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Picture of **Sree Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy** is on the last page or back cover of this book.

Om Namo Venkatesaya Namaha

A few words before we start ...

Venkataadhri Samam Sthaanam Brahmaanday Naasthi Kinchana

Venkatesa Samodevo Na Bhutho Na Bhavishyathi

(In the Entire Universe there is no one parallel to Lord who resides on the hills of Venkataadhri neither in the past nor in the future)

In Kaliyuga, Sree Venkateswara Vratham is considered an excellent way to get the grace and blessings of Lord Venkateswara. I heard many things about the miracles and wonders of the Lord. I worshipped the Lord as my life. He is the greatest Lord of wonders, an ocean of compassion, embodiment of kindness, remover of obstacles and miseries - of all his believers. He is the navigator to cross the ocean of difficulties, for his worshippers. He showers his love and affection upon his devotees. There is no doubt that he takes complete responsibility of his devotees, who lead their lives in virtuous way and who surrender themselves to him.

My respected parents, Sri. Burle Pulla Rao and Smt. Burle Venkata Lakshmi have told me many amazing facts, about the wonders of the Lord. They created an unmatched devotion and love towards the "Lord of Seven Hills". My attachment towards the Lord grew as I became older. He has become an integral part of my life. I developed inexpressible devotion in my heart towards him. As far as I could remember, I never asked him to fulfill any of my desires. I developed some kind of courage that strengthened my idea that, the Lord will look after me in all pain and pleasure.

These days, there's less devotion towards God and more importance towards selfish desires. We all worship the Lord, but with a lot of desires. Devotees with a pure heart having no desires will achieve the Lord's celestial appearance (Dhivya Dharshan).

I would like to share some experiences that God has graced upon me. Lord Sreenivasa (also known as Lord of Seven Hills or Venkateswara or Venkatesa or Balaji or Tirumalesha or Perumalla or Govinda) will visit the home of devotees - where the parents, in-laws, sons, daughter-in-laws, daughters, son-in-laws and grand children live together with love and affection. Sree Lakshmi (Goddess of Riches) will be dancing there with joy. It is natural that every human has desires. The desire which is harmful to others should never be asked to be fulfilled. Always ask for the desires which are healthier, harmless and yield good results. Lord Sreenivasa has unimaginable love and compassion towards his devotees. We have to pray him with our whole heart, by giving up our ego, selfishness and love towards worldly desires.

My relationship with the Lord of Seven Hills

My parents, Burle Pulla Rao and Smt. Burle Venkata Lakshmi have great affection and devotion towards Lord Venkateswara that cannot be expressed in words. They frequently visit Tirumala and have always walked up the Seven Hills with the bare foot. My father has always worshipped him with his full heart. I was born in 1980 in Khammam in my grandparent's home, Sri. Singavarapu Anantha Ramulu and Smt. Koti Ratnam. In the year 2000, I moved to Hyderabad for a job and stayed in a hostel. One day in my dream, I saw a very bright light. It was so bright that I could not see anything, but heard a voice that said "you have to perform Sree Venkateswara Swamy Vratham immediately". When I opened my eyes, it was dark around me, so I went back to sleep. The next day, I went to the temple in Ameerpet and asked the priest about Sree Venkateswara Swamy Vratham. But he replied that, he never heard about this Vratham. I asked many priests in different temples but no one knew about it. After sometime, I totally forgot about the dream and the Vratham. I visit Tirumala every year by walking up the seven hills and perform Anga Pradhakshina (roll along the path in circumambulation, ensuring that every part of their body touches the ground) in the temple without fail, but completely forgot about the dream.

