

## **Prayers to Lord Narasimha by Saturn Personified**

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Shree Shani Bhagavan (Saturn), is so feared yet actually he is a great devotee of Lord Narasimhadeva (the half man - half lion form of Lord Krishna). Many try to counteract the influence of inauspicious planets or constellations, yet Lord Narasimha protects one from the influence of malevolent planets and makes them benevolent. Shree Shani Bhagavan is obviously a great devotee of Lord Narasimha as is evident from the texts below from the "Bhavishyottara Purana". Saturday is also the day of Lord Narasimhadeva and a perfect day to worship Lord Narasimha.

## **Shree Shanaishcara-krita Shree Narasimha Stuti**

Many are afraid of the most malefic planet Shani because generally he is associated with extreme sorrow and suffering. However, Shanideva himself has devised a way of solving this problem by obtaining the blessings of Lord Narasimha. Shanideva made an agreement with the Lord that he would never trouble those who recite his Narasimha Stuti when they are facing troubles related to dvaadasha-ashtama-pancama (a situation where Shani-kaata lasts for 7 1/2 births). If one recites (or hears the video) with devotion Shani's Shree Narasimha Stuti, especially on Shanivaara (Saturdays) and when Shani graha comes into one's life, one will please the Lord who is the Supersoul of Shanaishchara and the Lord will remove all obstacles and suffering and bless His devotee.

sulabho bhakti yuktaanaam durdarsho dushta chetasaam |  
ananya gatikaanaam cha prabhu bhaktaika-vatsalah  
shanaishcara tatra nrisimha-deva chakaaraamala-citta-vritih |  
pranamyasha sha ta angam ashesha-loka kireeta neeraajita paada-padmam || 1 |

Lord Narasimhadeva is easily accessible to the devotees and punishes those who are evil-minded. He is the saviour for those who are helpless who desire to seek refuge in Him. When the Celestials of innumerable planets bow down to His lotus feet, the bright jewels from their crowns are reflected on His toenails which gives the impression that lamps are being waved in front of them. Unto His lotus feet, Lord Shanideva prostrated and prayed (in the court of Lord Brahma).

Shree Shanir-uvaacha -  
yat paada-pankaja-raja paramaadharena  
samsevitam sakala kalmasha raashee-naasham |  
kalyaana kaarakam asheshani jaanugaanam |  
sa tvam nrisimha mayi dehi kripaa-valokam || 2 ||

Shree Shanideva said - By the mercy of the dust of Your lotus feet which destroy a multitude of sins, grant infinite auspiciousness to Your devotee who always worships Your lotus feet with devotion. O Lord Narasimha, please bestow upon me Your merciful side-long glance.

sarvatra chanchalatayaa sthitayaapi lakshmyaah |  
brahmaadi-vandya-padayaa stirayaanya sevi ||  
paadaaravinda-yugalam paramaa-dharena |  
sa tvam nrisimha mayi dehi kripaa-valokam || 3 ||

Your lotus feet are worshipped by Goddess Lakshmi, even though She is fickle by nature (cancala) and by Lord Brahma and Lord Shiva whose feet are worthy of worship with devotion. O Lord Narasimha, please bestow upon me Your merciful side-long glance.

yad roopam aagama-shirah pratipaadyamaadhya |  
aadhyaatmikaadi paritaapa haram vicintyam ||  
yogeeshvarair apathagaakhila dosha sanghaih |  
sa tvam nrisimha mayi dehi kripaa-valokam || 4 ||

By contemplating or meditating upon Your appearance, which is expounded in the Vedas extensively, the best of the saints are liberated from the three-fold miseries and from all misfortunes. O Lord Narasimha, please bestow upon me Your merciful side-long glance.

prahlaada bhakta vachasaa harir aaviraasa |  
stambhe hiranyakashipum ya udhaarabhaavah ||  
urvau nidhaaya udharam nakhaarai dadhaara |  
sa tvam nrisimha mayi dehi kripaa-valokam || 5 ||

