Thiruppaavai – Day- 20

முப்பத்து மூவர் அமரர்க்கு முன் சென்று
கப்பம் தவிர்க்கும் கலியே! துயிலெழாய்
செப்பமுடையாய், திறலுடையாய் செற்றார்க்கு
வெப்பம் கொடுக்கும் விமலா! துயிலெழாய்
செப்பன்ன, மென்முலை செவ்வாய் சிறுமருங்குல்
நப்பின்னை நங்காய்! திருவே! துயிலெழாய்
உக்கமும் தட்டொளியும் தந்துன் மணாளனை
இப்போதே எம்மை நீராட்டு ஏல் ஓர் எம்பாவாய் - 20

muppaththu muuvar amararkku mun Senru *
kappam thavirkkum kaliye thuyil eLaay *
Seppam udaiyaay thiral udaiyaay * Setraarkku
veppam kodukkum vimalaa thuyil eLaay *
Seppenna men mulaichchevvaay chchiru marungul *
Nappinnai nangaay thiruve thuyil eLaay *
ukkamum thattoLiyum thandhun maNaaLanai *
ippodhe emmai niiraattelor embaavaay. - 20

O Supreme Lord Sri-Krishna! The mightiest of the mightiest and who is always ahead of the 33 crores of gods and the only one to wipe out their fears, please wake-up. You are the only one to protect those who surrendered to You, the only powerful one, the only one who is a terror to the evil-minded demons, the utmost purest one (always in SuDhdha-Saththva), please wake-up. O Nappinnai! O NiiLa dhevi with a beautiful chest, wonderful rosy lips and a slender waist, the other form of Sri Maha-Lakshmi, Please wake-up. Please give us a nice circular fan - aalavattam and a mirror and let Your Lord Sri-Krishna be merciful to grant us the holy bath. Please consider our Prayer to complete this month-long MaargaLi Vratham.

(The Gopikaas and Aandaal were concerned whether they offended the Lord by criticizing Him that He did not let NiiLa-dhevi open the door. They are also worried whether they offended NiiLa-dhevi by criticizing Her that She did not let the Lord open the door. Unable to wake-up Lord Sri-Krishna with NiiLaa-dhevi, Andaal and all Her Gopika friends do Prapatti to both of Them, keeping Lord Sri-Krishna Himself as their Aachaarya. Among the 33 Crores of gods, 33 gods are most prominent - the 12 Aadhithya-s, the 11 Rudhra-s, the 8 Vasu-s and the 2-ASvani-dhevatha-s. It is always Lord Sriman-Narayana, who came to the rescue of all the gods in their encounters with the Raakshasa-s. But unfortunately, there are quite a few instances when the gods turned against the Supreme Lord Sri-Krishna in a very ungrateful way. The king of Heavens, Indhra turned hostile during Govardhana-uDhdharaNam and Paarijaatha-

apaharaNam, even though Lord Sriman-Narayana helped him Incarnating as Vaamana and as Lord Krishna killing the demon Naraka. The 4-faced creator, Brahma turned hostile in Go-vatsa, Gopaala-baala-apaharaNam, even though Lord Haya-Griiva helped Brahma by killing the demons MaDhu and Kaithabha. Sankara turned hostile during Lord Sri-Krishna's encounter with Baanaasura during Usha-AniruDha pariNayam, even though Lord Sriman NarayaNa as Mohini, saved Sankara during Bhasmaasura episode.

The Supreme Lord Sriman-Narayana is the IiSwara of both Chith and Achith – Sentient Souls and the Nonsentient PrakRuthi. The iiSwara is the Lord of this PrakRthi, which has 24 Thaththvaas – Avyaktha, Mahath, Ahankaara, Manas, the 5 Elements – Pruthvi, Aapa: Thejo, Vaayu, AakaaSa - Earth, Water, Fire, Air and AakaaSa, the 5 Karma-Indhriyaas - Vaak-paaNi-Paadha-Paayu-UpasTha - Mouth, Hands, Feet, Excretory and Genitals; the 5 Jnaana-Indhriyaas - Thavk-Chakshu-Sroyhra-Jihva-Ghraana - Skin, Eyes, Ears, Tongue and the Nose; and the 5 Thanmaathraas –Sabdha, Sparsa, Ruupa, Rasa and GanDha - Sound, Touch, Form, Taste and Smell. Because of our Ahamkaara and Mamakaara, we are forced to go through the repeated cycles of Births-and-deaths. It is only our sins that stand in the way of our accepting SaraNagathi at the Lotus-Feet of our beloved Lord Sri-Krishna. Let us try for mano-SuDhdhi – keeping our mind clean and all our sins in the form of Sanchitha-Karma will be burnt to ashes at the time of Prapatti, by Lord Sri-Krishna, who promised "… aham thvaa sarva paapebhyo mikshayishyaami maa …" and LordSri-Raama who promised "… abhayam sarva bhuuthebhyo dhadhaami ethath vratham mama" and Lord Sri-Varaaha-Swamy who promised " … aham smaraami math-bhaktham nayaami paramaam gathim").