श्रीमहालक्ष्मीदशकम्

महालक्षिम नमस्तुभ्यं दारिद्र्यासुरनाशिनि । कृपास्तु तव सर्वेषु दरिद्रः कोऽपि मा भवेत् ॥१ ॥ Salutations to you, Oh Mahalakshmi, the Great Goddess of Wealth, The slayer of the demon of poverty! May your mercy be bestowed on all! May no one be poor! (1)

न कोऽप्यत्र क्षुधात्रस्तः न च कोऽप्यनिकेतनः । न कोऽपि दलितः खिन्नः भवेत् त्वदनुकम्पया ॥२ ॥ May no one be harassed by hunger! No one without a home! May no one be down-trodden and distressed, Thanks to your compassion! (2)

त्वमेव हि जगन्माता जनास्सर्वे तव प्रजाः । प्रसन्ना भव सर्वेषु विना घोर-विसाम्यताम् ॥३ ॥ You surely are the Mother of the world! All people are your children! Be pleased with all, Avoiding horrid inequality! (3)

देहि लोकहिताकाङ्क्षाम् श्रीमद्भ्यः करुणामयि । औदार्ये वर्तते नूनं वितार्जनसुधन्यता ॥४ ॥ Bestow the will to contribute to people's welfare Among the wealthy, Oh Compassionate One! In generosity alone lies The fulfilment of wealth won! (4)

राष्ट्रलक्ष्मीस्तु द्रष्टव्या दारिद्र्यस्य विनाशने । आरोग्यरक्षणे चैव सर्वेषां हि सुशिक्षणे ॥५ ॥ The wealth of a country should be seen In the eradication of poverty, In the protection of health And good education of all! (5)

भवत्युपासना लक्ष्म्याः निरुद्योग-निवारणे । वायु-स्थल-जलैर्युक्त-निसर्गस्य सुरक्षणे ॥६ ॥ Worship of Lakshmi lies in providing full employment, and in the due protection of Nature with all its air, land and water! (6)

प्रार्थयेऽहं कथं देवि ममैकस्य सुखाय वै। यदा पश्यामि दुःखं तु लोके सर्वत्र दारुणम्॥७॥ Oh Devi! How can I pray Only for my own happiness, While everywhere in the world there is so much distress! (7)

साधनं कुरु मामम्ब लोकदुःख-विनाशने । लोकक्षेमाय बुद्धिं च देहि शक्तिं च मे शुभे ॥८॥ Make me an instrument, Oh Mother, In your work of alleviating the world's sorrow, And grant me the will and ability To contribute to world welfare, Oh the Auspicious. (8)

कस्यापि शोषणं मत्तः मा भूयाद् हि कदाचन । कस्यापि द्रव्यहरणं कदापि न भवेन्मया ॥९ ॥ Anyone's exploitation May never take place through me! Nor deprivation of anyone's wealth Be ever due to me! (9)

उत्कोच-ग्रहणं सर्वं नश्यत्वाशु महेश्वरि । निर्व्याज-कर्मकर्तॄणां शुभं भवतु सर्वदा ॥१०॥ May all bribe-taking Perish fast, Oh Queen of the World! But may all who work honestly Find their fulfilment! (10)

॥ मङ्गेश-वेङ्कटेश-नाडकर्णिना विरचितम् ॥ (This is a composition by Mangesh Venkatesh Nadkarni.)