



Sri KrishNa AaSram (to propogate Prapatti to one and all, at Bhagavaan Sri-Krishna's Feet)

## ॥ श्री भगवद् ध्यान सोपानम् ॥ Sri-Bhagavath-Dhyaana-Sopaanam (Vedhaantha-dheSika)

श्रीमान् वेङ्कटनाथार्यः कवितार्किक केसरी - वेदान्ताचार्यवर्यो मे सन्निधत्तां सदा हुदि ॥

Srimaan Venkata-NaaThaarya: kavi thaarkika kesarii

Vedhaantha-aachaarya varyo me sannidhaththam sadhaa hRudhi.

May we offer our humble prostrations at the Holy Feet of Sri Vedhaantha-dheSika, who is famous all over the world as Kavi-Thaarkika-Kesari and Vedhaantha-Aachaarya and keep him always in our hearts with utmost reverence.



अन्तर्ज्योतिः किमपि यमिनां अञ्जनं योगदृष्टेः - चिन्तारत्नं सुलभं इह नः सिद्धि मोक्षानुरूपम् ।  
दीनानाथ व्यसन शमनं दैवतं दैवतानां - दिव्यं चक्षुः श्रुति परिषदां दृश्यते रङ्ग मध्ये ॥ १ ॥

anthar-jyothi: kimapi yaminaam anjanam yoga-dhRushte: -

chinthaarathnam sulabham iha na: siDhdhi moksha-anuruupam

dhiinaanaaTha vyasana Samanam dhaivatham dhaivathaanaam -

dhivyam chakshu: SRuthi parishadhaam dhRuSyathe RangamaDhye.1

Lord Sri-RanganaaTha is seen as a splendid light in Sri-Rangam, who is the divine light in the hearts of the sages, the collyrium for the eyes of the Saints (to see Him in His real form), the all-wish-fulfilling-gem – ChintamaNi, the only one that can remove the misery of all the destitute and helpless, the Supreme Lord of all gods and the Divine eye of all the Vedha-s (only by His mercy, we can know the Vedha-s).

वेलातीत श्रुति परिमळं वेधसां मौलि सेव्यं - प्रादुर्भूतं कनक सरितः सैकते हंसजुष्टे ।  
लक्ष्मी भूम्योः कर सरसिजैः लालितं रंङ्ग भर्तुः - पादाभोजं प्रतिफलति मे भावना दीर्घिकायाम् ॥२॥

**velaathiitha Sruthi parimaLam veDhasaam mauLi sevyam –  
praadhurbhuutham kanaka saritha: saikathe hamsajushte  
Lakshmii Bhuumyo: kara sarasijai: laalitham ranga bharthu: -  
paadhaambhojam prathiphalathi me bhaavanaa dhiirghikaayaam.2**

May we all reflect on the Lotus-Feet of Lord Sri-RanganaaTha, filled with the fragrance of the Vedha-s (glorified by the Vedha-s), saluted in all reverence by all the gods headed by Brahma, manifested on the banks of River Kaaveri and fondly pressed by Sri-Mahaa-Lakshmi and Bhuv-dhevi.

चित्राकारां कटक रुचिभिः चारु-वृत्तानुपूर्वा - काले दूत्य द्रुततर गतिं कान्ति लीला कलाचीम् ।  
जानुच्छाया-द्विगुण सुभगां रंङ्ग भर्तुः मदात्मा - जङ्घांष्ट्टा जनन पदवी जाङ्घिकत्वं जहाति ॥३॥

**chithraakaaram kataka ruchibhi: chaaru vRuththaanu puurvaam –  
kaale dhuuthya dhruthathara gathim kaanthi liilaa kalaachiim  
jaanu Chchaayaa dhviguNa subhagaam Rangabharthu: madhaathmaa  
– janghaam dhRushtvaa janana padhavii jaanghikathvam jahaathi. 3**

To get rid of all our endless rebirths, may we all be fortunate to look at the Calf of Lord Sri-RanganaaTha, which is filled with the multi-colors from His gem-studded anklets, which conveyed all the messages quickly (in Sri Krishna-avathara), and looking all the more beautiful due to the luster from the Knees.

कामाराम स्थिर कदलिका स्तम्भ संभावनीयं - क्षौमाश्लिष्टं किमपि कमला भूमि नीलोपधानम् ।  
न्यञ्जत्कान्ची किरण रुचिरं निर्विशति ऊरुयुगं - लावण्यौध द्वयमिव मतिः मामिका रंङ्ग यूनः ॥४॥

**kaamaaraama sThira kadhaLikaa sthambha sambhaavaniiyam –  
kshaumaaSlishtam kimapi Kamalaa Bhuumi Niilopadhaanam  
nyachchath kaanchii kiraNa ruchiram nirviSathi-uuru yugmam –  
laavaNyaugha dhvayam-iva-mathi: maamikaa ranga yuuna: 4**

May we all enjoy the beautiful yellow-silk clad thighs of Lord Sri-Ranganatha, which are looking like Banaana-stems in the garden of Cupid, which transform into a pillow for Sri-Mahaa-Lakshmi, Bhuu-dhevi and NiiLaa-dhevi to rest, and looking all the more beautiful with all the luster from His golden girdle and are like two slender and charming (laavaNya) streams.

