

Shiva Raksha Stotra (Prayer of protection to Lord Shiva)

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(This great Stotra was revealed by Lord Shiva himself to sage Yagnavalkya, in his dream.)

Asya Sri Shiva Raksha stotra mantrasya

For the chant of Protection of Lord Shiva

Yagna Valkya rishi

The sage is Yagna Valkya

Sri Sadashivo devatha

God is Sada Shiva

Anushtup chanda

Meter is Anushtup

Sri Sada shiva preethartham Shiva raksha stotra jape viniyoga

For pleasing Lord Sada Shiva, the chanting of Shiva Raksha stotra is being done.

**Charitham deva devasya , maha devasya pavanam,
Aparam paramodharam, chathur vargasya sadhanam.**

1

The story of God of Gods,
The blessed story of Lord Shiva,
Which is great , which is elevating,
And blesses one with four types of wealth.

**Gowri vinayakopetham , pancha vakthram trinethrakam,
Shivam dyathwa dasa bhujam Shiva Rakshaam paden nara.**

2

After meditating on Lord Shiva,
Who has five necks and three eyes,
And who is accompanied by Parvathi and Ganesa,
Men should read the protection of Lord Shiva.

Gangadhara sira pathu, Phalam ardentu shekara,

Nayane madana dwamsi, karnou sarpa vibhooshana. 3

Let he who carries Ganga protect my head,
Let he who keeps the crescent of moon protect my forehead,
Let the killer of Cupid protect my eyes,
Let he who wears Snakes as ornament protect my ears.

Granam pathu purar aathi, mukham pathu jagath pathi,
Jihwam vaggeswara pathu, kandharam shiva kandhara. 4

Let my nose me protected by the destroyer of puras(cities),
Let my face be protected by Lord of Universe.
Let my toungue be protected by the Lord of words,
And let my neck be protected by Shiva who lives in caves.

Sri Kanda pathu may kandam, skandhou viswa durandhara,
Bhujow bhoo bhara samhartha, karou pathu pinaka dhruk. 5

Let my throat be protected by the God with a blessed throat,
Let my shoulders be protected by , he who removes ills of the world,
Let my arms be protected by he who lessens the burden of earth,
And let he who holds Pinaka bow protect my hands.

Hrudayam Shankara Pathu, jataram giriya pathi,
Nabhim mruthyunjaya pathu , katim vyagra jinambara. 6

Let Shankara protect my heart,
Let my belly be protected by consort of Girija,
Let my navel be protected by he who won over death,
And let my waist be protected by he who dresses in Tiger skin.

Sakthinee pathu deenartha, saranagatha vathsala,
Ooru maheswara pathu, janunee jagad easwara. 7

Let the God who takes mercy on the oppressed,
Who is dear to those who surrender to him protect my joints,
Let my thighs be protected by the great God,
And knees by the God of the universe.

Jange pathu jagath kartha, gulphou pathu ganathipa,
Charanou Karuna Sindhu, sarvangani sada shiva. 8

Let my calves be protected by the creator of the world,
Lat my ankles be protected by leader of Ganas,
Let my feet be protected by ocean of mercy,

And let all my body parts be protected by Sada Shiva.

Yetham shiva balo petham., raksam ya sukruthee padeth,
Sa bhukthwa sakalan kaamaan , shiva sayujyamapnuyath,
Graha bhootha pisachadhya , trilokyepi charanthi ye,
Dhoorad aasu palayanthe Shiva namabhi rakshanath.

9

That blessed one who reads this protection,
Which is blessed with power of Lord Shiva,
Would get all his desires fulfilled,
Attain nearness to Lord Shiva after death,
And planets , ghosts and ghouls ,
Which travel in any of the three worlds,
Would run immediately , far, far away,
Due to the protection given by names of Shiva.

Abhayam kara namedham kavacham Parvathi pathe,
Bhakthya bibarthee ya kande, thasya vasyam jagat thrayam,
Imam Narayana swapne Shiva Raksham yadha disath,
Prathar uthaya yogeendro, Yagna valya sthadha likath.

10

This armour of the names of the consort of Parvathi,
Would remove fears and provide protection,
To the devotees who sing these often,
And the lord of the three worlds would be within his hold,
For this protection of Lord Shiva was revealed,
By Lord Vishnu in the dream to Yagna Valkya,
Who wrote it , as he was told, as soon as he woke up in the morning.