By the word of His devotee named Prahlada, Lord Hari, who is generous and kind, appeared from a pillar and by placing Hiranyakashipu on His thighs split open the his stomach with His nails. O Lord Narasimha, please bestow upon me Your merciful side-long glance.

yo naija bhaktam analaambudhi bhoodharogra |  
shringa-prapaata visha dhamti sareesupebhyah |  
sarvaatmakah parama-kaaruniko raraksha |  
sa tvam nrisimha mayi dehi kripaa-valokam || 6 ||

You protected your own devotee Prahlada from a raging fire, the deep ocean, from falling from a tall mountain peak, poison, a mad elephant and the fangs of poisonous serpents. You are omnipresent and supremely generous. O Lord Narasimha, please bestow upon me Your merciful side-long glance.

yannirvikaara para-roopa vicintanena |  
yogeeshvaraa vishaya saagara veta raagaah ||  
vishraantim aapura-vinaasha vateem paraakhyaam |  
sa tvam nrisimha mayi dehi kripaa-valokam || 7 ||

By meditating upon He whose great form is devoid of imperfections, the best of the saints attained liberation from the ocean of materialistic attachments and obtained unmitigated salvation. O Lord Narasimha, please bestow upon me Your merciful side-long glance.

yad roopam-ugra parimardana bhaava shaali |  
samchintanena sakalaagha vinaasha kaari |  
bhoota jvara graha samudbhava bheeti naasham |  
sa tvam nrisimha mayi dehi kripaa-valokam || 8 ||

By meditating upon He whose form is fearsome, all peace, happiness and prosperity can be obtained, all sins can be obliterated, the fear arising from evil spirits, fevers and unfavorable planetary positions can be removed, O Lord Narasimha, please bestow upon me Your merciful side-long glance.

yasyottamam yasha umaa-patim padma-janma |  
shakraadi daivata sabhaasu samasta-geetam ||  
shaktaiva sarvasha-mala prashamaika daksham |  
sa tvam nrisimha mayi dehi kripaa-valokam || 9 ||

Your transcendental fame is sung gloriously in all the divine assemblies of Lord Shiva, Lord Brahma and Lord Indra etc. and whose power is steadfast in wiping out all impurities, O Lord Narasimha, please bestow upon me Your merciful side-long glance.

evam shrutvaa stutim devah  
shaninaam kalpitaam harih |  
uvaasha brahma vrindasta  
shanim tam bhakta-vatsalah || 10 ||

On listening to the heartfelt prayer composed by Shanideva in the assembly of Lord Brahma, Lord Hari who is ever compassionate to His devotees, spoke to Shanideva as follows.

Shree Nrisimha uvaacha -  
prasannoham shane tubhyam |  
varam varaya shobhanam ||  
yam vaanchasi tameva tvam |  
sarva-loka hitaavaham || 11 ||

Shree Nrisimhadeva said – O Shani, I am pleased with your devotion. What ever you desire that will benefit the world, ask for that boon and I will grant it.

Shree Shanir uvaaca -  
nrisimha tvam mayi kripaam  
kuru deva dayaa-nidhe |  
mad vaasaras tava preeti-  
kara syat devataa-pate || 12 ||  
mat kritam tvat param stotram  
shrinvanti cha patanti cha |  
sarvaan kaaman poorayetaas  
teshaam tvam loka-bhaavanaḥ || 13 ||

Shree Shanideva replied – O Lord Narasimha, O reservoir of compassion, please be kind to me. O Lord of all Celestials, let my day of the week (Saturday) be Your favourite day. O Purifier of all the worlds, may You fulfil the desires of all those who listen to or read this great prayer to You composed by me.”