संप्रीणाति प्रतिकलम् असौ मानसं मे सुजाता - गम्भिरत्वात् क्वचन समये गूढ निक्षिप्त विश्वा ।  
नालीकेन स्फुरित रजसा वेधसो निर्मिमाणा - रम्यावर्त द्युति सहचरी रङ्गनाथस्य नाभिः ॥५॥

sampriiNaathi prathikalam asau maanasam me sujaathaa –  
gambhiirathvaath kvachana samaye guuDa nikshiptha viSvaa  
naaliikena sphuritha rajasaa veDhase nirmimaaNaa –  
ramyaavartha dhyuthi sahacharii RanganaaThasya naabhi: 5

The beautiful Navel of the Supreme Lord Sri-Ranganatha is so deep that it can hide all the Universes in it at the time of Nithya-PraLaya (Total-Deluge at the end of the life-time of a Brahma). Just the pollen-grains from the Lotus that sprang up from this Navel creates many many Brahma-s. This Navel looking like a whirlpool is pleasing us every second (as we look at it).

श्रीवत्सेन प्रथित विभवं श्रीपद न्यास धन्यं - मध्यं बाह्वोः मणि-वर रुचा रन्जितं रङ्गधाम्नः ।  
सान्द्रच्छायं तरुण तुलसी चित्रया वैजयन्त्या - सन्तापं मे शमयतिधियः चन्द्रिकोदारहारम् ॥६॥

Srivathsena praThitha vibhavam Sriipadha nyaasa Dhanyam –  
maDhyam baahvo: maNi vara ruchaa ranjitham RangaDhaamna:  
saandhraChchaayam tharuNa thulasii chithrayaa Vaijayanthyaa –  
santhaapam me Samayathi Dhiya: chandhrikodhaara haaram. 6

Lord Sri-Ranganatha's Chest is glorious with the Srivathsam (a permanent mark) and bears the foot-prints of Sri-Mahaa-Lakshmi (Nithyaanapaayini). May this Chest, looking red due to the Kausthubha Mani and appearing very cool with the fresh Thulasi garlands, the multi-colored flowers of the garland Vaijyanthi and with the moon-like pearl garlands, remove all our misery.

एकं लीलोपहितं इतरं बाहुम् आजानु लम्बं - प्राप्ता रङ्गे शयितुरखिल प्रार्थना पारिजातम् ।  
दृप्ता सेयं दृढ नियमिता रश्मिभिः भूषणानां - चिन्ता हस्तिनि-अनुभवति मे चित्रं आलान यन्त्रम् ॥७॥

ekam liilopahitham itharam baahum aajaanu lambam –  
praapthaa Range Sayithu:-akhila praarThanaa paarijaatham  
dhRupthaa seeyam dhRuDa niyamithaa raSmibhi: bhuushaNaanaam –  
chinthaa hasthini-anubhavathi me chithram aalaana yantram. 7

The two Hands of the Supreme Lord Sri-RanganaaTha, one under His head and the other outstretched all the way to His knees, are looking like two beautiful tying posts for my mind which is like an intoxicated cow-elephant, with the ropes like rays from His Divine Ornaments. These Hands are like the Paarijaatha-Tree, that fulfils all the desires of all the Surrendered Souls, including Salvation.

साभिप्राय स्मित विकसितं चारु बिम्बाधरोष्ठं - दुःखापाय प्रणयिनि जने दूर दत्ताभिमुख्यं ।  
कान्तं वक्त्रं कनक तिलकालङ्कृतं रङ्ग भर्तुः - स्वान्ते गाढं मम विलगति स्वागतोदार नेत्रम् ॥ ८ ॥

saabhipraaya smitha vikasitham chaaru bimbaaDharoshTam –  
dhu:khaapaaya praNayini jane dhuura dhaththaabhimukhyam  
kaantham vakthram kanaka thilaka-alankRutham Ranga bharthu: -  
svaanthe gaaDam mama vilagathi svaagathodhaara nethram. 8

The most beautiful Face of the Supreme Lord Sri-RanganaaTha, is radiant with a broad smile from the bimba-fruit like deep-red Lips and can remove all the misery of all His Surrendered devotees, even from a great distance. Let our minds be well entrenched on His face, that is looking all the more beautiful with a Golden-Thilaka on His forehead and very generous and welcoming eyes (showeing all the mercy).