I married Rushikesh in the year 2002 and then moved with him to California, U.S.A., right after our wedding. I was blessed with a daughter, Neyhaa in 2003. I visited Tirumala Tirupati in 2005 with my family, during our vacation to India. As usual, I decided to perform Anga Pradhakshina. The cottage that we stayed in Tirumala was far away from the temple. I woke up in the morning, took some money and went out. I began to walk looking for a taxi. Then a horse-cart came and stopped before me. An old man came down from the cart and said "I will take you to the temple, come and sit-down in the cart". I did not have enough time. Ten minutes were left to reach the temple. I was tensed whether I could do the Anga Pradhakshina or not. Then I told him "if I go in your cart we will not reach the temple in time and I will be deprived of performing Anga Pradhakshina, I cannot go with you. I will go by taxi so that I can reach the temple in time". He laughed at me and then assured me not to get scared. He said that he will take me to the temple in time and said, "You will perform Anga Pradhakshina without fail". I could not think of anything at that time, so I got into the cart. That old man took me to the temple and handed me to a lady over there. I still remember her bright and charming face, even till today. She had turmeric on her face, with a big red round dot on her forehead (kumkum), two ornaments on her nose and flowers in her hair. She was very beautiful, just like Goddess Padmavathi. She held my hand, took me to the well (Koneru) and dipped me three times in the

water. Then she applied turmeric and kumkum on my face and asked me to pray to the Sun God (Surya Namaskar). After that, she took me to the temple from the main front door (Dhwaja Sthambam). And after my 'Anga Pradhakshina', she arranged for a special dharshan of Lord Venkateswara.

After that, I wanted to thank her for such auspicious dharshan. I looked for her inside and outside the temple, and asked many people, but could not find her.

I was in a state of confusion, I could not think of anything else. I went to the place where the old man had handed over me to the lady and enquired about the old man, and got the same reply. The priests and the people in that place wondered and told me that there were no horse-carts in Tirumala Tirupati. They have never seen them. The money I took for the taxi was still in my hand. The amazing thing was that even after dipping thrice in the water, the money that was in my hand did not get wet. Then I realized the entire picture. I completely believed that the old man who took me to the temple was none other than "Lord Venkateswara" himself and the woman who made me adore the Sun God and took me to the temple and arranged for the special dharshan of the God, was none other than Goddess "Sree Padmavathi". After that I repented thinking that I could not recognize them. But I felt very happy when I recollected the holy words of Goddess Padmavathi - "I assure you, you will get **My** Lord's dharshan". I thought that the whole incident was a part of his miracle. I went to my room and narrated everything to my husband, brother-in-law Ganesh and his wife Shiva Priya and everybody there. They also enquired many people but everyone firmly answered them that there were no horse-carts in Tirumala Tirupati. I am not sure, if they all believed that the old man was Lord Venkateswara and the lady as Goddess Padmavathi, but I had firm faith that they were the holy couple.

After that, we returned to California, U.S.A. but the trip to Tirumala Tirupathi in 2005 was unforgettable in my life. The dream that I had in the year 2000 was again repeated in May 2010. It was exactly the same brightness and tone of "Sree Venkateswara". He again instructed me to perform the same 'Vratham'. In addition, he advised me to spread the word about this Vratham and advice others to perform this Vratham, by telling them about his gracious deeds. He also said "You are born to propagate the greatness of Sree Venkateswara Vratham". Then I asked the Lord "I am alone, there's no one to help me, who will listen and why will they listen to me and how would they believe me?" Hearing these words the Lord laughed and said

“Perform this Vratham at your home and you will find the way.” Not only that, the Lord instructed me to write this book immediately.

I told about the dream to my husband Rushikesh. He completely believed me and agreed for it. We performed “Sree Venkateswara Vratham” on June 26th 2010, it was a Saturday and full moon day. After that, we performed it again on July 25th 2010, it was a Sunday and full moon day. We offered ‘Maha Naivedhyam’ (15 varieties of home cooked food and fruits) to the deity and closed the door. After half-hour we went inside the pooja room and were shocked to see a lump of lemon rice before the picture frame of Kalyana Venkateswara. We again performed the Vratham on September 4th 2010, it was Saturday ‘Ekadashi’ (auspicious day). We offered ‘Maha Naivedhyam’ to the Lord on that day as well. As usual we closed the door. When I went back into the pooja room, I noticed that the “Maha Naivedhyam” turned into the shape of a round ball. Immediately, I called my husband, daughter and friends and showed them the amazing thing. It was really shocking. They were all stunned. It was a very memorable day for me. It was a very beautiful, enlightening and sweet experience that cannot be expressed in words. Since that day, we have seen and experienced many miracles in our home and they are still happening at the time of translating this book into English on Jan 2nd 2011. These are the same miracles that were published in our Telugu book in Oct 2010. Though we have experienced many more miracles after Oct 10th 2010, we have restricted this book to the events from Sep 5th 2010 to Oct 10th 2010.

