

Transliteration–Telugu

Transliteration as per Modified Harvard-Kyoto (HK) Convention (including Telugu letters – Short e, Short o) -

a A i I u U
R RR IR IRR
e E ai o O au M (H or :)

(e – short | E – Long | o – short | O – Long)

k	kh	g	gh	n/G		
c	ch	j	jh	n/J		(jn – as in jnAna)
T	Th	D	Dh	N		
t	th	d	dh	n		
p	ph	b	bh	m		
y	r	l	L	v		
S	sh	s	h			

ni cittamu niScalamu-dhanyAsi

In the kRti 'nI cittamu niScalamu' – rAga dhanyAsi (tALA cApu), Sri tyAgarAja reiterates that he has placed total faith on the Lord.

P nI cittamu ¹niScalamu
nirmalam(a)ni ninnE namminAnu

A nA cittamu vancana cancalam(a)ni
nannu ²viDan(A)Dakumi SrI rAma (nI)

C guruvu ³cilla ginja guruVE ⁴bhramaramu
guruDE bhAskaruDu guruDE bhadruDu
guruDE uttama gati guruvu nIv(a)nukoNTi
⁵dharanu dAsuni brOva tyAgarAja nuta (nI)

Gist O Lord Sri rAma! O Lord praised by this tyAgarAja!

Because Your mind is steady and pure, I have trusted You alone.

Please don't abandon me because my mind is crafty and unsteady

The next section is the discussion of the results with following subsections:

the preceptor is the wasp (to transform the disciple like himself);
the preceptor is the illuminator (Sun) (to dispel darkness of avidyA);
the preceptor is the auspicious one;
the preceptor is the best refuge.

I have assumed You to be my preceptor.

In order to protect this servant (of Yours) on the Earth, I have trusted You alone, because Your mind is steady and pure.

Word-by-word Meaning

P Because (ani) Your (nI) mind (cittamu) is steady (niScalamu) (literally unwavering) and pure (nirmalamu) (literally spotless) (nirmalamani), I have trusted (namminAnu) You alone (ninnE).

A O Lord SrI rAma! Please don't abandon (viDanu ADakumi) (viDanADakumi) me (nannu) because (ani) my (nA) mind (cittamu) is crafty (vancana) and unsteady (cancalamu) (cancalamani).

Because Your mind is steady and pure, I have trusted You alone.

C The preceptor (guruvu) is the clearing nut (cilla ginja) (to cleanse evils of disciple); the preceptor (guruvE) is the wasp (bhramaramu) (to transform the disciple like himself);

the preceptor (guruDE) is the illuminator (Sun) (bhAskaruDu) (to dispel darkness of avidyA); the preceptor (guruDE) is the auspicious one (bhadruDu);

the preceptor (guruDE) is the best (uttama) refuge (gati); I have assumed (anukoNTi) You (nIvu) (nIvanukoNTi) to be my preceptor (guruvu).

In order to protect (brOva) this servant (dAsuni)(of Yours) on the Earth (dharanu), O Lord praised (nuta) by this tyAgarAja! I have trusted You alone, because Your mind is steady and pure.

Notes –

Variations -

¹ – niScalamu nirmalamani – nirmalamu niScalamani.

² – viDanADakumi – viDanADakumI.

References -

³ - cilla ginja – (Botanical name - strychnos potatorum) (tETrAkkoTTai - tamizh) (Clearing Nut or Cleaning Nut).

http://preciousherbal.tradeindia.com/Exporters_Suppliers/Exporter24970.457234/Strychnos-Potatorum.html

tETra (tamizh) tree is the sthala vRksha of Lord tyAgESa – tiruvArUr.

³ - cilla ginja – The great saint kabIr has sung in the same manner. The following verse in kabIr's dOhas is relevant –

gur dhObI sikh kapDa, sAbU sirjan hAr
surati silA par dhOiyE, nikasE jyOti apAr (Doha 15)

Guru the washer man, disciple is the cloth; the name of God liken to the soap; wash the mind on foundation firm; to realize the glow of Truth.

For complete details about dOhas of kabIr, please visit the site –
<http://www.boloji.com/kabir/dohas/kd15.htm>

⁴ - bhramaramu - bhramara-kITa-nyAya- “The bhramara or the wasp is said to sting the insects or the kITas which it brings to its hive and through stinging them and poisoning them makes them feel its presence alone everywhere, at all times. The insects, so to say, meditate on the presence of the wasp, at all times, and in turn become wasps themselves thereby. This is to show that by meditating on the formula ‘aham brahma asmi’ or ‘I am brahman’ the jIva becomes brahman itself in the end.” Source –
<http://www.dlshq.org/download/vedbegin.htm>

The legend about wasp turning other insects as themselves may be based on the peculiar behaviour of wasps in laying their eggs - "wasps primarily parasitize eggs of moths and butterflies" – Source –
<http://insects.tamu.edu/extension/bulletins/b-6071.html>

Comments -

⁵ - dharanu dAsuni brOva – this may either be joined to the pallavi or attached to 'guruvu nIvanukonti'. In the latter case, it will be translated as 'in order to protect this servant on the Earth, I have assumed You to be my preceptor'.

