

Thiruppaavai – Day- 1

மார்கழித் திங்கள் மதி நிறைந்த நன்னாளால்
நீராட போகுவீர் போகமினோ நேரிமையீர்
சீர் மல்கும் ஆய்பாடிச் செல்வச் சிறுமீர்காள்
கூர் வேல் கொடுங்கொமிலன் நங்ககோபன் குமரன்
ஏரார்ந்த கண்ணி யசோதை இளஞ்சிங்கம்
கார்மேனிச் செங்கண் ககிர் மகியம் போல் முகத்தான்
நாராயணனே நமக்கே பறை தருவான்
பாரோர் புகழ்ப் படிந்து ஏல் ஓர் எம்பாவாய்.

maargaLi ththingaL madhi niraindha nannaaLaal *
niiraada ppothuviir podhumino neriLaiyir *
Siirmalgum aayppadi chchelva chchirumiirgaaL *
kuurvel kodundhoLilan nandha gopan kumaran *
eraarndha kaNNi yaSodhai iLan Singam *
karmEni chchengan kathir madhiyam pol mugaththaan *
naaraayaNane namakke parai tharuvaan *
paaror pugaLa ppadinthelora embaavaay.

On this auspicious day of the Sukla-Pakshami in MaargaSira month, please come, O girls, with all the beautiful jewellery, to take bath and glorify our Lord Sri-Krishna. This Nanda-Gokulam is flourishing with all the riches, O young girls, interested in serving our Lord Sri-Krishna, this Nanda-gopa' son, with a sharp spear, the most handsome lion-cub of Yasoda, with beautiful eyes, dark body hue like the clouds, bright red eyes like the Sun and the Moon. Lord Sriman NaaraayaNa will certainly fulfill all our desires. All the worlds will praise us and consider my proposal (and join me in observing this Maargazhi-pooja).

This Thulasi Vanam is most auspicious to practice Bhakti, like a Thulasi garland to be offered to Lord Sri-Krishna. (Maasaanaam maargasiirshoham) - Let us enjoy singing Bhagavad-Gita and Tiruppavai in Maargazhi month. Gopikas did Kaatyaayani Vratam, But Godha Dhevi wanted to do Thiruppavai Vratam, and like the Gopikas, she too is praying for Lord Sri-Krishna to become her husband. Gokulam is certainly a Dhivya-Dhesam, like Sri VaikunTam. There is NONE Like Lord Sri-Krishna, who is none other than Sriman-Narayana, also called Padhmaaksha, Pundariikaaksha, Padhmanaabha,

Srivatsa-Kaustubha- Dhaari, who appeared in Gokulam. He is the Ubhaya-Vibhuthi naaTha (Nithya-Vibhuuthi in Sri VaikunTam, and liilaa-vibhuuthi in this material world), who showed Viswa-roopam to mother Yasodha. In case of Para-Bhakti, Kaimkaryam alone is the Phalam and Sri Vaikuntham is the Best Place for a devotee to be, to have Pari-Puurna Brahmaanubhavam, in the service of Sri Mahaa-Lakshmi sahitha Sriman-NaaraayaNa. Dhanus is the bow, Saarngam and Dhanur-maasam is great for viroDhi-nirmulanam. And, Tiruppavai is not just for women, but for all men also, as all Souls are feminine in nature. And yatra ekaagrathaa, thatra bhakthi: - where there is a focused mind, there is Bhakthi. Birth in Gokulam is sure to lead to Moksham. Sankha-chakra-gadhaa-paaNi will eradicate all obstacles (punyam-paapam, other banDhanaas) and takes us to Sri-Vaikuntam, to enjoy unending Brahma-anubhavam. In this Bhuu-lokam, as we can not practice the difficult Bhakti-Yoga, it is much easier to Surrender to Lord Sri-Krishna and reach Sri-VaikunTam, at the end of this life itself.