
Take the name of Annapurna and all your jobs will be done,
Till the deluge, from time of birth and from the beginning of time , your name,
Would compose the music of Gods and where is Krishna, where is Rama,
Your feet are kissed by the four handed Lord Brahma,
And the pretty black God who holds the holy wheel,
The great God who wears the moon is getting his brightness by saluting you,
Oh Goddess , in bad straits the devas are gathering your mercy by praying you ,
Please save me, save me oh Goddess who loves those who surrender to you,
For your temple is nothing but the great personification of your devotees,
She is the only attention, she is the only knowledge,
Her job is to make this Kali age blossom like lotus,
Oh goddess who is like light , please give me the light of peace and make me without
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