



Śrī Subrahmanya Ashtottara Śata Nāmavali: The 108 Names of Lord Skanda Kumāra

Nandikeswarar instructed this incantation to Sage Agastya

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In truth, the names of Lord Skanda are innumerable. But for the sake of brevity, 108 of His descriptive names are enumerated in Sanskrit as below. In each instance, the sādḥaka (practitioner) recites a name visualizing that the Lord stands before him or her, and mentally bows down before the Lord with each recitation. For the verbal root *nam* in Sanskrit literally means 'to bend'; hence the formula has the sense of "Om! I bow down to the Lord who is . . .".

The following is the raw text in Sanskrit where vowels marked as long are twice as long as normal short vowels ('ō' is always long as in 'boat' and 'ē' is always long as in 'bay'). Approximate English equivalents appear under each mantra.

The pictures at right are from a rare [Kanda Sashti souvenir](#) published in 1958 by Śrī-īa-śrī Subrahmanya Deśika Paramacharya Swamigal of Tiruvavadhurai Adhīnam. Click on any image to view it at full size.

1. Ōm Skandāya namaha
Hail Skanda! Vanquisher of the mighty foes!
2. Ōm Guhāya namaha
Praise be to the Invisible Lord—He who abides in the hearts of devotees true!
3. Ōm Shanmukhāya namaha
Praise be to the six-faced one!
4. Ōm Bālanetrasutāya namaha
Praise be to the Son of the Three-Eyed Sival!
5. Ōm Prabhava namaha
Praise be to the Lord Supreme!
6. Ōm Pingalāya namaha
Praise be to the golden-hued one!
7. Ōm Krittikāsunave namaha
Hail to the Son of the starry maids!
8. Ōm Śikhivāhanāya namaha
Hail to the rider on the peacock!
9. Ōm Dvinadbhujāya namaha
Hail to the Lord with the twelve hands!
10. Ōm Dvinannetrāya namaha
Hail to the Lord with the twelve eyes!
11. Ōm Śaktidharāya namaha
Hail to the wielder of the Lance!
12. Ōm Pīdāsaprabhajanāya namaha
Praise be to the destroyer of the Asuras!
13. Ōm Tārakāsurasamhārine namaha
Praise be to the slāyer of Tārakāsuran!
14. Ōm Raksobalavimardanāya namaha
Praise be to the Victor of the Asuric forces!
15. Ōm Mattāya namaha
Praise be to the Lord of felicity!
16. Ōm Pramattāya namaha
Praise be to the Lord of bliss!
17. Ōm Unmattāya namaha
Hail Oh passionate One!
18. Ōm Surasainyasuraksakāya namaha
(Suralangasya Rakshithre Namaha); Hail Saviour of the Devas!
19. Ōm Devasenāpataye namaha
Hail Commander of the Heavenly hosts!
20. Ōm Pragnya namaha
Hail, Lord of Wisdom!
21. Ōm Kripalave namaha
Hail Compassionate One!
22. Ōm Bhaktavatsalāya namaha
Lover of devout ones, Praise be to Thee!
23. Ōm Umāsutāya namaha



