

रामाष्टकम्

कृतार्तदेववन्दनं	दिनेशवंशनन्दनम्	
सुशोभिभालचन्दनं	नमामि राममीश्वरम्	॥१
मुनीन्द्रयज्ञकारकं	शिलाविपत्तिहारकम्	
महाधनुर्विदारकं	नमामि राममीश्वरम्	॥२
स्वतातवाक्यकारिणं	तपोवने विहारिणम्	
करे सुचापधारिणं	नमामि राममीश्वरम्	॥३
कुरङ्गमुक्तसायकं	जटायुमोक्षदायकम्	
प्रवृद्धकीशनायकं	नमामि राममीश्वरम्	॥४
प्लवङ्गसङ्गसम्मतिं	निबद्धनिम्नगापतिम्	
दशास्यवंशसङ्कृतिं	नमामि राममीश्वरम्	॥५
विदीनदेवहर्षणं	कपीप्सितार्थवर्षणम्	
स्वबन्धुशोककर्षणं	नमामि राममीश्वरम्	॥६
गतारिराज्यरक्षणं	प्रजाजनार्तिभक्षणम्	
कृतास्तमोहलक्षणं	नमामि राममीश्वरम्	॥७
हृताखिलाचलभरं	स्वधामनीतनागरम्	
जगत्तमोदिवारकं	नमामि राममीश्वरम्	॥८
इदं समाहितात्मना	नरो रघूत्तमाष्टकम्	
पठन्निरन्तरं भयं	भवोद्भवं न विन्दते	॥९

Rāmāṣṭakam¹

I bow to Lord Rāma, Who is the praise of agitated demi-gods, Who is the dear one in the lineage of the Sun, and Who has a sandalwood mark on the forehead.[1]

I bow to Lord Rāma, Who availed the sacrifice of sages (by slaying demons), Who absolved the trouble of stone-turned Ahilyā, and Who destroyed the great bow (of Śiva).[2]

I bow to Lord Rāma, Who made true the vow of His father, Who roamed in the forest of penance, and Who has a beautiful bow in the hand.[3]

I bow to Lord Rāma, Who fired an arrow on the deer, Who absolved Jaṭāyu, and Who is the leader of the strong monkeys.[4]

I bow to Lord Rāma, Who reached a pact with the monkeys, Who tied a bridge over the ocean, and Who destroyed the lineage of the ten-headed Rāvaṇa.[5]

I bow to Lord Rāma, Who made the demi-gods happy, Who showered desired wealth to monkeys, and Who removed the grief of His relatives.[6]

I bow to Lord Rāma, Who protected the state without enemies (Ayodhyā), Who swallowed the troubles of the people, and Who removes passion (for the mundane-world).[7]

I bow to Lord Rāma, Who absolved the weight of the earth, Who took the citizens of Ayodhyā to His abode, and Who is like the Sun for the darkness-like world.[8]

That man who regularly sings these eight cantos on the best of Raghu, does not get affected by the fears born out of the mundane world.[9]

Notes:

¹This stotra outlines the story of Rāmāyaṇa in eight verses.

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