

श्रीसूक्तम् — Śrī Sūktam

Śrī Sūktam is a Vedic hymn dedicated to Bhagavatī Mahālakṣmī. It is preserved in the Ṛgvedic Khilāni tradition and is widely recited in Lakṣmī Pūjā, Śrī Sūkta Homa, Abhiṣeka and Śrī Vidyā worship.

Mantra 1 — Invocation of Mahālakṣmī

Sanskrit with Vedic Svāra

ॐ हिरण्यवर्णं हरीं सुवर्णरजतस्रजाम् । चन्द्रां हिरण्मयीं लक्ष्मीं जातवेदो म
आवह ॥ १ ॥

English Transliteration

Om hiraṇyavarṇaṃ hariṇīṃ suvarṇarajatasrajām |

Candrāṃ hiraṇmayīṃ lakṣmīṃ jātavedo ma āvaha || 1 ||

English Translation

O Jātavedas (Agni, the divine fire who knows all beings), please bring Goddess Lakṣmī into my life. She has a golden complexion, a graceful and radiant nature, and is adorned with garlands of gold and silver. She shines like the Moon and possesses the brilliance of gold. O Agni, invoke that divine Mahālakṣmī for me.

Mantra 2 — Wealth That Remains

Sanskrit with Vedic Svāra

तां म॒ आव॑ह॒ जात॑वेदो ल॒क्ष्मीमन॑पगा॒मिनी॑म् । यस्यां॒ हिर॑ण्यं वि॒न्देय॑ं गा॒मश्च॑
पुरु॑षान॒हम् ॥ २ ॥

English Transliteration

Tāṃ ma āvaha jātavedo lakṣmīm anapagāminīm |

Yasyāṃ hiraṇyaṃ vindeyaṃ gām aśvaṃ puruṣān aham || 2 ||

English Translation

O Jātavedas, bring to me that form of Lakṣmī who never leaves. Through her presence, may I obtain gold, cattle, horses and people who contribute to the prosperity of my household.

The prayer is not only for obtaining wealth but also for its stability and continuity.

Mantra 3 — Royal Prosperity and Recognition

Sanskrit with Vedic Svara

अ॒श्वपूर्वा॑ र॒थम॒ध्यां ह॒स्तिना॑दप्र॒बोधि॑नीम् । श्रियं॑ दे॒वीमुप॑ह्वये श्रीर्मा॑ दे॒वीर्जुषि॑ताम्
॥ ३ ॥

English Transliteration

Aśvapūrvāṃ rathamadhyāṃ hastinādaprabodhinīm |
Śriyaṃ devīm upahvaye śrīr mā devīr juṣatām || 3 ||

English Translation

I invoke Goddess Śrī, who is preceded by horses, seated in the midst of chariots and awakened by the trumpeting of elephants. May that divine Goddess Śrī be pleased with me and bestow her favour upon me.

Horses, chariots and elephants represent the visible signs of royal prosperity, strength and social position in Vedic society.

Mantra 4 — Prosperity That Nourishes Others

Sanskrit with Vedic Svara

कां सोस्मितां हिरण्यप्राकारामाद्रां ज्वलन्तीं तृप्तां तृपयन्तीम् । पद्मे स्थितां
पद्मवर्णां तामिहोपह्वये श्रियम् ॥ ४ ॥

English Transliteration

Kām sosmitām hiraṇyaprākārām ādrām jvalantīm trptām
tarpayantīm |

Padme sthitām padmavarṇām tām ihopahvaye śriyam || 4 ||

English Translation

I invoke Goddess Śrī, who is gracious and smiling, surrounded by golden splendour, tender in nature and radiant with divine brilliance. She is fully satisfied within herself and nourishes others. She sits upon a lotus and has the beautiful appearance of a lotus.

May that Goddess Śrī come and dwell here.

Mantra 5 — Seeking Refuge in Lakṣmī

Sanskrit with Vedic Svāra

चन्द्रां प्रभासां यशसा ज्वलन्तीं श्रियं लोके देवजुष्टामुदाराम् । तां पद्मिनीमीं
शरणमुहं प्रपद्येऽलक्ष्मीर्मे नश्यतां त्वां वृणे ॥ ५ ॥

English Transliteration

Candrām prabhāsām yaśasā jvalantīm śriyam loke devajuṣṭām
udārām |

Tām padminīm īm śaraṇam ahaṁ prapadye 'lakṣmīr me
naśyatām tvām vṛṇe || 5 ||

English Translation

I seek refuge in Goddess Śrī, who is luminous like the Moon,
shines with fame and glory, is honoured by the gods and is
generous by nature.

I surrender to that lotus-bearing Goddess. May all forms of
Alakṣmī, or misfortune, disappear from my life. I choose you, O
Mahālakṣmī, as my refuge.

