

from you. O saffron-coloured one, you are Queen of the three worlds, and manifest the three waves (creation, preservation and destruction, or Ganga, Yamuna, Sarasvati, or Sattva, Rajas, Tamas). O eternal Cause, O Night of dissolution, you fulfil all desires of the desirous; you make people great. O Supreme Ruler of Kashi, repository of infinite grace, grant us alms. (7)

O Annapurna, Mother Divine, you hold a golden ladle adorned with various gems in your right hand and a vessel full of delicious porridge in your left. You are the Great Goddess of fortune; you fulfil the desires of your devotees and make their destiny propitious. O Supreme Ruler of Kashi, repository of infinite grace, grant us alms. (8)

O Annapurna, Mother Divine, you shine with the splendor of millions of moons, suns, and fires. Your lips reflect the beams of the moon; your earrings are as bright as the moon, sun, and fire; and you are resplendent like the sun and the moon. In your hands you carry a japa *mālā*, a book, a noose, and a goad. O Supreme Ruler of Kashi, repository of infinite grace, grant us alms. (9)

O Annapurna, Mother Divine, protectress of the Kshatriyas, you are the great dispeller of all fear. O Mother of all creatures, you are the ocean of mercy, the great deliverer, the ever-auspicious, the Queen of the universe. Wielder of fortune, you who made Daksha cry, remover of all ills, O Supreme Ruler of Kashi, repository of infinite grace, grant us alms. (10)

O Annapūrnā, who are ever *pūrṇa*—infinite and complete—and the beloved of Shankara: the alms I seek are perfection in jnana and vairagya, knowledge and renunciation, O Divine Mother Parvati. (11)

My mother is Parvati Devi, my father, Lord Maheshvara; my relations are the devotees of Shiva, and my home, the entire three-world cosmos. (12)

॥śrī annapūrṇā stotram ॥

nityānanda-karī varābhaya-karī saundarya-ratnākarī
nirdhūtākhila-ghora-pāvana-karī pratyakṣa-māheśvarī |
prāleyācala-vaṃśa-pāvana-karī kāśī-purādhīśvarī
bhikṣāṃ dehi kṛpāvalambana-karī mātā'nnapūrṇeśvarī ॥ 1

nānā-ratna-vicitra-bhūṣaṇa-karī hemāambarāḍambarī
muktāhāra-vilambamāna vilasad-vakṣoja-kumbhāntarī |
kāśmīrāguru-vāsītā ruci-karī kāśī-purādhīśvarī
bhikṣāṃ dehi kṛpāvalambana-karī mātā'nnapūrṇeśvarī ॥ 2

yogānanda-karī ripu-kṣaya-karī dharmārtha-niṣṭhā-karī
candrārkānala-bhāsa-māna-laharī trailokya-rakṣā-karī |
sarvaiśvarya-samasta-vāñchita-karī kāśī-purādhīśvarī
bhikṣāṃ dehi kṛpāvalambana-karī mātā'nnapūrṇeśvarī ॥ 3

kailāsācala-kandarālaya-karī gaurī umā śaṅkarī
kaumārī nigamārtha-gocara-karī oṅkāra-bijākṣarī |
mokṣa-dvāra-kapāṭa-pāṭana-karī kāśī-purādhīśvarī
bhikṣāṃ dehi kṛpāvalambana-karī mātā'nnapūrṇeśvarī ॥ 4

ḍṛṣyāḍṛṣya prabhūta-vāhana-karī brahmāṇḍa-bhāṇḍodarī
līlā-nāṭaka-sūtra-bhedana-karī vijñāna-dīpāṅkurī |
śrī-viśveśa-maṇḍ prasādana-karī kāśī-purādhīśvarī
bhikṣāṃ dehi kṛpāvalambana-karī mātā'nnapūrṇeśvarī ॥ 5

urvī sarva-janeśvarī bhagavatī mātā'nnapūrṇeśvarī
veṇī-nīla-samāna-kuntala-dharī nityānna-dāneśvarī |
sarvānanda-karī sadā-śubha-karī kāśī-purādhīśvarī
bhikṣāṃ dehi kṛpāvalambana-karī mātā'nnapūrṇeśvarī ॥ 6