Śrī Gajavāhana



Śrī Kumāra

- Son of Uma—Praise be to Thee!
24. Ōm Śaktidharāya namaha
Mighty Lord—Praise be to Thee!
25. Ōm Kumārāya namaha
Eternal youth—Praise be to Thee!
26. Ōm Krauñcadharanāya namaha
He who reft asunder the Krauñca Mount—Praise be to Thee!
27. Ōm Senānye namaha
Praise be to the Army Chief!
28. Ōm Agnijanmane namaha
To the effulgence of Fire, all Hail!
29. Ōm Viskhāya namaha
To Him who shone on the astral Visakha—All Hail!
30. Ōm Shankarātmajāya namaha
Thou Son of Sankara—All Hail!
31. Ōm Sivasvāmine namaha
Thou Preceptor of Siva—All Hail!
32. Ōm Ganaswāmine namaha
On Lord of the Ganas—All Hail
33. Ōm Sarvasvāmine namaha
On Lord, God Almighty, All Hail!
34. Ōm Sanātanāya namaha
Oh Lord eternal, Praise be to Thee!
35. Ōm Anantasaktaye namaha
Thou potent Lord, Praise be to Thee!
36. Ōm Aksobhyāya namaha
Unsullied by arrows art Thou—Praise be to Thee!
37. Ōm Parvatīpriyanandanāya namaha
Thou beloved of Parvati, Praise be to Thee!
38. Ōm Gangasūtāya namaha
Oh, son of Goddess Ganga—Praise be to Thee!
39. Ōm Sarodbhutāya namaha
Thou who did'st nestle in the Saravana Lake!
40. Ōm Atmabhuvē namaha
Thou Unborn Lord!
41. Ōm Pavakatmajāya namaha
Thou who art born of Fire!
42. Ōm Māyādhārāya namaha
Energy Art Thou—Praise be to Thee!
43. Ōm Prajimbhāya namaha
Praise be to thee Auspicious One! (Blissful)!
44. Ōm Ujjimbhāya namaha
Praise be to the Invincible One!
45. Ōm Kamalāsanasamstūtāya namaha
Praise be to the Lord extolled by Brahma!
46. Ōm Ekavarnāya namaha
The one Word art Thou—All Hail!
47. Ōm Dvīvarnāya namaha
In Two Art Thou—All Hail!
48. Ōm Trīvarnāya namaha
Thou Art the Three—All Hail!
49. Ōm Sumanoharāya namaha
Thou Stealer of pure hearts—All Hail!
50. Ōm Caturvarnāya namaha
In four Art Thou—All Hail!
51. Ōm Pancavarnāya namaha
In five letters Art Thou—All Hail!
52. Ōm Prajapataye namaha
Father of all Creation—All Hail!
53. Ōm Trumbāya namaha
Praise be to Thee, Oh Peerless One!
54. Ōm Agnigarbhāya namaha
Thou who dost sustain the fire!
55. Ōm Samigarbhāya namaha
Hail Thou who arose out of the Vanni flame! (Fire of the Suma tree)!
56. Ōm Visvaretase namaha
Thou glory of the Absolute Paramasivam, All Hail!
57. Ōm Surarighne namaha
Oh, Subduer of the foes of the Devas, All Hail!
58. Ōm Hīranyavarnāya namaha
Thou resplendent One, All Hail!
59. Ōm Subhakrite namaha
Thou Auspicious One—All Hail!
60. Ōm Vasumate namaha



Śrī Śaktidhāra



Śrī Subrahmanya



Śrī Subrahmanya

Thou Oh Splendour of the Vasus— (a class of Gods) All Hail!