Shree Nrisimha uvaacha -  
tataivaastu shaneham vai  
raksho-bhuvana samsthitah |  
bhakta kaamaan poorayishye  
tvam mamaika vachah shrinu ||  
tvat kritam mat param stotram  
yah patechhrinu yaaccha yah |  
dvaadashaashtama janmastaad  
bhayam maastu tasya vai || 14 ||

Shree Nrisimhadeva said – O Shani, let it be so! By virtue of My being the universal protector (rakshobhuvana), I fulfil the desires of all My devotees. Please listen to My words - let there be no fear of the twelfth and eighth birth positions consequentially any unfavorable birth positions and consequent troubles from you for anyone who reads or listens to this prayer to Me composed by you.

shani naraharim devam  
tateti pratyuvaacha ha  
tatah parama-samtushto  
jayeti munayovadan || 15 ||

Then Shanideva replied to Lord Narahari that he would follow the Lord's instructions. Then the joyful saints and sages present there (in Lord Brahma's assembly) responded with cries of, 'jaya, jaya!'”.

Shree Krishna uvaacha -  
itam shanaishcarasyaata nrisimha deva |  
samvaadam etat stavanam cha maanavah ||  
shrinoti yah shraavayate cha bhaktyaa  
sarvaanyaabheeshtaani cha vindate dhruvam ||16||

Shree Krishna told Dharmaraja, “Whoever listens to or recites this conversation between Shanideva and Lord Narasimha in the form of this prayer of devotion will definitely have all desires fulfilled and will always rejoice.”

iti shree bhavishyottara puraane  
rakshobhuvana mahaatme shree  
shanaishchara krita shree  
nrisimha stuti sampoornam

Thus ends the prayers offered to the universal protector Shree Narasimha by the great soul Shree Shani.

### **Shani (Saturn) Samaradhana (The worship of Shanideva)**

Normally a person can be judged by his appearance and action. If we apply the same method for the study of Saturn (Shanidev) we shall be highly mistaken. No doubt Saturn has his own inherent characteristics but unfortunately his actions are elusive. Whichever religion, sect or ideas one may pursue anywhere in the world, one cannot deny the influence of 9 heavenly planets in one way or the other either from a scientific, religious or geographical viewpoint. Saturn is a natural malefic (problem causing – bad) planet and he is the most dreaded planet of all. Merely a mention of the fact that one has come under Saturn's influence is enough to make a person shiver with fright. Numerology and palmistry are two sciences of divination. They have not painted a good picture of Saturn. Numerology allots numbers eight and zero to Saturn. Number 8 is in one circle over another indicative of the immobility of Saturn. The circles have no end or beginning.

Saturn is like this - imagine a switch. The power comes on when you press the on button but when it's off the power is ineffective. So in the same way Saturn cannot and will not affect us if we are not performing sinful deeds. The moment we perform these sinful and bad deeds you are switching on Saturn' power to harm and “look” at you thus causing you immense obstacles and harm. Please understand that Shanidev does not desire to harm a person. After all he is a great devotee of Lord Krishna. When one is under the influence of Shani dev then one will feel deep frustration like this. “I know that drinking alcohol is bad but I do not know what to do.” Also a person experiences adversities like never before, he does not find solution to his problems, he withdraws from life, dis-satisfaction urges him to find the solutions. He thinks or rather ponders over the problems but fails to come to any 'concrete' solution. This gives him deep frustration and so forth.

Once Shanidev, being unaware of worldly affairs, ignored his wife in her “menstrual period”, which angered her and in her anger and rage cursed him that whoever he looked upon would suffer greatly. However, when his wife came to know of the true state of affairs, she repented bitterly and tried her best to liberate him from the curse but to no avail. Since that day, Shanidev, motivated by a desire for common welfare desists from looking at anyone. It's the nature of Shanidev that he does not want to harm the life of any living being which is why Shanidev stands, moves and sits with his head bowed low. If the sight of Shani falls on a person then that person undergoes tremendous sufferings.