ādikṣānta-samasta-varṇana-karī śambhos-tribhāvā-karī

kāsmīrā tri-janeśvarī tri-laharī nityāṅkurā śarvarī |
kāmākāṅkṣakarī janodayakarī kāśī-purādhīśvarī
bhikṣāṃ dehi kṛpāvalambana-karī mātā'nnapūrṇeśvarī || 7

darvī svarṇa-vicitra-ratna-racitā dakṣe kare samsthitā
vāme svādu-payodharī saharī saubhāgya-māheśvarī |
bhaktābhīṣṭa-karī daśā-śubha-karī kāśī-purādhīśvarī
bhikṣāṃ dehi kṛpāvalambana-karī mātā'nnapūrṇeśvarī || 8

candrārkanāla-koṭi-koṭi-sadṛśā candrāṃśu-bimbādhari
candrārkāgni-samāna-kuṇḍala-dharī candrārka-varṇeśvarī |
mālā-pustaka-pāśakāṅkuśa-dharī kāśī-purādhīśvarī
bhikṣāṃ dehi kṛpāvalambana-karī mātā'nnapūrṇeśvarī || 9

kṣatra-trāṇa-karī mahā'bhaya-karī mātā kṛpā-sāgarī
sākṣān-mokṣa-karī sadā śiva-karī viśveśvarī śrī-dharī |
dakṣā-kranda-karī nirāmaya-karī kāśī-purādhīśvarī
bhikṣāṃ dehi kṛpāvalambana-karī mātā'nnapūrṇeśvarī || 10

annapūrṇe sadā-pūrṇe śaṅkara-prāṇa-vallabhe |
jñāna-vairāgya-siddhy-arthaṃ bhikṣāṃ dehi ca pārvatī || 11

mātā me pārvatī devī pitā devo maheśvaraḥ |
bāndhavāḥ śiva-bhaktāś-ca svadeśo bhuvana-trayam || 12 ||

Hymn to Mother Annapūrṇā

O Annapurna, Mother Divine, you are the bestower of eternal bliss, the giver of boons and fearlessness, and the ocean of beauty. You cleanse us of our heinous deeds—you, the Great Goddess, sanctifier of Himalaya's lineage. O Supreme Ruler of Kashi, repository of infinite grace, grant us alms. (1)

O Annapurna, Mother Divine, you delight in wearing a golden

sari, bedecking yourself with various and wondrous ornaments; a shining necklace of pearls adorns your bosom, and fragrant aguru enhances your beauty. O Supreme Ruler of Kashi, repository of infinite grace, grant us alms. (2)

O Annapurna, Mother Divine, giver of the bliss of Yoga, you destroy our enemies and establish us in Dharma (righteousness) and Artha (prosperity). You are lustrous as the light waves of the moon, sun, and fire; you are the protectress of the three worlds, granter of all prosperity and desires. O Supreme Ruler of Kashi, repository of infinite grace, grant us alms. (3)

O Annapurna, Mother Divine, who have made your dwelling in the cave of Mount Kailas, you are Gauri, Uma, Shankari, and Kaumari. You reveal the meaning of the Vedas; you are “Om”, the imperishable seed of creation; and you open wide the gate to liberation. O Supreme Ruler of Kashi, repository of infinite grace, grant us alms. (4)

O Annapurna, Mother Divine, you support all beings, seen and unseen; the entire universe is contained within your womb. You sever the thread that binds us to the play of worldly existence, and light the lamp of wisdom. You bring joy to the mind of Shiva, the Lord of the universe. O Supreme Ruler of Kashi, repository of infinite grace, grant us alms. (5)

O Annapurna, Mother Divine, O Bhagavati, you are the Mother Goddess of all earth's beings, the Supreme Nourisher. Your blue-black hair is gathered in a braid. You are Ishvari, eternal giver of food. Source of all joy, you ever grant your auspicious blessings. O Supreme Ruler of Kashi, repository of infinite grace, grant us alms. (6)

O Annapurna, Mother Divine, you create all the letters, from “a” to “kṣa”—thus you manifest language. The three *bhāvas* of Shambhu—creation, preservation, and dissolution—proceed