

## ॥ लिंगाष्टकम् ॥ LingAshTakam

ब्रह्ममुरारिसुरार्चितलिंगम्  
निर्मलभाषितशोभितलिंगम् ।  
जन्मजदुःखविनाशकलिंगम्  
तत् प्रणमामि सदाशिवलिंगम् ॥१॥

*brahmamurArisurArchitalingam  
nirmalabAshitasSObitalingam |  
janmajadukkavinASakalingam  
tat praNamAmi sadASivalingam ||*

1. I bow before that Sadashivalinga, which is adored by Brahma, Vishnu, and other gods; which is hailed by pure words and which destroys the cycle of birth and death.

देवमुनिप्रवरार्चितलिंगम्  
कामदहं करुणाकर लिंगम् ।  
रावणदर्पविनाशनलिंगम्  
तत् प्रणमामि सदाशिवलिंगम् ॥२॥

*devamunipravarArcitalingam  
kAmadaham karuNAkaralingam |  
rAvaNadarpavinASanalingam  
tat praNamAmi sadASivalingam ||*

2. I bow before that Sadashivalinga worshipped by the gods and sages; that form (of Shiva) which burnt Cupid, and subdued the ego of Ravana, and of infinite compassion.

सर्वसुगन्धिसुलेपितलिंगम्  
बुद्धिविवर्धनकारणलिंगम् ।  
सिद्धसुरासुरवन्दितलिंगम्  
तत् प्रणमामि सदाशिवलिंगम् ॥३॥

*sarvasugandhisulepitalingam  
buddhivivardhanakAraNalingam |*

*siddhasurAsuravanditalingam  
tat praNamAmi sadASivalingam ||*

3. I bow before that Sadashivalinga, smeared with various perfumes, which uplifts the intellect, and which is worshipped by the Siddhas, the Devas, and the Asuras.

कनकमहामणिभूषितलिंगम्  
फणिपतिवेष्टित शोभितलिंगम् ।  
दक्षसुयज्ञ विनाशन लिंगम्  
तत् प्रणमामि सदाशिवलिंगम् ॥४॥

*kanakamahAmaNibhooshitalingam  
phaNipativeshtita SObhitalingam |  
dakshasuyajna vinASana lingam  
tat praNamAmi sadASivalingam ||*

4. I bow before that Sadashivalinga, decorated with various ornaments, studded with varieties of gems and rubies, and glows with the lord of snakes coiled around, and of the form of the destroyer of Daksha's sacrifice.

कुंकुमचंदनलेपितलिंगम्  
पंकजहारसुशोभितलिंगम् ।  
संचितपापविनाशनलिंगम्  
तत् प्रणमामि सदाशिवलिंगम् ॥५॥

*kumkumacandanalepitalingam  
pankajahArasuSObhitalingam |  
sancitapApavinASanalingam  
tat praNamAmi sadSivalingam ||*

5. I bow before that Sadashivalinga, decorated with saffron and sandal-paste, which is adorned with lotus garlands, and which destroys all accumulated sins (over several births)

देवगणार्चित सेवितलिंगम्  
भावैर्भक्तिभिरेव च लिंगम् ।  
दिनकरकोटिप्रभाकरलिंगम्  
तत् प्रणमामि सदाशिवलिंगम् ॥६॥

*devagaNArcita sevitalingam  
bhavairbhaktibhireva ca lingam |  
dinakarakOTiprabhAkaralingam  
tat praNamAmi sadASivalingam ||*

सुरगुरुसुरवरपूजितलिंगम्  
सुरवनपुष्पसदार्चितलिंगम् ।  
परात्परं परमात्मकलिंगम्  
तत् प्रणमामि सदाशिवलिंगम् ॥८॥

*sugurusuravarapUjitalingam  
suravanapushpasadArcitalingam |  
parAtparam paramAtmakalingam  
tat praNamAmi sadASivalingam ||*

6. I bow before that Sadashivalinga, worshipped by gods with sincere devotion, and whose brilliance is like that of crores of suns.

8. I bow before that Sadashivalinga, which is worshipped by the devas and their gurus with flowers from the divine gardens; which is the Transcendent Being and the Supreme Self.

अष्टदलोपरिवेष्टितलिंगम्  
सर्वसमुद्भवकारणलिंगम् ।  
अष्टदरिद्रविनाशनलिंगम्  
तत् प्रणमामि सदाशिवलिंगम् ॥७॥

*ashTadalOpariveshTitalingam  
sarvasamudbhavakarNalingam |  
ashTadaridravinaASakalingam  
tat praNamAmi sadASivalingam ||*

लिंगाष्टकमिदं पुण्यं  
यः पठेत् शिवसन्निधौ ।  
शिवलोकमवाप्नोति  
शिवेन सह मोदते ॥९॥

*lingAshTakamidam puNyam  
ya: paThaet Sivasannidhau |  
SivalOkamavApnOti  
Sivena saha mOdatae||*

7. I bow before that Sadashivalinga, which stands on the eight petals; which is the cause of all creation; and which can destroy the eight aspects of poverty.

Whoever recites these eight slokas, in praise of the Shivalinga with the presence of Lord Shiva, attains that Supreme abode of Shiva and enjoys everlasting bliss with Him!

### **Fate and Free Will**

☼ *Fate is invisible. The past is past and is beyond our vision and unseen. Do not worry about fate or the past. The present is before you and by the exercise of your free will, you can shape the future and this is what you should do, instead of wasting your time or energy bothering about the past and fate.*