## **The Shani Samaradhana**

- I offer my salutations, time and time again, to Lord Shiva, who is always the benefactor of everyone, endowed with all the best qualities, is the master of the Himalaya mountain, husband and master of mother Parvati, infinitely powerful, Lord of the universe and resort of all beings. I bow to him again and again.
- With all humility and devotion, I offer obeisance repeatedly to the mother of the whole world Parvati who is the perennial source of all traditions of welfare.
- Offering my salutation first to Lord Raam, Lord Krishna, Lord Shiva who is the ruler of all the Ganas, the Sun, who is the source of infinite rays, and Hanumanji, the son of Vayudeva (the deva of air), I describe the personality of Shani.
- I always bow with reverence to the son of the Sun, Shani, who is a devotee of Lord Krishna and ever involved in penance, whose mind is always tranquil and who is the master of all knowledge.
- I salute to Shani, who is detached from all worldly practices, engrossed in meditation, tranquil and has complete self-control.
- I bow to the son of the Sun, Shani, who is always in trouble because of ignorance of worldly bondage and due to the effect of the curse (given by his wife).
- I bow with devotion to the son of the Sun and great planet Shani who lives in isolation and whose mind is always set in meditation.
- I bow to Shani, the son of Chaya (shadow) who is very kind and generous but is always in suffering because of the curse given by his wife only because he is above worldly attachments.
- I salute to that most respectable son of the Sun, Shani, who always keeps his head down for the protection of the lives of the other beings of the world.
- I bow to that great planet Shani, who, keeping in mind the determination that the destruction of living beings should not take place, always keeps his head down.
- I salute the great planet Shani, the son of the Sun whose sight is always fatal due to the curse (given by his wife)
- I offer my salutation to Shani, who has got a curved shape due to the curse of Parvati, who is the greatest of all planets and who bestows peace on the world.
- He is always engaged in the service of Lord Shiva and is fully supportive of Shri Hanumanji. I pay my reverence with devotion to Shani, the son the Lord of days, the Sun.
- I salute to Shani, the son of Chaya and the elder brother of Lord Yamaraja, the deva of death. His heart is as pure as the waters of the Ganga.
- Motivated by the noble intention of ensuring the welfare of the people, he always keeps his head down. I bow to such a unique sacrificing son of Chaya.
- May Shani, who has been neither crooked nor cruel by birth, but who suffers due to a curse. Always protect me.
- I salute the son of the Sun, Shani, who is a great devotee of Lord Krishna, who is black himself, who has dedicated all his life to Lord Krishna and who has adopted the form of Lord Krishna.
- May the son of Chaya, who bears infinite suffering because of his desire for the good of the world, always protect me.
- I salute the bestower of peace upon all in the world, Shani, under the influence of whose sight even kings become beggars.
- May Shani, whose attire is blue, who is the son of the Sun and who is the leader of all the planets, who keeps arrows, bow, and lances, destroy all my miseries.
- May Shani who is the son of the Sun, who is slow in movement, who is a great sacrificer, who is death, and who is equipped with lances etc... shower all the happiness on me.

