

Raghothamashtakam
(The octet on the greatest one in Raghu clan)

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**Kruthartha deva vandanam, Dinesa vamsa nandanam,
Sushobhi phalachandanam, Namami Ramam easwaram. 1**

I salute that God Rama,
Who is saluted by grateful devas,
Who belongs to clan of the Sun God,
And who shines with sandal applied on his forehead.

**Muneendra yagna karakam, Shila vipathi harakam,
Maha dhanur vidharakam, Namami Ramam easwaram. 2**

I salute that God Rama,
Who got the Yagna of Viswamithra conducted,
Who removed danger to the stone,
And who broke the great bow.

**Swathatha vakya karinam, thapovane viharinam,
Vareshu chapa dharinam, Namami Ramam easwaram. 3**

I salute that God Rama,
Who obeyed words of his father,
Who lived in the forests of meditation,
And who carried bows and arrows.

**Kuranga muktha sayakam, Jatayu moksha dayakam,
Pravidha keesa nayagam, Namami Ramam easwaram. 4**

I salute that God Rama,
Who shot an arrow at the deer,
Who gave salvation to Jatayu,
And who shot an arrow at the king of monkeys.

**Plavanga sanga sammathim, Nibadha nimnagapathim,
Dasasya vamsa samkshathim, Namami Ramam easwaram. 5**

I salute that God Rama,
Who had a treaty with monkeys,
Who built a bridge over the sea,
And who put an end to family of the ten headed.

**Vidheenadeva harshanam, kapeepsithaartha varshanam,
Swabandhu soka harshanam, Namami Ramam easwaram.**

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**I salute that God Rama,
Who gave happiness to the sad devas,
Who fulfilled the wishes of monkeys,
And who put an end to the sorrow of his relations.**

**Gathari rajya rakshanam, prajwa janartha bakshanam,
Kruthastha moha lakshanam, Namami Ramam easwaram.**

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**I salute that God Rama,
Who saved the kingdom from enemies,
Who put an end to the sorrow of the people,
And who existed as a great philosopher.**

**Hruthakhilachalabharam, swadhamaneetha nagaram,
Jagathamo divakaram, Namami Ramam easwaram.**

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**I salute that God Rama,
Who lightened the load of earth,
Who lead his people to heaven,
And who is the sun who put an end to darkness.**

**Idham samahithathmana naro raghoothamashtakam,
Pata nmirantharam, bhayam, bhavodh bhavam na vindhathe.**

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**He who reads this octet,
On the great one of Raghu clan,
Permanently with devotion,
Would never feel the fear of this world.**