

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 Annapūrṇā, 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)

॥ श्री अन्नपूर्णास्तोत्रम् ॥ (Śrī Annapūrṇā Stotram)

नित्यानन्दकरी वराभयकरी सौन्दर्यरत्नाकरी
निर्धूताखिलघोरपावनकरी प्रत्यक्षमाहेश्वरी ।
प्रालेयाचलवंशपावनकरी काशीपुराधीश्वरी
भिक्षां देहि कृपावलम्बनकरी माताऽन्नपूर्णेश्वरी ॥ १ ॥

नानारत्नविचित्रभूषणकरी हेमाम्बराडम्बरी
मुक्ताहारविलम्बमान विलसद्वक्षोजकुम्भान्तरी ।
काश्मीरागुरुवासिता रुचिकरी काशीपुराधीश्वरी
भिक्षां देहि कृपावलम्बनकरी माताऽन्नपूर्णेश्वरी ॥ २ ॥

योगानन्दकरी रिपुक्षयकरी धर्मार्थनिष्ठाकरी
चन्द्रार्कानलभासमानलहरी त्रैलोक्यरक्षाकरी ।
सर्वैश्वर्यसमस्तवाञ्छितकरी काशीपुराधीश्वरी
भिक्षां देहि कृपावलम्बनकरी माताऽन्नपूर्णेश्वरी ॥ ३ ॥

कैलासाचलकन्दरालयकरी गौरी उमा शङ्करी
कौमारी निगमार्थगोचरकरी ओङ्कारबीजाक्षरी ।
मोक्षद्वारकपाटपाटनकरी काशीपुराधीश्वरी
भिक्षां देहि कृपावलम्बनकरी माताऽन्नपूर्णेश्वरी ॥ ४ ॥

दृश्यादृश्य प्रभूतवाहनकरी ब्रह्माण्डभाण्डोदरी
लीलानाटकसूत्रभेदनकरी विज्ञानदीपाङ्करी ।
श्रीविश्वेशमनः प्रसादनकरी काशीपुराधीश्वरी
भिक्षां देहि कृपावलम्बनकरी माताऽन्नपूर्णेश्वरी ॥ ५ ॥

उर्वी सर्वजनेश्वरी भगवती माताऽन्नपूर्णेश्वरी
वेणीनीलसमानकुन्तलधरी नित्यान्नदानेश्वरी ।
सर्वानन्दकरी सदाशुभकरी काशीपुराधीश्वरी
भिक्षां देहि कृपावलम्बनकरी माताऽन्नपूर्णेश्वरी ॥ ६ ॥

आदिक्शान्तसमस्तवर्णनकरी शम्भोस्त्रिभावाकरी
काश्मीरा त्रिजनेश्वरी त्रिलहरी नित्याङ्कुरा शर्वरी ।
कामाकाङ्कुरी जनोदयकरी काशीपुराधीश्वरी
भिक्षां देहि कृपावलम्बनकरी माताऽन्नपूर्णेश्वरी ॥ ७ ॥

दर्वी स्वर्णविचित्ररत्नरचिता दक्षे करे संस्थिता
वामे स्वादुपयोधरी सहचरी सौभाग्यमाहेश्वरी ।
भक्ताभीष्टकरी दशाशुभकरी काशीपुराधीश्वरी
भिक्षां देहि कृपावलम्बनकरी माताऽन्नपूर्णेश्वरी ॥ ८ ॥

चन्द्रार्कानलकोटिकोटिसदृशा चन्द्रांशुबिम्बाधरी
चन्द्रार्कान्निसमानकुण्डलधरी चन्द्रार्कवर्णेश्वरी ।
मालापुस्तकपाशकाङ्कुराधरी काशीपुराधीश्वरी
भिक्षां देहि कृपावलम्बनकरी माताऽन्नपूर्णेश्वरी ॥ ९ ॥

क्षत्रत्राणकरी महाऽभयकरी माता कृपासागरी
साक्षान्मोक्षकरी सदा शिवकरी विश्वेश्वरी श्रीधरी ।
दक्षाक्रन्दकरी निरामयकरी काशीपुराधीश्वरी
भिक्षां देहि कृपावलम्बनकरी माताऽन्नपूर्णेश्वरी ॥ १० ॥

अन्नपूर्णे सदापूर्णे शङ्करप्राणवल्लभे ।
ज्ञानवैराग्यसिद्ध्यर्थं भिक्षां देहि च पार्वति ॥ ११ ॥

माता मे पार्वती देवी पिता देवो महेश्वरः ।
बान्धवाः शिवभक्ताश्च स्वदेशो भुवनत्रयम् ॥ १२ ॥

Hymn to Mother Annapūrṇā (by Śrī Śaṅkarācārya)

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