- May the offspring of Kashyapa, belonging to Shudra Varna, who rides on the vulture and who is the lord of all planets, shower good luck on my family.
- May the son of the Sun, who is an inhabitant of the west, who is black and skewed, always destroy all my sufferings.
- May Shani, the brother of Lord Yamaraja (the god of death), who is always in blue attire who is of black complexion, who is the leader of all the planets and who moves very slowly, put an end to all my troubles.
- May Shani, who is popularly known as the lord of the signs viz. (Capricorn and Aquarius), and who is the protector of the whole world, grant me all happiness.
- May the son of the Sun, Shani, who is lean and thin, who is unfortunately always in suffering due to the curse given by his wife, who is always engaged in penance and who is slow in motion, remove all my sufferings.
- May Shani, who is a renowned and staunch devotee of Lord Shiva, who is fond of iron like metals and who is known even to recognize Yama as his master and lord of all the other planets, protect me in every way.
- May the lord of the planets – Shani, who is death personified for the wicked, who is the remover of fear from the good and who is the bestower of all the worldly luxuries, and protect me.
- My repeated salutations to Shani, who is always involved in the performance of pious deeds and very fierce penance, whose mind is set in yoga and who is small in size and slow.
- I respectfully prostrate before Shani, whose neck is blue, who is omnivorous, who is lame and skewed and who is like Lord Shiva himself.
- Time and again I offer obeisance to Shani who is very fierce, who creates fear, who is slow, a great soul and a lord himself.
- I salute Shani, who has only four fingers, who wears the gem sapphire, who has four arms and who is death himself.
- Shani, despite being the seventh ranked planet and has access everywhere, is a great planet and is worshipped everywhere.
- I pray to mother Parvati, who is a benefactor and worshipped by all, to liberate Shani from the effect of the curse very soon.
- You! The daughter of King Chitraratha and the better half of Shani, kindly try for the redemption of your husband Shani (to relieve him) from the curse given by you since to do so is your wifely duty.
- May Shani, the great yogi, who is the source of immense dangers for all the Devis and Devas, demons and living beings, shower good fortune everywhere.
- May Shani, whose mere sight destroys the whole world, liberate me from all the troubles, poverty and anxieties that I am going through.
- May the lord of all planets, Shani - the great mediator who is free from all worldly bondage, and who is saddened by the sufferings of others, always bestow perennial happiness upon me.
- May the slow moving Shani remove the sloth of my intellect. May the son of Chaya remove the dark spots in my life. May he with a twisted body, remove my crookedness.
- May Shani grant me peace. May the mighty Shani grant me strength? May the son of the Sun protect all my limbs and may the lame one grant me greatness.
- My heart is always pained on seeing you O Shanidev in agony despite your intention of having mercy on others. Let me know O Lord of the planets. What can I do for you?
- Shani, the son of the Sun, if at the birth of a person, you are located in the sign of your exaltation – Libra, then let that person be blessed with immense pleasure and all his hurdles and troubles be wiped out.
- Even if Shani is docile or located in a friendly sign in the horoscope of any person, then

also Shani is always beneficial to him in every way.

- Even if Shani is in the sign of its debility – Aries or in any other house, then also he does not harm anyone wither with his thought or speech.
- Actually it is not the fault of Shani that he troubles all beings by simply looking at them but it is only because of his being cursed that he does it.
- **Shani is pleased very soon if a person worships Shri Hanumanji, Lord Shiva and Durga devi with faith and devotion and he therefore does not look at that person.**
- This is the confirmed opinion of scholars that Shani is pleased very soon by giving in alms to the poor, iron, and other black things.
- Shani please bless me with your affection, always protecting me from all sides.
- Shani kindly keep this prayer of mine always in mind so that being free from all troubles, I may always remain happy.
- Who-so-ever reads this hymn with faith and devotion, is liberated from all the troubles due to the malefic effects of Shani
- This hymn of Shani, which grants peace and satisfaction, has been composed for the happiness and prosperity of mankind.

### **Dasaratha Shani Stotram**

#### **(Maharaja Dasaratha's prayers to Shanideva)**

In the Shree Shanideva Mahatyama, Shani-deva instructed King Vikramaditya to hear or chant 'The Dasharathokta Shani Stotra'. Maharaja Dasaratha was the only person who called Lord Shanishwara for duel as he was to cross his country bringing drought and poverty. Lord Shanishwara extolled Dasaratha's virtues and replied to him that "I can't skip my duties but I'm pleased with your courage. The great sage Rishyasringa can help you. "Wherever Rishyasringa lives, that country will have no drought and dryness". Maharaja Dasaratha, after receiving the blessings from Lord Shanishwara, wisely resolved the difficult situation by making Rishyasringa as his son-in-law. 'Shanta', the only daughter of Maharaja Dasaratha, was married to Rishyasringa so that he is always present in Ayodhya. Hearing or chanting the Stotram below makes one to escape from procrastination, trauma, ill-health, all major problems in life and most importantly one receives the full blessings of Lord Saturn.

