

# Shivashtakam

Raga: Mohana,

Tala: Adi,

Shivashtakam, popularly known as "Prabhum Prananatha" is a devotional composition that praises Lord Shiva, one of the principal deities in Hinduism. The word "Shivashtakam" is derived from two components: "Shiva," which refers to Lord Shiva, and "ashtakam," which means a composition consisting of eight verses.

The hymn extols the divine qualities and attributes of Lord Shiva. It is recited or sung by devotees to express their reverence, seek his blessings, and deepen their spiritual connection with the Lord. The hymn encapsulates the profound love and devotion that devotees hold for Lord Shiva and serves to immerse oneself in his divine presence.

The Shivashtakam mantra holds several benefits for the mind of both the chanter and the listener.

Benefit 1 - Healing power "Peace of mind and helps in keeping negative energy, evils, and negative thoughts away"

If practiced regularly and with undivided focus, the Shivashtakam can have lasting healing effects on the disciple's temperament and mental strength

Benefit 2 - Better decisions "Good health, prosperity, and wisdom dawns"

Through this chant, the intention to overcome suffering becomes stronger, and it becomes easier for the mind to make financial decisions with clarity and intuition.

Benefit 3 - Brings abundance "Induces positivity, confidence, and willpower as well as the removal of obstacles in endeavors".

As a result of its effect, chanting the Shivashtakam can bless the life of the chanter with abundant health and happiness, while also opening up the path to prosperity

This chant is also known to remove pain, and improve confidence in the listener.

# Lyrics/Meaning

Shivastakam Lyrics	Shivastakam English Translation
Prabhum praṇanatham vibhum visvanatham jagannatha natham Sadananda Bhavadbhavya bhutesvaram bhutanatham, sivam saṅkaram sambhu misanamide bhajam	I pray You, Shiva, Sankara, Sambhu, Who is the Lord, Who is the Lord of our lives, Who is Vishnu, Who is the Lord of the world, Who is the Lord of Vishnu (Jagannatha), Who is always dwelling in happiness, Who imparts light or shine to everything, Who is the Lord of living beings, Who is the Lord of ghosts, and Who is the Lord of everyone.
Gaḷe ruṇḍamalam tanau sarpajalam mahakala kalam gaṇesadi palam Jaṭajūṭa gaṅgottaraṅgai rvisalam, sivam saṅkaram sambhu misanamide	Who has a garland of skull around the neck, a net of snakes around His body, the destroyer of the immense-destroyer Kala, the lord of Ganesa, whose matted-hair are spread-out by the presence of the waves of Ganga falling on His head
Mudamakaram maṇḍanam maṇḍayantam maha maṇḍalam bhasma bhuṣadharam tam  Anadiṁ hyaparam maha mohamaram, svam saṅkaram sambhu misanamide	Who scatters happiness, orating the universe, who is the immense universe Himself, possessing the adornment of ashes, without a beginning, without a measure, removes the greatest attachments
Vaṭadho nivasam mahaṭṭaṭṭahasam mahapapa nasam Girisam gaṇesam suresam mahesam, sivam saṅkaram sambhu misanamide sada suprakasam	Who resides below a Vata (Banyan) tree, possesses an immense laughter, destroys the greatest sins, is always resplendent, the Lord of Himalaya, various Gana and the demi-gods, who is the great Lord
Girindratmaja saṅgrhitarhaddeham girau saṁsthitam sarvadapanna geham Parabrahma brahmadibhir-vandyamanam, sivam saṅkaram sambhu misanamide	Who shares half of His body with the daughter of Himalaya, situated in a mountain (Kailasa), always a resort for the depressed, the Atman, revered by Brahma and others
Kapalam trisulam karabhyam dadhanam padambhoja namraya kamam dadanam   Balivardhamanam suranam pradhanam, sivam saṅkaram sambhu misanamide	Who is Vishnu, the Lord of the world, always dwelling in happiness, imparts light or shine to everything, Who is the Lord of living beings, who is the Lord of ghosts
Saraccandra gatram gaṇanandapatram trinetram pavitrām dhanesasya mitram   Aparṇa kaḷatram sada saccaritrām, sivam saṅkaram sambhu misanamide	Who has a face like the Winter-moon, the subject of happiness of Gana, has three eyes, is pure, is the friend of Kubera (controller of wealth), is the consort of Aparna (Parvati), Who has eternal characteristics
Haram sarpaharam cita bhuviharam bhavam vedasaram sada nirvikaram   Smasane vasantam manojam dahantam, sivam saṅkaram sambhu misanamide	Who is known as Hara, has a garland of snakes, roams around the cremation grounds, is the universe, is the summary of the Veda (or the One discussed by Veda), is always dispassionate, is living in the cremation grounds, is burning desires born in the mind
stavam yah prabhate narah shulapane patheth sarvada bhargabhavanuraktah   sa putram dhanam dhanyamitram kalatram vichitram samasadya moksham prayati	Lord Shiva is splendorous. He is vividly glittering with trident. Those who recite this Stotram are blessed with kids, food, good friends and a good life companion; They will lead a fulfilling life and attain moksha to be with Lord Shiva.