Devanagari

- प. नी चित्तमु निश्-चलमु
निर्मल(म)नि निन्ने नम्मिनानु
अ. ना चित्तमु वञ्चन चञ्चल(म)नि
नन्नु विड(ना)डकुमि श्री राम (नी)
च. गुरुवु चिल गिञ्ज गुरुवे भ्रमरमु
गुरुडे भास्करुडु गुरुडे भद्रुडु
गुरुडे उत्तम गति गुरुवु नी(व)नुकोण्टि
धरनु दासुनि ब्रोव त्यागराज नुत (नी)

English with Special Characters

- pa. nī cittamu niścalamu
nirmala(ma)ni ninnē namminānu
a. nā cittamu vañcana cañcala(ma)ni
nannu viḍa(nā)ḍakumi śrī rāma (nī)
ca. guruvu cilla giñja guruvē bhramaramu
guruḍē bhāskaruḍu guruḍē bhadruḍu
guruḍē uttama gati guruvu nī(va)nukonṭi
dharanu dāsuni brōva tyāgarāja nuta (nī)

Telugu

- ప. నీ చిత్తము నిశ్చలము
నిర్మల(మ)ని నిన్నే నమ్మినాను
అ. నా చిత్తము వజ్చన చజ్చల(మ)ని
నన్ను విడ(నా)డకుమి శ్రీ రామ (నీ)

చ. గురువు చిల్ల గిజ్జ గురువే భ్రమరము
 గురుడే భాస్కరుడు గురుడే భద్రుడు
 గురుడే ఉత్తమ గతి గురువు నీ(వ)నుకొణి
 ధరను దాసుని బ్రోవ తాగ్గరాజ నుత (నీ)

Tamil

- ப. నీ చిత్తమு నీచుచలము
 నిర్మల(ம)నీ నినెనె నమమినాను
 அ. நா சித்தமு வஞ்சன சஞ்சல(ம)னி
 நன்னு விட³(னா)ட³கு³மி பூ³ராம (நீ)
 ச. கு³ருவு சில்ல கிங்ஞ்ச³ கு³ருவே ப்⁴ரமரமு
 கு³ருடே பா⁴ஸ்கருடு³ கு³ருடே³ ப⁴த்³ருடு³
 கு³ருடே உத்தம கதி கு³ருவு நீ(வ)னுகொண்டி
 த⁴ரனு தா³ஸானி ப்³ரோவ த்யாக³ராஜ நுத (நீ)

உனது மனம் சலனமற்றது,
 மாசற்றதென உன்னையே நம்பினேன்

எனது மனம் வஞ்சகமானது, சஞ்சலமானது என
 என்னை விட்டுவிடாதே, இராமா!

உனது மனம் சலனமற்றது,
 மாசற்றதென உன்னையே நம்பினேன்

குரு தேற்றாக்கொட்டை; குருவே குளவி;
 குருவே பகலவன்; குருவே மங்களமானவன்;
 குருவே உத்தமமான புகல்; குரு நீயெனக் கருதினேன்;
 புவியில் (இத்)தொண்டனைக் காக்க, தியாகராசன் போற்றுவோனே!
 உனது மனம் சலனமற்றது,
 மாசற்றதென உன்னையே நம்பினேன்

தேற்றாக் கொட்டை - நீரைத் தெளிவாக்கும் - சீடனின் மனதைத் தெளிவாக்க குரு.
 தேற்றா மரம் - திருவாளூர் தல விருட்சம்
 குளவி - பிற புழுக்களைக் கொட்டிக் கொட்டித் தன்னினமாக்குதல் போன்று, குரு
 சீடனை மாற்ற.
 பகலவன் - மன இருளை நீக்க

Kannada

- ಪ. నీ చిత్తము నిశ్చలము
 నిర్మల(మ)ని నిన్నే నమ్మినాను
 அ. நா சித్తము వజ్ఞన చెజ్ఞల(మ)ని
 నన్న విడ(నా)డసమి తీర రామ (నీ)

চ. সুরুষ্টি চিল্লি গীজ্জ সুরুচৈ ভূমেরম্ব
 সুরুচৈ ভাস্তুরঁকু সুরুচৈ ভদ্রঁকু
 সুরুচৈ উত্তম গতি সুরুষ্টি নী(ব)নুকোল্লো
 ধরন দাসনি চৰোৱ তাৰাজ নুত (নী)

Malayalam

പ. നീ ചിത്തമു നിശ്ചലമു
 നിർമല(മ)നി നിനേ നമ്മിനാനു
 അ. നാ ചിത്തമു വണ്ണവന ചണ്ണവല(മ)നി
 നനു പിയ(നാ)ധകുമി ശ്രീ രാമ (നീ)
 ച. ഗുരുവു ചില്ലി ഗിഞ്ജം ഗുരുവേ ഫേരമു
 ഗുരുവേ ഭാസ്തുവു ഗുരുവേ ഭദ്രം
 ഗുരുവേ ഉത്തമ ഗതി ഗുരുവു നീ(ബ)നുകോള്ളു
 ധർന്മ ദാസനി ചുറ്റേം താഗരാജ നുത (നീ)