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### **Dasaratha Shani Stotram**

Om asya shree shanaishchara stotrasya / dashratha rishi / shanaish-charo-devata  
trishtup chandahah / shanaish-chara preety-artho jape viniyogah / dasharatha uvacha

Om. Shree Shani Stotra, Dasharatha is the Rishi (seer of the mantra). Shanaishchara is the Deity (related to this Stotram). 'Trishtup' is the chanting metre. Enjoined is repetition (of this hymn) for the appeasement of Shanaishchara (Saturn).

kono-antaka roudra-yama-tha babhruh  
krishnah shanish pingala manda sourih  
nityam smrito yo harate cha peedam  
tasmai namah shree ravi-nandanaya

Prostrations to Shree Ravinandana (Saturn), who when regularly remembered as (the ten names listed in the first and second line of this verse) steals away the suffering (misfortune of the devotee).

sura asurah kim purusha ragendra  
gandharva vidyadhara panna-gash cha  
peedyanti sarve vishama-stitena  
tasmai namah shree ravi-nandanaya

Prostrations to Shree Ravinandana, by whose unfavourable position, devas, demons, celestial beings, celestial musicians, celestial masters of various wisdom-teachings and even celestial snakes succumb to sufferings.

nara narendra pashavo mrigendra  
vanyas-cha ye keeta-patanga-bringah  
peedyanti sarve vishama-stitena  
tasmai namah shree ravi-nandanaya

Prostrations to Shree Ravinandana, whose unfavourable position brings agony to laymen, emperors, common animals, huge animals, forest creatures, insects, flies and humming bees (irrespective of their status).

desah-cha durgani vanani Yatra  
sena-nivesah pura-pattnani  
peedyanti sarve visham-stitena  
tasmai namah shree ravi-nandanaya

Prostrations to Shree Ravinandana, whose unfavourable position brings about suffering to countries, citadels, forests, war-camps, houses and cities.

tilairya-vair-masha gudanna danaih  
iohena neelambara danato va  
preenati mantrair-nijavasare cha  
tasmai namah shree ravi-nandanaya

Prostrations to Shree Ravinandana, who is appeased by giving in charity things like sesame, paddy, black-gram, molasses, rice pudding, iron, blue cloth etc., and by chanting mantras on his own day (Saturday).

prayaga-koole Yamuna tate cha  
sarasvati punya-jale guhayam  
yo yoginam dhyana-gatopi sookshmas  
tasmai namah shree ravi-nandanaya

Prostrations to Shree Ravinandana, who manifests in subtle form before the yogis who meditate on him at any holy bank of prayag (confluence) of two rivers; Yamuna and Saraswati, or in a cave.

anya-pradeshat swagriham pravishtas  
tadeeya-vare sa narah sukhe syat  
grihad gato yo na punah prayati  
tasmai namah sri ravi-nandanaya

Prostrations to Shree Ravinandana, who bestows happiness to a person when he enters his own house (constellation); (though) when He leaves the house, does not return for a long time.



srashta swayam-bhoor bhuvana trayasya  
trata hareesho harate pinakee  
ekas tridhah rig yajuh sama murtis  
tasmai namah sri ravi-nandanaya

Prostrations to Shree Ravinandana, who is the creator of three worlds, who is the self-manifested being, who is Hari the protector and Pinakin (Lord Shiva, bearer of the three pointed spear or pinaka), the destroyer, all in one, as well as the embodiment of the three-fold Vedas; Rig, Yajus and Saman.

konasthah pingala babruh  
krishno roudroantako yamah  
sourih shanaish-charo manday  
pippalandena sam stutah

Thus, Pippalada praises Thee (by chanting your ten names as contained in lines 1-3).

etani dasha-namani  
pratar-uthaya yah pathet  
shanaishchara-krita peeda  
na kadachid bhavishyati  
Harih Om

He who chants these ten names, getting-up early in the morning, will never suffer from the pain caused by Saturn. Harih Om.

**AND FINALLY REMEMBER ONE THING ABOUT SHANI DEV**

**No other planet can give what Shani dev can and no other planet can give more misery than Shani deva can.**

**卐Jai Ravi putra Shani-deva 卐**

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