

# Radha Kavacham (The armour of Radha)

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(Radha alias Radha Rani is one of those cowherd maidens(Gopa Sthri) who lived in Brindavan .She is the daughter of a Gopa called Vrisha Bhanu and a Gopi called Kamalavathi The devotees of Lord Vishnu consider her as the most important Gopa maiden , because of her unalloyed and extreme devotion to Lord Krishna. To most of the devotees, she is the principal paramour of Lord Krishna whose intense and extreme love to him is extolled in “Gita Govinda” written by Jayadeva and not a Goddess. The Padma Purana mentions her as the chief Gopi among the 18,000 Gopis of Brindavan. A very detailed article about her is available in [www.stephen-knapp.com](http://www.stephen-knapp.com) .

However the followers of Nimbarka Sampradhaya (system of Nimbarka) and Gaudiya Sampradhaya of Vaishnavism consider Radha as the supreme goddess. For them, she is similar to Goddess Shakthi of the Saivaites. She is the supreme Goddess, who is above the trinity of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. This armour, which occurs in, Narada Pancha Rathra in the chapter entitled “Jnanamrutha Sara”.considers her as the supreme Goddess. This great book is written by Sage Narada and deals about methods of worshipping God.

This armour is taught by Lord Shiva to Goddess Parvathi at her request.)

Parvathyuvacha:-

Kailasa Vasin, Bhagwan, Bhaktha anugraha karaka,  
Radhika kavacham punyam kadhyaswa mama prabho. 1

Yadyasthi Karuna Nadha, thrahi maam dukhatho Bhayath,  
Thwameva saranam Nadha, Soola pane, Pinaka Druk. 2

Parvathy asked:-

Oh god who lives in Kailasa, Oh God who blesses his devotees,  
Oh Lord, Be pleased to tell me the holy armour of Radha.

If you have pity on me, please save me from sorrow,  
As you are my only saviour, Oh holder of spear, Oh Holder of Pinaka\*.

\*The bow of Lord Shiva

Shiva Uvacha:-

Srunushwa Giriya, thubhyam kavacham poorva soochitham,  
Sarva rakshakaram punyam sarva hathyaharam param. 3

Shiva said:-

Please hear daughter of the mountain, the armour indicated by me,  
Which is holy, protects everything and wipes away all sins.

Hari Bhakthi pratham sakshad , bhukthi mukthi prasadanam,  
Tri lokya akarshanam devi hari sannidhya karakam. 4

It gives you devotion to Vishnu, pleasures in life and salvation,  
It attracts all the three worlds to you, Oh Goddess,  
And makes possible the real presence of Lord Hari.

Sarvathra jayadham devisarva shathu bhayapaham,  
Sarveshanam chaiva bhoothaanaam mano vruthi haram param. 5

It always leads to victory, Oh Goddess,  
It makes all your enemies afraid of you,  
And it steals the mind of all beings.

Chathurdha mukthi janakam sadananda karam param,  
Raja soya aswa medhanam yagnanaam phala dhayakam. 6

It gives four types of salvation,  
It provides you happiness for all the time,  
And it gives you the same effect ,  
As performing Raja Sooya and Aswa medha\* .  
\*Two of the great fire sacrifices.

Idham kavacham ajnathwa radha manthanchayo japeth,  
Sa napnothi phalam thasya vignasthasya pade pade. 7

Without reading this armour , if one tries to say the chant of Radha,  
He would not get desired result and obstructions would come again and again.

Rishirasya maha devo ranushtup chandascha keerthitham,  
Radhasya devatha proktha ram bheejam keelakam smrutham,  
Dharma artha kama moksheshu viniyoga prakeerthitha. 8

The saint for this is Lord shiva, Meter is “Anushtup”  
God is “Radha, seed and nail is “Ram”  
And it is read for getting Dharma, wealth , love and salvation.

Sri Radha may sira pathu, lalatom radhika thadha, 9

Srimathi nethra yugalam, karnou gopendra nandhini.  
Hari Priya nasikam cha broo yugmam sasi shobhanam, 10

Let Radha protect my head,  
Let my forehead be protected by Radhika,  
Let my twin eyes be protected by Srimathi\* ,

Let my ears be protected by daughter of chief of the gopas.  
Let the darling of Hari protect my nose,  
Let she who shines like moon protect my two eye brows,  
\* One of the names of Radha

Oshtam pathu krupa devi, Adhram gopika thadha.  
Vrusha bhanu sutha danthaam schibhukam Gopa nandini. 11

Let the goddess of mercy protect my upper lip,  
Let my lower lip be protected by Gopika.  
Let the daughter of Vrisha Bhanu protect my teeth,  
Let my chin be protected by the cowherd damsel

Chandrawali pathu gandham, jihwam Krishna Priya thadha,  
Kandam pathu hari Priya, hrudayam vijaya thadha. 12

Let she who is like a moon like creeper protect my cheeks,  
Let the darling of Krishna protect my tongue,  
Let my neck be protected by darling of Hari,  
Let my chest be protected by Vijaya.

