

Mahalakshmi Ashtakam

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Mahalakshmi Ashtakam is a short Sanskrit hymn of eight verses in which Indra praises Goddess Mahalakshmi. Every verse ends with "Mahalakshmi Namostu Te", "O Mahalakshmi, I bow to you", and three closing verses describe the merit of reciting it. Families recite it on Fridays, during Navratri and at Lakshmi puja on Diwali.

Shloka 1

Namastestu Mahamaye Shri Peethe Sura Poojite
Shankha Chakra Gada Haste Mahalakshmi Namostu Te ॥1॥

*Salutations to you, O Mahamaya, seated on the throne of Shri and worshipped by the gods.
You hold the conch, the discus and the mace in your hands. O Mahalakshmi, I bow to you.*

Shloka 2

Namaste Garudarudhe Kolasura Bhayankari
Sarva Papa Hare Devi Mahalakshmi Namostu Te ॥2॥

*Salutations to you who ride on Garuda, you who struck terror into the demon Kolasura. O
Goddess who takes away every sin, O Mahalakshmi, I bow to you.*

Shloka 3

Sarvagye Sarva Varade Sarva Dushta Bhayankari
Sarva Duhkha Hare Devi Mahalakshmi Namostu Te ॥3॥

*You know all things and grant every boon, and all wicked beings fear you. O Goddess who
removes all sorrow, O Mahalakshmi, I bow to you.*

Shloka 4

**Siddhi Buddhi Prade Devi Bhukti Mukti Pradayini
Mantra Murte Sada Devi Mahalakshmi Namostu Te ॥4॥**

O Goddess, you give success and wisdom, and you grant both the joys of this world and liberation. You are present always in the form of the mantra. O Mahalakshmi, I bow to you.

Shloka 5

**Adyanta Rahite Devi Adya Shakti Maheshwari
Yogaje Yoga Sambhute Mahalakshmi Namostu Te ॥5॥**

O Goddess without beginning or end, primal power and great sovereign, you are born of yoga and revealed through yoga. O Mahalakshmi, I bow to you.

Shloka 6

**Sthula Sukshma Maharaudre Mahashakte Mahodare
Maha Papa Hare Devi Mahalakshmi Namostu Te ॥6॥**

You are the gross and the subtle, and you are fierce beyond measure. O great power whose womb holds the universe, O Goddess who removes the gravest sins, O Mahalakshmi, I bow to you.

Shloka 7

**Padmasana Sthite Devi Parabrahma Swaroopini
Parameshi Jaganmatar Mahalakshmi Namostu Te ॥7॥**

O Goddess seated on the lotus, you are the Supreme Brahman itself. O supreme Lady, Mother of the world, O Mahalakshmi, I bow to you.

Shloka 8

**Shvetambara Dhare Devi Nanalankara Bhushite
Jagatsthite Jaganmatar Mahalakshmi Namostu Te ॥8॥**

O Goddess dressed in white and adorned with many ornaments, you are present throughout the world and you are its Mother. O Mahalakshmi, I bow to you.

Phalashruti 1

**Mahalakshmyashtakam Stotram Yah Pathed Bhaktiman Narah
Sarva Siddhim Avapnoti Rajyam Prapnoti Sarvada ||1||**

*The devotee who recites this hymn of eight verses to Mahalakshmi gains every kind of success
and always attains sovereignty.*

Phalashruti 2

**Ekakalam Pathen Nityam Maha Papa Vinashanam
Dvikalam Yah Pathen Nityam Dhana Dhanya Samanvitah ||2||**

*Reciting it once every day destroys great sins. One who recites it twice a day is blessed with
wealth and grain.*

Phalashruti 3

**Trikalam Yah Pathen Nityam Maha Shatru Vinashanam
Mahalakshmir Bhaven Nityam Prasanna Varada Shubha ||3||**

*For one who recites it three times a day, great enemies are destroyed, and Mahalakshmi,
auspicious and generous with boons, is always pleased with that person.*

Source: Mahalakshmyashtakam as printed in "Prabhata Stotranidhi" (stotranidhi.com, Devanagari); cross-checked
line by line with sanskritdocuments.org mahaalakshmyashhTakaM (Indra-krita, with meaning)

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