

श्री रुद्रम्  
Śrī Rudram  
Mantra 11

Rṣi - Pulastyaḥ; Chandas - Trṣṭubh; Devatā - Śānbhuḥ

*Dhyāna- śloka*

प्रसन्नवदनं शान्तं चरितोद्वाहमण्डनम् ।  
अम्बया सहितं ध्यायेत् सुरसहृद्वैरधिष्ठितम् ॥

*prasannavadanam śāntam*  
*caritodvāhamaṇḍanam*  
*ambayā sahitam dhyāyet*  
*surasaṅghairabhiṣṭutam.*

May one meditate upon the Lord, who has a serene smile, who is peaceful, who is the divine bridegroom accompanied by Pārvatī, and who is praised by the host of *devas*.

Result (for chanting of the eleventh *mantra*): Absence of quarrel with important people, winning their favours and winning the enemies within and outside oneself. One gains *puraścaraṇa-siddhi* by repeating this mantra ten thousand times for three nights along with observance of a discipline called *caru-bhojana*. Thereafter, one must also circumambulate a *śiva* temple ten thousand times.

विकिरिद विलोहित नमस्ते अस्तु भगवः ।  
यास्ते स॑हस्र॑हेत॒यो॒न्यम॑स्मन्न॒वप॑न्तु ताः ॥ ११ ॥  
*vikiridā vilohitā nāmaste astu bhagavaḥ*  
*yāste sahasraṁ hetayaṅnyamaṣmannivapantu tāḥ (11)*

*vikirida* - the vanquisher of all the *pāpas*; *vilohita* - one who is pure;  
*namaḥ* - salutation; *te* - unto you; *astu* - be;  
*bhagavaḥ* - O Lord who is endowed with six forms of wealth!;  
*yāḥ* - which; *te* - your; *sahasraṁ hetayaḥ* - thousands of weapons;  
*anyam* - other people; *asmat* - than us; *nivapantu* - destroy; *tāḥ* - they

O vanquisher (of all *pāpas*)! O the pure one! O Lord endowed with six forms of wealth! Let our salutation be unto you. Let the thousands of

weapons that you have, destroy other people (deserving destruction), not us.

*He vikirida*<sup>135</sup> — O the one who condemns! Those who hurt or destroy us in many ways are *vikirayaḥ*. Things that harm unfold themselves in terms of experiences such as diseases, loss of property and so on. The one who destroys them is *vikirida*, the Lord.

*He vilohita* — O the one who is pure! *Lohita* means red colour and it stands for rajas as a *guṇa*. The one from whom the *lohita* is gone is *vilohita*. He is of the nature of purity. *He bhagavaḥ*, my salutation to you who is endowed with six forms of limitless *aiśvarya* in terms of wealth, overlordship, knowledge, freedom from want, glory and power.

*Yāḥ sahasraṁ hetayaḥ tāḥ asmāt anyam nivapantu* — You have thousands of weapons; let them not destroy us, but the wrong doers. There weapons of the Lord are all over in different forms; some of them are in our own body and mind in the form of ulcer, terminal cancer and so on and there are other causes for affliction, *pāpa*. Therefore *anyam nivapantu* means *pāpaṁ nivapantu*, let your arms destroy the *pāpas*.

### Mantra 12

Rṣi - Nārada; Chandas - Anuṣṭubh; Devatā - Śānbhuḥ

*Dhyāna- śloka*

सर्वपापहरं देवं सर्वाश्रणश्रूषितम् ।  
सर्वयुधधरं देवं सर्वलोकमहेश्वरम् ॥  
*sarvapāpaharam devam*  
*sarvābharaṇabhūṣitam*  
*sarvāyudhadharam devam*  
*sarvalokamaheśvaram.*

May one meditate upon the Lord who destroys all the causes of suffering, who is adorned with all ornaments, who holds all weapons and who is the Lord of all the worlds.

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<sup>135</sup> *vividhaṁ kiranti hiṁsanti iti vikirayaḥ tān dyati khaṇḍayati iti vikiridaḥ* — those who harm in different ways are called *vikirayaḥ*, the one who condemns them is called *vikiridaḥ*.