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Invoking Kṛṣṇa's Remembrance

Śrī-Śacī-Tanayāshtakam

Eight Prayers Glorifying the Son of Śrīmatī Śacīdevī

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ujjvala-varaṇa-gaura-vara-deham vilasita-niravadhi-bhāva-videham tri-bhuvana-pāvana-kṛpāyāḥ leśam tam praṇamāmi ca śrī-śacī-tanayam

I offer my respectful obeisances (praṇamāmi) to the beautiful son of Śrī Śacīdevī (taṁ śrī-śacī-tanayam). His superexcellent spiritual body (vara-dehaṁ) is a brilliant (ujjvala) golden colour (gaura-varaṇa). He is incessantly (niravadhi) churned (vilasita) by sublime transcendental (videham) ecstasies (bhāva). A tiny fraction (leśaṁ) of His mercy (kṛpāyāḥ) is able to deliver (pāvana) all the three worlds (tri-bhuvana).

gadgadāntara-bhāva-vikāram durjana-tarjana-nāda-viśālam bhava-bhaya-bhañjana-kāraṇa-karuṇam tam praṇamāmi ca śrī-śacī-tanayam

I offer my respectful obeisances (praṇamāmi) to the beautiful son of Śrī Śacīdevī (taṁ śrī-śacī-tanayam). His transcendental form manifests transformations of ecstasy (antara-bhāva-vikāraṁ) such as faltering of the voice (gadgada). The mighty sound of His voice (nāda-viśālam) chastises (tarjana) wicked men (durjana). His mercy (karuṇaṁ) dispels (bhañjana) the fear (bhaya) of all that causes repeated birth and death (bhava-kāraṇa).

aruṇāmbara-dhara cāru-kapolaṁ indu-vinindita-nakha-caya-ruciram jalpita-nija-guṇa-nāma-vinodaṁ taṁ praṇamāmi ca śrī-śacī-tanayam

I offer my respectful obeisances (pranamāmi) to the beautiful son of Śrī Śacīdevī (taṁ śrī-śacī-tanayam). He wears (dhara) garments (ambara) the colour of the rays of the rising sun (aruna). The radiance (ruciram) of his beautiful cheeks (cāru-kapolam) and nails (nakha-caya) puts to shame (vinindita) the moon. He takes delight (vinodam) in uttering (jalpita) the glories (implied) of His own (nija) transcendental qualities (guna) and holy name (nāma).

vigalita-nayana-kamala-jala-dhāram bhūṣaṇa-nava-rasa-bhāva-vikāram gati-atimanthara-nṛtya-vilāsam tam praṇamāmi ca śrī-śacī-tanayam

I offer my respectful obeisances (praṇamāmi) to the beautiful son of Śrī Śacīdevī (taṁ śrī-śacī-tanayam). Streams (dhāraṁ) of ecstatic tears (jala) flow (vigalita) from His lotus eyes (nayana-kamala). He is ornamented (bhūṣaṇa) with transformations of ecstasy (bhāva-vikāram) caused by ever-new loving mellows (nava-rasa). His pastimes of dancing (nṛtya-vilāsaṁ) exhibit very slow and graceful (ati-manthara) movements (gati).

cañcala-cāru-caraṇa-gati-ruciraṁ mañjīra-rañjita-pada-yuga-madhuram candra-vinindita-śītala-vadanaṁ taṁ praṇamāmi ca śrī-śacī-tanayam

I offer my respectful obeisances (praṇamāmi) to the beautiful son of Śrī Śacīdevī (taṁ śrī-śacī-tanayam). The nimble movements (gati-ruciraṁ) of His beautiful (cāru) dancing (cañcala) feet (caraṇa), adorned by (rañjita) sweetly twinkling anklets (pada-yuga-mañjīra), are very pleasing (madhuram). His soothing brilliant face (śītala-vadanaṁ) surpasses (vinindita) the cooling rays of the moon (candra).

dhṛta-kaṭi-dora-kamaṇḍalu-daṇḍaṁ divya-kalevara-muṇḍita-muṇḍam durjana-kalmaṣa-khaṇḍana-daṇḍaṁ taṁ praṇamāmi ca śrī-śacī-tanayam

I offer my respectful obeisances (praṇamāmi) to the beautiful son of Śrī Śacīdevī (taṁ śrī-śacī-tanayam). His wonderful divine form (divya-kalevara) is graced by a shaven head (muṇḍita-muṇḍam) and adorned with the loincloth of a mendicant (dhṛta-kaṭi-ḍora), the sannyāsa staff (daṇḍaṁ) and waterpot (kamaṇḍalu). Such a form of His chastises (daṇḍaṁ) wicked souls (durjana) and destroys (khaṇḍana) their sins (kalmaṣa).

bhūṣaṇa-bhū-raja-alakā-valitaṁ kampita-bimbādhara-vara-ruciram malayaja-viracita-ujjvala-tilakaṁ taṁ praṇamāmi ca śrī-śacī-tanayam

I offer my respectful obeisances (praṇamāmi) to the beautiful son of Śrī Śacīdevī (taṁ śrī-śacī-tanayam). As a householder (implied), His face (implied) is surrounded (valitaṁ) by locks of dark hair (alakā), decorated (bhūṣaṇa) with the dust of the earth (bhū-raja). His excellent lips (vara adhara), which are red like the bimba fruit (bimbā), are beautified (ruciram) by their trembling in ecstasy (kampita). Upon His forehead He wears (implied) brilliant tilak (ujjvala-tilakaṁ) made of (viracita) sandalwood paste (malayaja).

nindita-aruṇa-kamala-dala-nayanam ājānu-lambita-śrī-bhuja-yugalam kalevara-kaiśora-nartaka-veśam tam praṇamāmi ca śrī-śacī-tanayam

I offer my respectful obeisances (praṇamāmi) to the beautiful son of Śrī Śacīdevī (taṁ śrī-śacī-tanayam). The glowing beauty (implied) of His lotus-petal eyes (kamaladala-nayanaṁ) surpasses (nindita) that of the rising sun (aruṇa). His two splendid arms (śrī-bhuja-yugalam) extend (lambita) down to His knees (ājānu). His divine body (kalevara) is dressed in the fashion (veśaṁ) of an adolescent dancer (kaiśora-nartaka).