

Hanumān Chālīsā

40 Verses in Praise of Śrī Hanumān English translation by Ramdas Lamb, Ph.D.

Srī Guru charana saroja raja | Nijamanu mukuru sudhāri | | Baranaum Raghuvara bimala jasu | Jo dāyaku phala chāri | | Buddhi hīna tanu jānikem | Sumiraum pavana kumara | | Bala buddhi vidyā dehu mohim | Harahu kalesa vikāra | | With the pollen of the Guru's lotus feet, | I cleanse the mirror of my heart, || and sing the pure virtues of Lord Raghuvir, | the bestower of life's four fruits. || Knowing this body to be lacking in wisdom, | I meditate on the Wind God's son. || Give me strength, wisdom, and intelligence, I remove my faults and afflictions, II 1. Jaya Hanumāna jñāna guna sāgara | Jaya kapīsha tihum loka ujāgara | | Hail Hanuman, ocean of wisdom and virtue, | awakener of the three worlds, Monkey lord Hail to you. || 2. Rāma dūta atulita bala dhāmā | Anjani putra pavana suta nāmā | | Unmatched in power, messenger of Ram, | Anjani's offspring, the Wind God's son. || 3. Mahāvīra bikrama baiarangī | Kumati nivāra sumati ke sangī | | Valiant Mahavir, body like lightning, | dispeller of ignorance, inspires good thinking || 4. Kamchana barana virāja subesā | Kānana kumdala kumchita kesā | | Golden colored body, clothing so fair, | with rings in your ears, and very curly hair. || 5. Hātha bajra au dvajā birājai | Kāmdhe mūnja jane-ū sājai | | Lightning bolt in one hand, banner in the other, | sacred grass thread worn across your shoulder. ||

6. Shankara suvana Keśarī nandana | Teja pratāpa mahā jaga vandana | |

Avatar of Shiva, Kesari's delighter, | your radiant glory is adored the world over. ||

7. Vidya vana guni ati chatura Rama kaja karibe ko atura
Storehouse of knowledge, virtuous and clever, absorbed in Ram's work, tiring never.
8. Prabhu charitra sunibe ko rasiyā Rāma Lakhshana Sītā mana basiyā
Ever immersed in the stories of Sri Ram, you're present in the heart of Sita, Ram, Lakshman.
9. Sūkshma rūpa dhari Siyahim dikhāvā Bikata rūpa dhari Lanka jarāvā
Donning a minute form, you appeared to Sita, then in giant form you burned down Lanka.
10. Bhīma rūpa dhari asura samhāre Rāmachandra ke kāja samvāre
Mightily destroying demons every one, ever fulfilling the work of Lord Ram.
11. Lāya samjīvana Lakhshana jiyāye Śrī Raghuvīra harashi ura lāye
Bringing sacred herb to revive Lakshman, you received a joyous embrace from mighty Sri Ram.
12. Raghupati kīnhī bahuta barā-i Tuma mama priya Bharatahi sama bhā-l
Raghupati lovingly extolled your merit, saying, "You're as dear to me as brother Bharat."
13. Sahasa badana tumharo yasa gāvaim Asa kahi Śrī pati kantha lagāvaim
"It would take a thousand mouths to sing your praises," saying so Lord Ram held you in his embrace.
14. Sanakādika Brahmādi munīsā Nārada Sārada sahita ahīsā
Sanaka, all sages, and even Lord Brahma, Narada, Sarada, along with Ahisha.
15. Yama kubera dikapāla jahāmte Kavi kobida kahi sake kahām te
Yama, Kubera and others try to praise you. How can a poet ever hope to describe you?
16. Tuma upakāra Sugrīvahim kīnhā Rāma milāya rāja pada dīnhā
Doing for Sugriva a very great thing, you brought Ram to him who made him a king.
17. Tumharo mantra Vibhīshana mānā Lankeshvara bhaye saba jaga jānā
Vibhishan listened closely to your word, became Lord of Lanka, known throughout the world.
18. Juga sahasra jojana para bhānu Līlyo tāhi madhura phala jānu
Traveling many miles you went to the sun, thinking it a fruit to eat when you were young.

