

श्री रुद्रम्
Śrī Rudram
Mantra 10

R̥ṣi - Vairājaḥ; Chandas - Tr̥ṣṭubh; Devatā - Śanbhuḥ

Dhyāna- śloka

मङ्गलायतनं देवं युवानमतिसुन्दरम् ।
ध्यायेद्वनचराकारमागच्छन्तं पिनाकिनम् ॥
maṅgalāyatanam devam
yuvānamatisundaram
dhyāyedvanacarākāramāgacchantam
pinākinam.

May one meditate upon the Lord who is an altar of all that is good, who is young and beautiful, holding the bow/ trident called *pināka* and who is in the form of a hunter coming towards oneself.

Result for chanting of the tenth *mantra*: One wards off fears such as *rāja-bhaya*, fear from the State, *cora-bhaya*, fear from thieves and *prāṇa-bhaya*, fear from any danger for life.

मी॒दृ॒ष्ट॒म॒ शि॒व॒त॒म॒ शि॒वो॒ न॒स्सु॒म॒ना॒ भ॒व॒ । प॒र॒मे
वृ॒क्ष॒ आ॒यु॒ध॒न्नि॒धाय॒ कृ॒त्तिं॒ व॒सान॒ आ॒च॒र॒ पि॒ना॒कं
बि॒भ्र॒दा॒ग॒हि ॥१०॥

mīdhuṣṭama śivatama śivo nassumanā bhava,
parame vṛkṣa āyudhannidhāya kṛttim vasāna
ācāra pinākaṁ bibhradāgāhi (10)

mīdhuṣṭama - one who fulfils all desires;
śivatama - one who blesses with inner purity; *śivaḥ* - auspicious;

naḥ - for us; *sumanāḥ* - with good thoughts; *bhava* - may you be; *parame vṛkṣe* - on the top of a tree; *āyudham* - weapon; *nidhāya* - keeping; *kṛttim vasānaḥ* - wearing a tiger skin; *ācara* - come; *pinākam* - (your) staff *pināka*; *bibhrat* - holding; *āgahi* - come towards us

O the fulfiller of our desires! Make our heart pure. May you be the auspicious and the benevolent one for us. Keeping away your frightening weapon on treetops, wearing a tiger-skin and holding your *pināka*, staff, come towards us.

Mīḍhuṣṭama ¹³⁴ means the one who showers the objects of desires. The Lord showers the desired objects like a downpour. He is *śivatama*, who blesses you with inner purity. Peace, happiness, freedom are all *śiva*. Lord Śiva is easily pleased and gives everything to his devotees, including himself. He is not only the giver of *karma-phala*, but also gives himself by giving you knowledge of *śivo'ham*.

We pray to him: “*Naḥ sumanāḥ bhava*, may you be *śiva*, auspicious for us and not *rudra*, frightening. Though ready to punish us for our faults— not doing what is to be done and doing what is not to be done— please withdraw all your frightening weapons and come to us. You are Īśvara and so you can reverse the decision as a result of our prayer. Let all these *pāpas* go away.” This is the power of the *Śata Rudriya*.

Kṛttim vasānaḥ - wearing a tiger-skin. Tiger-skin signifies power while deer-skin signifies purity. People who want purity sit on deer-skin and the ones who want power sit on tiger-skin. Here, the Lord is presented as the powerful one. Lord in the form of holding his *pināka* is prayed here to come and protect us.

¹³⁴ Derived from the root *miha snehane*, to be affectionate and *atiśayena praṇata-kāmararṣin* is *mīḍhuṣṭama*, one who abundantly showers the objects of desire to those who have surrendered.