

# Lakshmi Prayer

## from the Padma Purana

### **Indra speaks**

1. O Mahamaya, abode of fortune, who art worshipped by the Devas, I salute Thee; O Mahalakshmi, wielder of conch, disc and mace, obeisance to Thee.

2. My salutations to Thee, who ridest the Garuda and art a terror to Asura Kola; O Devi Mahalakshmi, remover of all miseries, my obeisance to Thee.

3. O Devi Mahalakshmi, who knowest all, giver of all boons, a terror to all the wicked, remover of all sorrow, obeisance to Thee.

4. O Devi, giver of intelligence and success and of worldly enjoyment and liberation,

*Thou hast always the mystic symbols as Thy form, O Mahalakshmi, obeisance to Thee.*

5. O Devi, Maheshwari, without a beginning or an end, O Primveval Energy, born of Yoga, O Mahalakshmi, obeisance to Thee.

6. O Mahalakshmi, who art both gross and subtle, most terrible, great power, great prosperity and great remover of all sins, obeisance to Thee.

7. O Devi, seated on the lotus, who art the Supreme Brahman, the great Lord and Mother of the universe, O Mahalakshmi, obeisance to Thee.

8. O Devi, robed in white garments and decked with various kinds of ornaments, Thou art the mother of the universe and its support, O Mahalakshmi, obeisance to Thee.

9. This hymn to the great Goddess of Wealth, if read with devotion, will bestow all success, will grant all worldly position.

10. If always read once a day, great sins will be destroyed. If always read twice a day, wealth and prosperity will ensure.

11. **If always read three times a day**, the great enemy (ego) will be destroyed. Mahalakshmi will be ever pleased with that auspicious one...

In Sanskrit Maha means great and Lakshmi is the Goddess of Love, Beauty, and Wealth. The above Vedic text is an offering in support of the principles of love and abundance that the Goddess Lakshmi represents.

- **Obeisance** - a movement of the body expressing deep respect or deferential courtesy; deference or homage
- **Deference** - respectful or courteous regard
- **Homage** - respect or reverence paid or rendered; something done or given in acknowledgement or consideration of the worth of another. Other synonyms are honor and tribute

Lakshmi represents a powerful, loving, abundant archetypal feminine energy, including grace and charm and grants liberation as well as worldly prosperity. In these times of intensity, designed to accelerate our personal and planetary ascension process, it helps to be conscious of how our thoughts and feelings are part of the co-creative process.

Tuning into archetypal energies, such as loving peace, universal abundance, beauty and harmony, or any other energies we feel aligned with, helps guide us consciously participate with this time of the Great Turning.