Bahu dhvou chandra vadana, udaram subala swasa,  
Kodi yoganwitha pathu padhou sobhadrika thadha. 13

Let the lady with moon like face protect my arms,  
Let my stomach be protected by sister of Subhala,  
Let soubhadrika protect my feet with billions of yoga.

Jange chandra mukhi pathu gulphou gopala vallabha,  
Nakhan vidhu mukhi devi, gopi pada talam thadha. 14

Let my calves be protected by moon faced one,  
Let my ankles be protected by the wife of the cowherd,  
Let my nails be protected by the moon faced lady.  
Let the gopa maiden protect my feet.

Shubha pradha pathu prushtam, kukshou sri kantha vallabha,  
Janu desam jaya pathu, harini pathu sarvatha. 15

Let the doer of good protect my back side,  
Let my joints be protected by consort of Krishna,  
Let my knees be protected by Jaya,  
And let all my parts of the body be protected,  
By the lady with deer like eyes.

Vakhyam vani sada pathu, dhanagaram dhaneswari,

Poorvaam disaam krushnaratha, krushna prana cha paschimam. 16

Let Goddess Saraswathi protect my sentences,  
Let my wealth chest be protected by goddess of wealth.  
Let my east side be protected by she who pleases Krishna,  
Let my west side be protected by the soul of Lord Krishna.

Utharam haritha pathu, dakshinam vrushabhanuja,  
Chandra vali naisameva, dhiva kshweditha mekhala. 17

Let the lady in green protect my northern side,  
Let the sister of Vrushabha protect the southern side,  
Let the moon like lady\* protect me at night,  
Let she whose anklets make sound protect me at day time.  
\* Chandrawali is also another important Gopika

Soubhagyadha Madhya dhine , sayahna kama roopini,  
Roudhri pratha pathu maam hi gopinee rajani kshaye. 18

Let she who grants luck protect me during middle of the day,  
Let she who is personification of love protect me in the evening,  
Let the angry one protect me at just before morning,  
Let the lady of the gopas protect me at dawn.

Hethudha sangava pathu , Kethu mala abhi vardhake,  
Sesha prahnaa samaye , samitha sarva sandhishu. 19

Let she who is reason for everything protect me for the next three hours,  
Let she who holds the flag protect me for the next three hours,  
Let she who always remains protect me from that time to evening ,  
Let she who satisfies protect me at all dusks

Yogini bhoga samaya , rathou rathi pradha sadha,  
Kamesi kouthuke nithyam , yoge rathnavali mama. 20

Let the Yogini protect me when we are making love,  
Let the lover of love protect me when I am in love,  
Let the goddess of love protect me when I am curious,  
Let the gem studded one protect me when I am doing yoga.

Sarvatha sarva karyeshu , Radhika krisha manasa,  
Ithyethath kaditham devi , kavacham parama adbutham. 21

Let Radha who is in the mind of Lord Krishna,  
Always protect me in every action of mine,  
Oh Devi, this is the wonderful armour of Radha.

Sarva raksha karam nama maha raksha karam param,  
Prathar madyahna samaye sayahne prapadyathi. 22

Sarvarthi sidhi sthasya syadhyadhan manasi varthathe,  
Raja dware sabhayam cha sam game shathru sankate, 23

Pranartha nasa samaye ya padeth prayatho nara,  
Thasya sidhir bhaveth devi, na bhayam kwachid. 24

This which protects everything and is the greatest protective armour,  
If read at morning , noon and evening daily,

Would lead to receipt of all types of wealth and ,  
Realisation of all the desires of our mind,  
Would provide protection at the gate of the king,  
At any assembly ,in the middle of war,  
And in case of all problems created by enemies.

A man who is pure , if he reads it,  
At the time of death and loss of property,  
The goddess would remove all the fears from his mind.

AAradhitha Radhika cha yena sathyam na samsaya,  
Ganga snana dhare nama sravanadhyal phalam labeth. 25

Thath phalam thasya bhavathi ya padeth prayatha suchi,  
Haridhra rochanaa chandra manditham hari chandanam. 26

Kruthwa likhithwa bhorjje cha dharayen masthake bhuje,  
Kande va deva devesi sa harirnathra samsaya. 27

There is no doubt at all, that if along with worship of Radha,  
If he hears this Armour ,He will get the effect of bathing in Ganga

He who reads it after purifying himself and get it written,  
Using the mixture of turmeric , musk and Sandal paste ,  
On a talisman and wears it on his head or arms,  
Or neck would be without doubt equal to Vishnu.

Kavachasya prasadena Brahma srushtim sthithim hari,  
Samharanchaham niyatham karomi kuruthe yadha. 28

It is using the power of this Kavacha That Brahma creates,  
Vishnu looks after and I do my job of destruction.

Vaishnavaya vishudhaya viraga guna shaline,  
Dadhayath kavacha vyagram anyadha nasa mapnuyath.

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This Kavacha should only be given to a devotee of Vishnu,  
Who is pure and thoughts of renunciation,  
Otherwise the man who receives it will face great losses.

Sri Narada Pancha rather , jnanamrutha sare, radha kavacham samaptham

Thus ends “The armour of Radha” which occurs in the chapter “The essence of nectar like wisdom”. Occurring in the book “Narada Pancha Rathra.”