

Maha Mrutyanjaya Markandeya Stotram



Maha Mrityunjaya Stotra is also attributed to Markandeya. A Sage prayed Lord Shiva for a son. Lord Shiva appeared before the sage and put this question: Do you want an intelligent son who will live only for 16 years or foolish son, who will live for one hundred years? The sage preferred the former option. A son was born to him and was named as Markandeya. Markandeya became a very great devotee of Lord Shiva. The sixteenth year was fast approaching. On his sixteenth birthday, the boy entered the sanctum sanctorum of the Lord Shiva and embraced him. Yama, the Lord of death came to take away his soul. Lord Shiva destroyed Yama with his Trident weapon. His life was extended and he lives in this world without death (Chiranjeev). Then the boy Markandeya offered the Maha Mrityunjaya Stotram. This prayer is supposed to ward off all evils, remove fear of death and realize all wishes

**Rudram, pasupathim, sthanum, neelakandam, umapathim,
Namami sirasa devam, kim no mrutyu karishyathi. 1**

**Neelakandam, kalamoorthim kalagnamr kalanasanam,
Namami sirasa devam, kim no mrutyu karishyathi. 2**

**Neelakandam, viroopaksham nirmalam vimalapradham,
Namami sirasa devam, kim no mrutyu karishyathi. 3**

**Vamadevam mahadevam lokanadham jagatgurum,
Namami sirasa devam , kim no mrutyu karishyathi. 4**

**Devadevam jagannatham devesam vrushabhadwajam,
Namami sirasa devam, kim no mrutyu karishyathi. 5**

**Traiksham chathurbhujam santham jata makuta dharanam,
Namami sirasa devam, kim no mrutyu karishyathi. 6**

**Bhasmoddulitha sarvangam nagabharana bhooshitham,
Namami sirasa devam, kim no mrutyu karishyathi. 7**

**Anatham avyayam santham akshamala dharam haram,
Namami sirasa devam, kim no mrutyu karishyathi. 8**

**Aandham paramam nithyam kaivalya pada dhayinam,
Namami sirasa devam, kim no mrutyu karishyathi. 9**

**Ardhanaareeswaram devam parvathy prana nayakam,
Namami sirasa devam, kim no mrutyu karishyathi. 10**

**Pralaya sthithi karthaaram adhi kartharameeswaram,
Namami sirasa devam, kim no mrutyu karishyathi. 11**

**Vyomakesam viroopaksham chandrardha krutha shekaram,
Namami sirasa devam, kim no mrutyu karishyathi. 12**

**Gangadharam sasidharam sankaram shoolapaninam,
Namami sirasa devam, kim no mrutyu karishyathi. 13**

Swargapavarga datharam srushti sthithyanthakarinar, Namami sirasa devam, kim no mrutyu karishyathi. 14

Kalpa ayur dehi mey punyam yavad ayur arogatham, Namami sirasa devam, kim no mrutyu karishyathi. 15

Shivesanam mahadevam vamadevam sadashivam, Namami sirasa devam, kim no mrutyu karishyathi. 16

Uthpathi sthithi samhara karthara meeswaram gurum, Namami sirasa devam, kim no mrutyu karishyathi. 17

Markandeya krutham stotram ya padeth shiva sannidhou, Thasya mruthyu bhayam nasthi na agni chora bhayaam kwachith. 18

Shathavrutham prakarthavyam sankate kashta nasanam, Suchir bhoothwa padeth stotram sarva sidhi pradhayakam 19

Mruthyunjaya mahadeva thrahi maam saranagatham, Janma mrutyu jara rogai, peeditham karma bandhanai. 20

Thaavaka stvad gatha prana thawa chithoham sada mruda, Ithi vignapya devesam thryambakakhyam japeth, Nama sivaya Sambaya haraye paramathmane, Pranatha klesa naasaya yoginaam pathaye nama. 21-22

*** Trayambaka Mantra also known as Mahamrityunjaya Mantra is a verse of the Yajurveda. It is in Rudram and it is as follows:**

***Tryambakam yajaamahe sugandhim pushti-wardhanam /
Urvaarukam iva bandhanaan mrityor muksheeya maamritaam //***