Mantra 6 — Bilva Tree, Tapas and Removal of Misfortune

Sanskrit with Vedic Svara

आ॒दि॒त्य॒व॒र्णे॒ त॒प॒सोऽधि॑जा॒तो व॒न॒स्प॒ति॒स्त॒वं वृ॒क्षोऽथ॑ बि॒ल्वः । त॒स्य॒ फ॒ला॑नि॒
त॒प॒सा नु॑दन्तु मा॒यान्त॑रा॒याश्च॑ बा॒ह्या अ॑ल॒क्ष्मीः ॥ ६ ॥

English Transliteration

Ādityavarṇe tapaso 'dhijāto vanaspatis tava vṛkṣo 'tha bilvaḥ |

Tasya phalāni tapasā nudantu māyāntarā yās ca bāhyā
alakṣmīḥ || 6 ||

English Translation

O Goddess, whose radiance is like the Sun, the sacred Bilva tree has arisen through the power of tapas and belongs to you.

May the fruits of this sacred tree, through the strength of tapas, remove all obstacles, poverty and misfortune, both internal and external, from my life.

Mantra 7 — Fame, Wealth and Social Standing

Sanskrit with Vedic Svara

उपैतु मां देवसखः कीर्तिश्च मणिना सह । प्रादुर्भूतोऽस्मिं राष्ट्रेऽस्मिन् कीर्तिमृद्धिं
ददातु मे ॥ ७ ॥

English Transliteration

Upaitu mām devasakhaḥ kīrtiś ca maṇinā saha |

Prādurbhūto 'smi rāṣṭre 'smin kīrtim ṛddhiṃ dadātu me || 7 ||

English Translation

May the friend of the gods, traditionally understood as Kubera, approach me together with fame and precious wealth.

I have taken birth in this country. May I receive a good reputation, recognition, prosperity and material abundance in the society where I live.

Mantra 8 — Destruction of Hunger, Poverty and Alakṣmī

Sanskrit with Vedic Svara

क्षुत्पिपासामलां ज्येष्ठामलक्ष्मीं नाशयाम्यहम् । अभूतिमसंमृद्धिं च सर्वां निर्णुद
मे गृहात् ॥ ८ ॥

English Transliteration

Kṣutpipāsāmalāṃ jyeṣṭhām alakṣmīṃ nāśayāmy aham |

Abhūtim asamṛddhiṃ ca sarvāṃ nirṇuda me grhāt || 8 ||

English Translation

I seek to destroy Alakṣmī, the elder manifestation of misfortune, who is associated with the suffering of hunger, thirst and deprivation.

O Goddess, please drive away every form of poverty, lack of prosperity and deprivation from my home.

Mantra 9 — Lakṣmī as the Nourisher of All Beings

Sanskrit with Vedic Svāra

गन्धद्वारां दु॒राध॒र्षां॑ नित्यपुं॒ष्टां॑ करी॒षिणीं॑म् । ई॒श्वरीं॑ सर्व॒भूता॑नां॒ तामि॒होप॑ह्वये
श्रियं॑म् ॥ ९ ॥

English Transliteration

Gandhadvārāṃ durādharṣāṃ nityapuṣṭāṃ karīṣiṇīm |

Īśvarīm sarvabhūtānāṃ tām ihopahvaye śriyam || 9 ||

English Translation

I invoke Goddess Śrī, whose presence is known through fragrance, who cannot be overcome, who is eternally nourished and who is associated with the fertility and productivity of the earth.

She is the sovereign Goddess of all living beings. May that divine Śrī come and dwell here.

Mantra 10 — Fulfilment of Desires and Truthful Speech

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मनंसः काममाकूतिं वाचः सत्यमंशीमहि । पशूनां रूपमन्नस्य मयि श्रीः श्रयतां
यशः ॥ १० ॥

English Transliteration

Manasaḥ kāmam ākūtiṃ vācaḥ satyam aśīmahi |

Paśūnāṃ rūpam annasya mayi śrīḥ śrayatāṃ yaśaḥ || 10 ||

English Translation

May we attain the fulfilment of our mind's desires and intentions. May our speech be truthful and effective.

May we enjoy the abundance of cattle, food and material resources. May Goddess Śrī and a good reputation find a permanent place in my life.

Mantra 11 — Establishing Lakṣmī in the Family

Sanskrit with Vedic Svāra

कर्दमेन प्रजाभूता मयि संभव कर्दम । श्रियं वासय मे कुले मातरं पद्ममालिनीम्
॥ ११ ॥

English Transliteration

Kardamena prajābhūtā mayi sambhava kardama |
Śriyaṃ vāsaya me kule mātaraṃ padmamālinīm || 11 ||

English Translation

O Kardama, through whom prosperity and living creation are associated with fertility and abundance, please manifest in my life.

May you establish Goddess Śrī, the divine Mother adorned with a garland of lotuses, permanently within my family and lineage.

Mantra 12 — Water, Nourishment and Household Prosperity

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आपः सृजन्तुं स्निग्धानि चिक्लीतु वसं मे गृहे । नि चं देवीं मातरं श्रियं वासयं मे
कुले ॥ १२ ॥

English Transliteration

Āpaḥ sṛjantu snigdhāni ciklīta vasa me gr̥he |

Ni ca devīm mātaraṁ śriyaṁ vāsaya me kule || 12 ||

English Translation

May the waters produce all things that bring moisture,
nourishment and well-being.