61. ॐ Vatuvēśabhrite namaha
Praise be to Thee, Oh lover of celibacy!
62. ॐ Bhūśhane namaha
Thou Luminous Sun—All Hail!
63. ॐ Kapastaye namaha
Thou Effulgence divine, All Hail!
64. ॐ Gahanāya namaha
Thou Omniscient One—All Hail!
65. ॐ Chandravarnāya namaha
Thou Radiance of the Moon—Praise be to Thee!
66. ॐ Kāladharāya namaha
Thou who adorns the crescent—Praise be to Thee!
67. ॐ Māyādhārāya namaha
Energy art Thou—Praise be to Thee!
68. ॐ Mahāmāyīne namaha
Great Artist of Deception too art Thou, Praise be to Thee!
69. ॐ Kaivalyāya namaha
Everlasting joy of attainment—Praise be to Thee!
70. ॐ Sahatātmakāya namaha
Art all-pervading—All Hail!
71. ॐ Viśvayōnaye namaha
Source of all Existence—All Hail!
72. ॐ Ameyatmane namaha
Oh, Supreme Splendour, All Hail!
73. ॐ Tejonidhaye namaha
Illumination divine—All Hail!
74. ॐ Anāmāyaya namaha
Savior of all ills—All Hail!
75. ॐ Paramēśhtine namaha
Thou art Immaculate Lord, Praise be to Thee
76. ॐ Parabrahmane namaha
Thou Transcendant One, Praise be to Thee!
77. ॐ Vedagarbhāya namaha
The Source of the Vedas art Thou, Praise be to Thee!
78. ॐ Viratsutāya namaha
Immanent Art Thou in the Universe, Praise be to Thee!
79. ॐ Pulindakanyābhartre namaha
Praise be to the Lord of Valli, the Vedda belle!
80. ॐ Mahāśarasvatavradāya namaha
Praise be to the source of Gnosis
81. ॐ āsritā Kiladhātre namaha
Praise be to Him who showers grace on those who seek his solace!
82. ॐ Choraghnāya namaha
Praise be to Him who annihilates those who steal!
83. ॐ Roganāśanāya namaha
Praise be to the divine Healer
84. ॐ Anantamūrtaye namaha
Praise be Thine whose forms are endless!
85. ॐ ānandāya namaha
Praise be Thine, Oh Thou infinite Bliss!
86. ॐ Shikhandīkritagedanāya namaha
Praise be Thine, Thou Lord of peacock banner!
87. ॐ Dambhāya namaha
Praise be Thine, Oh lover of gay exuberance!
88. ॐ Paramadambhāya namaha
Praise be Thine, Thou lover of supreme exuberance!
89. ॐ Mahādambhāya namaha
Praise be Thine, Oh Lord of lofty magnificence!
90. ॐ Vriśhakāpaye namaha
Thou who art the culmination of righteousness—All Hail (Dharma)!
91. ॐ Karanopātadehāya namaha
Thou who deigned embodiment for a cause—All Hail!
92. ॐ Kāranātita Vighrahāya namaha
Form transcending causal experience
93. ॐ Anīśhvarāya namaha
Oh Eternal peerless plentitude, All Hail
94. ॐ Amritāya namaha
Thou Ambrosia of Life—All Hail!
95. ॐ Pranāya namaha
Thou life of life, Praise unto Thee!
96. ॐ Pranāyamaparāyanāya namaha
Thou support of all beings—Praise unto Thee!
97. ॐ Vritakandare namaha



Śrī Brahmaśastā



Śrī Kārttikeya



Śrī Krauñcabhedā

- Praise unto Thee who subjugates all hostile forces!
 98. Ōm Viraghnāya namaha
 Thou vanquisher of heroic opponents, Praise unto Thee!
 99. Ōm Raktashyamagalāya namaha
 Thou art Love, and of crimson beauty— Praise unto Thee!
 100. Ōm Mahate namaha
 Oh Consummation of glory, All Praise to Thee!
 101. Ōm Subrahmanyāya namaha
 We praise Thee, Oh effulgent Radiance!
 102. Ōm Paravarāya namaha
 Oh Supreme (Sovereign) Goodness, Praise unto Thee!
 103. Ōm Brahmanyāya namaha
 We praise Thee, luminous wisdom serene!
 104. Ōm Brahmanapriyāya namaha
 Thou who art beloved of seers—Praise unto Thee!
 105. Ōm Loka Gurave Namaha
 Oh universal Teacher, All Praise to Thee!
 106. Ōm Guhapriyāya Namaha
 We praise Thee, Indweller in the core of our hearts!
 107. Ōm Aksāyaphalaprādāya namaha
 We praise Thee, Oh bestower of indestructible results ineffable!
 108. Ōm Śrī Subrahmanyāya namaha
 We praise Thee, most glorious effulgent Radiance!

Om Saravanabhava Om!



Śrī Kandaswāmi



Śrī Saravanabhavar



Śrī Senāni

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