19. Prabhu mudrikā meli mukha māmhīm Jaldhi lāmghi gaye acharaja nāhīm
Holding in your mouth Lord Ram's precious ring, you sailed across the sea which is not at all surprising.
20. Durgama kāja jagata ke jete Sugama anugraha tumhare tete
Difficult work wherever it may be, by your kind blessings is done so easily.
21. Rāma dulāre tuma rakhavāre Hota na ājñā binu paisāre
At the door of Ram you are the guardsman, no one can enter without your permission.
22. Saba sukha lahaim tumhārī sharanā Tuma rakshaka kāhū ko dara nā
All joy is gained by those in your shelter. What is there to fear when you are protector?
23. Āpana teja samhāro āpai Tīnom loka hānka te kāmpai
Such is your power only you can handle, hearing your roar the three worlds tremble.
24. Bhūta pisācha nikata nahim āvai Mahāvīra japa nāma sunāvai
Ghosts and evil spirits can never come near, to one who repeats the name of Mahavir.
25. Nāsai roga Hare saba pīrā Japata nirantara Hanumata bīrā
All illness is dispelled and suffering gone, by constant repetition of thy name, Hanuman.
26. Samkata te Hanumāna chudāvai Mana krama vachana dhyāna jo lāvai
By Hanuman's grace from all troubles freed, for those who remember you in thought, word, and deed.
27. Saba para Rāma tapasvī rājā Tinake kāja sakala tuma sājā
Greatest of all is Ascetic King Ram. All of whose works you have easily done.
28. Aura manoratha jo ko-i lāvai So-i amita jīvana phala pāvai
Whoever comes to you with any desire, receives the highest fruit of eternal nectar.
29. Chārom yuga paratāpa tumhārā Hai parasidha jagata ujiyārā
In all four ages your glory is sung. Your fame enlightens the whole of creation.
30. Sādhu santa ke tuma rakhavāre Asura nikandana Rāma dulāre
For Saints and Sages you are protector, beloved of Ram, demon's destroyer.

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31. Ashta siddhi naunidhi ke dātā | Asa bara dīna Jānakī Mātā | |
You can bestow all perfections and power, | the boon was given you by Janaki Mother. ||
32. Rāma rasāyana tūmhare pāsā | Sadā rahau Raghupati ke dāsā | |
You know the essence of devotion to Ram, | in his service you will ever remain. ||
33. Tumhare bhajana Rāma ko pāvai | Janama janama ke dukha bisaravai | |
By devotion to you the Lord is attained, | freedom from lifetimes of suffering is gained. ||
34. Antakāla Raghupatipura jā-i | Jahām janma Haribhakta kahā-l | |
At the time of death the Lord's abode is won, | any rebirth will be of pure devotion. ||
35. Aura devatā chita na dharahi | Hanumata se-i sarva sukha kara-l | |
Remembering any other deity is needless, | devotion to Hanuman brings all joy and bliss. ||
36. Samkata katai mitai saba pīrā | Jo sumirai Hanumata balabīrā | |
Sufferings are dispelled, rebirth cycle cut, | for those who remember almighty Hanumat. ||
37. Jai Jai Jai Hanumāna Gusā-i | Kripā karahu gurudeva kī nā-l | |
Lord of my senses, Hanuman, Hail to you, | bestow thy grace as does the Guru. ||
38. Jo sata bāra pāta kara ko-i | Chūtahi bamdi mahā sukha ho-l | |
For those who sing this one hundred times, | all bonds are broken, the highest joy they find. ||
39. Jo yaha padhai Hanumāna chālīsā | Ho-i siddhi sākhī Gaurīsā | |
For those who read the Hanuman Chalisa, | perfection is attained, the witness is Shiva. ||
40. Tulasīdāsa sadā Hari cherā | Kījai nāta hridaya maham derā | |
Tulsidas, eternal servant of the Lord, | prays, "Make my heart, Lord, thy abode." ||
Pavana tanaya sankata harana | Mangala mūrati rūpa | |
Rāma Lakhshana Sītā sahita | Hridaya basahu sura bhūpa | |
Son of the Wind God, dispeller of distress, | extremely auspicious in form, ||
Along with Sita, Ram, and Lakshman, | please make my heart into your home. ||
Siyā bara Rāmachandra pada jai sharanam |
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Hail the refuge of the feet of Sita and Ram