

## Sri Suktham

1. O my Lord who brought out the Vedas! Please bless me with the presence of the doe-like Lakshmi, the golden complexioned one who gladdens the hearts of people like the fullmoon, of the most desirable form, decorated with silver and gold ornaments.
2. O my Lord! Please bless me with the presence of the Lady (Lakshmi) from whom one can obtain all wealth - cows, horses, servants, gold and the like.
3. I call forth Sridevi who in the early stages of (my) meditation reveals herself in the sound of the horse, in the middle, that of the chariot and towards the end, in the voice of the elephant. Let Sridevi who has blessed me with her presence be pleased with me.
4. O Sridevi! I invite you to my abode; You generate pleasant sounds; you are the source of the greatness of the Supreme Lord; You shed light by your presence; You are most good-natured and have a kind disposition; You are lotus-hued and stand (or are seated) on the lotus in full-bloom.
5. I take refuge in Sridevi, the most illustrious one, who shines forth brilliantly being the sixfold fires (agni), who is always associated with the Lord (Hari), and activates Him in cosmic



activities (creation etc.) by her presence, like the Sun making the lotus bloom; who enlarges the five-fold activities of people, who is not subject to the control of Time and who is of the most generous nature. Let my poverty be destroyed; I seek you for effecting this.

6. O Mahalakshmi who represents the auspicious Vedic sounds in the Sun! Let the fruits of the Vilva tree born out of your auspicious nature (will) for the well-being of the world, help me in my penance, and destroy my ignorance, my poverty and my enemies.
7. Let Sridevi the very personification of auspiciousness come to me with the basic fire-the source of all energy and the wind, the friend and nourisher of the fire; I am born in this mundane world, the place of all (good and bad) action. May Sridevi with her fullness of auspicious qualities, beautiful form and abundant wealth bestow on me lasting fame (wealth).
8. O Sridevi! I pray to you to destroy (banish) from my abode all poverty, lack of good qualities and all similar ills; by your grace I destroy all that is opposed to you - hunger, thirst, impurities and your elder (jyesta the inauspicious).
9. O Sridevi! I invite you to my abode; You are the source of all pleasant odours (of the odoriferous earth and the elements); You are invincible; You are always fully endowed with desirable qualities; You own all the elephants and ride them; You are the controller of (you command) all these worlds.
10. Let Sridevi be ever with me; the Devi who is the fruit desired by all in their hearts; who is the spirit of all the spoken words; who is ever present in all sentient and non-sentient beings; who pervades the knowledge in all living beings, the essence of all that is experienced (food), (let the such-natured Sridevi be ever with me).
11. O Lord Karddama! Sridevi is your adopted daughter. Let Sridevi who wears a garland of lotuses and who is the mother of all the worlds, abide in our race (family).
12. O Chikleeda the guard of Sridevi's temple (abode)! Make my abode your residence; Let her, the universal mother, permanently reside in my abode (race). Let the waters (elements) produce all that is tasteful to the Devi.



13. O my supreme Lord! Grant us the presence of Lakshmi, the most desirable one decorated with garlands of lotus flowers and beads; she has the softest (kindest) heart; she nourishes her devotees with beauty, fame and wealth; she is the support of all the worlds; grant us that Lakshmi whose complexion is like gold.
14. O My Lord! Grant me the presence of Sridevi wet with your nectarine grace! Sridevi who wears lotus flowers for her pleasure; she who gladdens you by her form and pleasant qualities; she who wears garlands of golden nuggets from the Hymana mountain; whose form is desirable and shines forth like gold.
15. O My Lord! Grant us the presence of Sridevi who is ever inseparable from you! Please present her whose presence bestows on us wealth - gold, cows, horses, attendants, servants all in abundance; let her be ever present with us.

O! Sridevi, daughter of the lotus to whom the Lotus is dear! Your abode is the lotus; your eyes are beautiful like lotus petals; you hold the lotus flower in your hands; the worlds are dear to you! You are pleasant to the thoughts of Lord Vishnu! Please bless me by placing your lotus feet on my head.

OM! I lovingly meditate on Mahadevi; I carry the consort of Vishnu in my thoughts. Let that Lakshmi inspire us.