माल्यैरन्तः स्थिर परिमळैः वल्लभा स्पर्श मान्यैः - कुप्यच्चोळी वचन कुटिलैः कुन्तलैः श्लिष्ट मूले ।  
रत्नापीड द्युति शबळिते रङ्गभर्तुः किरीटे - राजन्वत्यः स्थितिमधिगता वृत्तयः चेतसोमे ॥९॥

maalyai: anthai: sThira parimaLai: vallabhaa sparSa maanyai: -  
kupyachchoLii vachana kutilai: kunthalai: Slishtha mule  
rathnaapiida dhyuthi SabaLithe Rangabharthu: kiriite –  
raajanvathya: sThim-aDhigathaam vRuththaya: chethaso me. 9

May all our wandering minds settle down as we see the Crown (Kiriitam) of the Supreme Lord Sri-RanganaaTha, who is the most benevolent ruler of all beings (Souls). The Crown looks marvelous with the glitter from all the diamonds, and became the base for the curly lovelocks, like the angry words of the naughty girls of the Chola province, and have the great fragrance from Divine flowers that are personally decorated by Sri-Mahaa-Lakshmi's hands.

पादाम्भोजं स्पृशति भजते रङ्गनाथस्य जङ्गाम् - ऊरुद्वन्द्वे विलगति शनैः ऊर्ध्वमभ्येति नाभिम् ।  
वक्षस्यास्ते वलति भुजयोः मामिकेयं मनीषा - वक्त्राभिख्यां पिबति वहते वासनां मौळिबन्धे ॥१०॥

paadhaambhojam spRuSathi bhajathe RanganaaThasya jangjhaam –  
uuru dhvandhvai: vilagathi Sanai: uurDhvam-abhyethi naabhim  
vakshasyaasthe valathi bhujayo: maamikeyam maniishaa –  
vakthraabhikhyaam pibathi vahathe vaasanaam mauLibanDhe. 10

May all our minds touch the Lotus-Feet of Lord Sri-RanganaaTha, glorify His shanks, get attached to His thighs, slowly move on to His navel, rest on His chest, move around His arms, enjoy the beauty of His face and finally settle on His crown. (anga-anga-varnanam - nakha-Sikha-paryantham).

कान्तोदारैः अयमिह भुजैः कङ्कण ज्या किणाङ्कैः - लक्ष्मी धाम्नः पृथुळ परिघैः लक्षिता भीति हेतिः ।  
अग्रे किञ्चित् भुजग शयनः स्वात्मनैव आत्मनः सन् - मध्ये रङ्गं मम च हृदये वर्तते सावरोधः ॥११॥

kaanthodhaarai: ayamiha bhujai: kankaNa jyaa kiNaankai: -  
Lakshmii Dhaamna: pRuThula parighai: lakshithaa bhiithi hethi:  
agre kinchith bhujaga Sayana: svaathmanaiva aathmana: san -  
maDhye Rangam mama cha hRudhaye varthathe saavaroDha: 11

Lord Sri-RanganaaTha is reclining on Aadhi-Sesha, with beautiful hands bearing the marks of the bracelets and the bow-string (from Sri-Raama-avathaara) and look like the anchor-bolts for Sri-Mahaa-Lakshmi's mansion (His Chest). These hands display protection (abhayam), and His Divine weapons - Sankham, Chakram and Gadha in the other three hands of the Utsava-Muurthy, just in front of His own Muula-Muurthy. May this Supreme Lord who is in the centre of Sri-Rangam, kindly be present in our hearts also, with all His Divine Consorts (Sri, Bhu and Niilaa dhevi-s).

रङ्गास्थाने रसिक महिते रञ्जिताशेष चित्ते - विद्वत्सेवा विमल मनसा वेङ्कतटेशेन क्लृप्तम् ।  
अक्लेशेन प्रणिहित धियामारुरुक्षोः अवस्थां - भक्तिं गाढां दिशतु भगवत् ध्यान सोपानमेतत् ॥१२॥

RangaasThaane rasika mahathe ranjitha-aSesha chiththe -  
vidhvath-sevaa vimala manasaa VenkateSena kLuptham  
akleSena praNihitha Dhiyaamaaruruksho: avasThaam -  
bhakthim gaaDaam dhiSathu Bhagavath Dhyaana sopaanam-ethath.12

This Bhagavath-Dhyaana-sopaanam is composed by Sri Venkatesa (Vedhaantha-DheSika), who has pure thoughts and who served the learned scholars of Sri-Rangam, is a source of joy to all and is well appreciated by all the devotees. May this prayer grant firm devotion to all who want to attain the highest state - Parama-Padham, attained by all experts of deep contemplation.

॥ श्री भगवद् ध्यान सोपानम् समाप्तम् ॥ Sri Bhagavath-Dhyaana-Sopaanam samaaptham.  
(This completes Sri Bhagavath-Dhyaana-Sopaanam, steps to meditate on  
the Supreme Lord - Sri-RanganaaTha)