Assamese

প. নী চিত্তমু নিশ্চলমু
 নির্মল(ম)নি নিনে নম্মিনানু
 অ. না চিত্তমু বঞ্চন চঞ্চল(ম)নি
 নম্ম রিড(না)ডকুমি শ্রী বাম (নী)
 চ. গুৰুৰু চিল্লি গিঞ্জ গুৰুৰে ভ্ৰমৰমু
 গুৰুৰে ভাস্তুৰঁকু গুৰুৰে ভদ্রঁকু
 গুৰুৰে উত্তম গতি গুৰুৰু নী(ব)নুকোল্লো
 ধৰনু ভাস্তুনি ভেবাব তৃঢ়াগৰাজ নুত (নী)

Bengali

প. নী চিত্তমু নিশ্চলমু
 নির্মল(ম)নি নিনে নম্মিনানু
 অ. না চিত্তমু বঞ্চন চঞ্চল(ম)নি
 নম্ম বিড(না)ডকুমি শ্রী বাম (নী)
 চ. গুৰুৰু চিল্লি গিঞ্জ গুৰুৰে ভ্ৰমৰমু

ઓરાડે ભાંશરણ્ણ ઓરાડે ભદ્રણ્ણ
 ઓરાડે ઉત્તમ ગતિ ઓરબુ ની(વ)નુકોણ્ટે
 ધરનુ દાસુનિ બ્રોબ આગરાજ નુત (ની)

Gujarati

- પ. ની ચિતમુ નિશ્ચલમુ
 નિર્મલ(મ)નિ નિશ્ચે નમિનાનુ
- અ. ના ચિતમુ વચ્ચન ચચ્ચલ(મ)નિ
 નશ્ચ વિડ(ના)ડકુમિ શ્રી રામ (ની)
- ચ. ગુરુવુ ચિલ્લ ગિરજ ગુરુવે ભ્રમરમુ
 ગુરુડે ભાસ્કરાદુ ગુરુડે ભદ્રદુ
 ગુરુડે ઉત્તમ ગતિ ગુરુવુ ની(વ)નુકોણ્ટિટ
 ધરનુ દાસુનિ બ્રોબ ત્યાગરજ નુત (ની)

Oriya

- પ. ન1 ચિଉમુ નિષ્ઠલમુ
 નિર્મલ(મ)નિ નિન્ને નમિનાનુ
- થ. ના ચિઉમુ ખશ્ચન ચશ્ચલ(મ)નિ
 નન્નુ છિઢ(ના)ઢકુમિ શ્રી રામ (ન1)
- ચ. ગુરૂષુ ચિલ્લ ગીઞ ગુરૂષે ભ્રમરમુ
 ગુરૂષે ભાષ્કરુદ્ધ ગુરૂષે ભદ્રુદ્ધ
 ગુરૂષે ઉદ્ઘાત ગઢ ગુરૂષુ ન1(ષ્ટ)નુકોણ્ટિ
 ધરનુ દાસુનિ બ્રોબ ત્યાગરજ નુત (ન1)

Punjabi

- ਪ. ની ચਿੱਤਮુ નਿਸ਼ਚਲਮੁ
 ਨਿਰਮਲ(ਮ)ਨਿ ਨਿੱਠੇ ਨਿਸ਼ਚਨਾਨੁ
- અ. ના ચਿੱਤਮુ ਵਵਚਨ ਚਵਚਲ(ਮ)ਨਿ
 ਨਨ੍ਹੁ ਵਿਡ(ના)ਡਕੁਮਿ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਰਾਮ (ਨੀ)
- ચ. ਗੁਰੂਵੁ ਚਿਲ੍ਲ ਗਿਰਜ ਗੁਰੂਵੇ ਭ੍ਰਮਰਮੁ
 ਗੁਰੂਡੇ ਭਾਸ਼ਕਰਾਦੁ ਗੁਰੂਡੇ ਭਦ੍ਰਦੁ
 ਗੁਰੂਡੇ ਉਤ੍ਤਮ ਗਤਿ ਗੁਰੂਵੁ ਨੀ(ਵ)ਨੁਕੋਣ੍ਟਿ
 ਧਰਨੁ ਦਾਸੁਨਿ ਬ੍ਰੋਬ ਤ੍ਯਾਗਰਜ ਨੁਤ (ਨੀ)

ਚ. ਗੁਰਵੂ ਚਿੱਲ ਗਿਵਜ ਗੁਰਵੇ ਭ੍ਰਮਰਮੁ

ਗੁਰਡੇ ਭਾਸਕਰੁਡ ਗੁਰਡੇ ਭਦੁਡੁ

ਗੁਰਡੇ ਉੱਤਮ ਗਤਿ ਗੁਰਵੂ ਨੀ(ਵ)ਨੁਕੋਲਿਟ

ਧਰਨੁ ਦਾਸੁਨਿ ਬੋਵ ਤਜਾਰਾਜ ਨੁਤ (ਨੀ)