

Sri Ramachandra Sthuthi
(Prayer to Lord Ramachandra)

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Sri Ramachandra Krupalu bhaju bhaya bhava bhaya dharunam,
Nava kanja lochana, kanja mukha, Kara kanja, pada kanjarunam. 1

Sing about that merciful Ramachandra,
For driving away the fears of miserable life,
For he has lotus like eyes, Lotus like face,
Lotus like hands and lotus like legs.

Kandarpa aganitha amitha cchavi, navanila neerada sundaram,
Pata peetha maanahu thaditha, ruchi suchi naumi janaka suthavaram. 2

My salutations to the consort of Sita,
Who is prettier than countless cupids,
Who is pretty like the freshly formed cloud,
And is clad in ever pure yellow silks,
Which shines like the lightning.

Bhaju dheenabandhu dinesa dhanava daithya vamsa nikandanam,
Raghunanda aanandakanda kaushala chanda , dasaratha nandanam. 3

Pray to that sun like friend of the oppressed,
Who exterminated the clan of asuras and Rakshasas,
Who is the source of joy belonging to the clan of Raghu.
And who is the son of Dasratha and moon to the Kosala.

Sira makuta kundala charu udharu anga vibhooshanam,
Aajanubhujra sara chapa dhara, samgrama jitha kara dhooshanam. 4

He is adorned on his head by a crown,
Wears ornaments over his pretty body,
Carries bow and arrow in his long hands,
And in war won over Khara and Dhooshana.

Ithi vadathi Thulasidasa, Sankara sesha muni mana ranjanam,
Mama hrudaya kanju nivasa, karu kamadhi khala dala ganjanam. 5

Thus tells the saint Thulasidasa,
To him who entertains the mind,

Of Shankara, Sesa and other sages,
“Oh Lord live in the lotus of my mind,
And destroy completely desires,
And evil thoughts for ever.”