O Ciklīta, please dwell in my home and establish your divine
Mother, Goddess Śrī, within my family.

May my household be blessed with nourishment, harmony and
continuing prosperity.

Mantra 13 — Moon-like Lakṣmī and the Power of Nourishment

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आ॒र्द्रां पु॒ष्करि॑णीं पु॒ष्टिं पि॒ङ्ग॒लां प॑द्ममा॒लिनी॑म् । च॒न्द्रां हि॒र॒ण्म॑यीं ल॒क्ष्मीं जा॑त॒वेदो॑
म॒ आव॑ह ॥ १३ ॥

English Transliteration

Ādrāṃ puṣkariṇīm puṣṭim piṅgalāṃ padmamālinīm |

Candrāṃ hiraṇmayīm lakṣmīm jātavedo ma āvaha || 13 ||

English Translation

O Jātavedas, please bring to me Goddess Lakṣmī, who is tender and nourishing like the waters of a lotus pond.

She is nourishment itself, golden-brown in complexion, adorned with a garland of lotuses, soothing like the Moon and radiant with golden brilliance.

May that divine Mahālakṣmī come into my life.

Mantra 14 — Sun-like Lakṣmī and the Power of Support

Sanskrit with Vedic Svāra

आर्द्रा यः करिणीं यष्टिं सुवर्णां हेममालिनीम् । सूर्यां हिरण्मयीं लक्ष्मीं जातवेदो
म आवह ॥ १४ ॥

English Transliteration

Ādrāṃ yaḥ kariṇīm yaṣṭim suvarṇāṃ hemamālinīm |

Sūryāṃ hiraṇmayīm lakṣmīm jātavedo ma āvaha || 14 ||

English Translation

O Jātavedas, please bring to me Goddess Lakṣmī, who is gentle and compassionate yet possesses strength and the power to support and sustain.

She is associated with the strength of the elephant and the symbolism of the supporting staff. She is golden in appearance, adorned with golden garlands and radiant like the Sun.

May that brilliant, golden Mahālakṣmī come into my life.

Textual note: Mantras 13 and 14 follow the reading found in the accented Stotra Sangraha edition and in several widely circulated Ṛgvedic Śrī Sūkta texts. Other recitation collections give a different arrangement of the lunar and solar descriptions.

The expression “yaḥ kariṇīm yaṣṭim” also receives different explanations in commentarial traditions.

Mantra 15 — Complete and Lasting Prosperity

Sanskrit with Vedic Svāra

तां म॒ आव॑ह॒ जात॑वेदो ल॒क्ष्मीमन॑पगा॒मिनी॑म् । यस्यां हिर॑ण्यं प्रभू॑तं गावो॑
दा॒स्योऽश्वान्वि॑न्देयं पु॒रुषान॑हम् ॥ १५ ॥

English Transliteration

Tāṃ ma āvaha jātavedo lakṣmīm anapagāminīm |

Yasyāṃ hiraṇyaṃ prabhūtaṃ gāvo dāsyo 'śvān vindeyaṃ
puruṣān aham || 15 ||

English Translation

O Jātavedas, please bring into my life that Goddess Lakṣmī who does not depart.

Through her divine presence, may I obtain abundant gold, cattle, horses, attendants and people who contribute to the prosperity and well-being of my household.

May I enjoy lasting material abundance through the stable presence of Goddess Mahālakṣmī.

Traditional Recitation Instruction — Commonly Numbered as Mantra 16

This verse is commonly recited after the 15 principal mantras. It explains the practice of Śrī Sūktam rather than describing another form of the Goddess.

Sanskrit with Vedic Svāra

यः शुचिः प्रयतो भूत्वा जुहुयादाज्यमन्वहम् । श्रियः पञ्चदशर्चं च श्रीकामः सततं
जपेत् ॥ १६ ॥

English Transliteration

Yah śuciḥ prayato bhūtvā juhuyād ājyam anvaham |

Śriyaḥ pañcadaśarcaṃ ca śrīkāmaḥ satataṃ japet || 16 ||

English Translation

A person who desires the blessings of Śrī should maintain purity of body and mind, offer ghee in the sacred fire daily and regularly recite the fifteen mantras dedicated to Goddess Śrī.

Some editions read “sūktaṃ pañcadaśarcaṃ ca” in the second line. Both readings appear in published recitation collections.

Important Notes for Vedic Study

The 15 principal mantras present different dimensions of Śrī: radiance, stable prosperity, royal resources, satisfaction, protection from misfortune, fertility, food, truthful speech, family continuity and abundance.

The hymn contains a particularly important distinction between Śrī and Alakṣmī. Śrī represents prosperity and auspicious well-being, while Alakṣmī represents deprivation and misfortune. The hymn therefore prays both for the arrival of prosperity and the removal of conditions that obstruct it.

The traditional extended Śrī Sūktam also contains additional verses beginning with Padmānane Padmaūrū, prayers such as Aśvadāyī Godāyī, the Mahālakṣmī Gāyatrī and other concluding verses. Their inclusion and order vary across recitation traditions. They should not automatically be treated as part of the same 15-mantra core.