September 5th 2010: When I woke up in the morning and saw my face in the mirror, I saw big Naamaalu (3 sandal lines) on my face from forehead to nose and was shocked. On that day, I realized that the Lord is no-where else, he is residing in my home. That morning we performed pooja and went out for shopping. We came back in the evening and saw that the aarti plate was kept ready with ghee and wicks as though we are going to give aarti. We could not understand what was happening. We were slightly scared as well. Nobody was in the home, who did this, and how could this happen? We made up our mind that this is no other than the Lord of Kaliyuga. We gave aarti to the Lord. After some time, I was in the kitchen and suddenly some burning odor spread in the home. We ran into the pooja room and saw brightly lit sandal sticks (Agarbatti). After a few minutes, my daughter told us that the ghee and wicks were there again in the aarti plate. I went and prayed to the Lord and offered aarti. As I was told by the Lord in my dream, he himself that is, Lord Sreeman Narayana himself had arrived in my home. There were no boundaries to our happiness.

September 6th 2010: That fine morning we woke up with Akshinthalu (rice grains mixed with turmeric powder and oil) on our bed. We gathered them carefully and saved them in a bag. After having bath I went into the pooja room. While I was performing the pooja and chanting the Lord's name, I saw a bright light from the Lord's picture. It was very bright, so I closed my eyes. I did not know what happened to me after that. When I opened my eyes, my husband was waking me by calling my name very loudly. I thought I was unconscious. When I saw my face in the mirror, I noticed Naamaalu (3 sandal lines). This time, I was scared seeing my face in the mirror, as there was bright red kumkum as well, on the sandal lines. Then my husband said "God has come on your body and your tone changed to a male voice". I repeatedly asked my husband "was it real ... I don't remember anything". On that day we went outside at 1 p.m. in the afternoon. We returned back home at 6'o clock in the evening. We saw the lights were lit, ghee, wicks and sandal sticks were kept ready for pooja. Theertham (cold milk mixed with sugar) was also ready.

September 7th 2010: This day turmeric powder (passupu) began to come out from the picture of the Lord. There was no turmeric powder on the picture frame, in the morning when we performed the pooja. At 12.30 noon, I entered the pooja room with my daughter, to clean the room. My daughter said "Mom, turmeric powder is coming out from the picture of the Lord". I saw the Turmeric powder and wondered if it was from our home. Then I realized that I do not have such large quantity of turmeric powder at home. I went into the kitchen and looked for the box in which turmeric powder is stored. When I opened the lid of the box, I noticed Om and Swastika symbols written on the turmeric powder. Immediately, I showed this to my husband and he took a few pictures. The turmeric powder which came out from the Lord's picture frame had a very nice fragrance. My home was completely filled with the sweet smell of the turmeric powder. Friends, who visited our home, felt the same. The same evening at the same time as usual, everything was kept ready for aarti i.e., with ghee and wicks in the plate.

September 8th 2010: This day more turmeric powder came out of the Lord's picture. Honey mixed with cold milk was kept ready in a small silver bowl. Since the day all these wonders started in our home we started offering Naivedhyam three times a day to the deity. Without offering to the Lord, even my daughter Neyhaa was not eating anything.

September 9th 2010: This day more turmeric powder came out of the Lord's picture, almost covering the face, forming a small hill. On this hill of turmeric power, we noticed the embossing of Lord Narasimha Swamy. The Lord gave dharshan in the form of Narasimha Swamy today. We invited a few

guests to our home. For some guests, the embossing on the turmeric powder appeared as Sree Venkateswara Swamy, for others as Lord Narasimha Swamy, some saw Lord Krishna and a few saw the form of Omkara. Dharshan was given according the way people worshipped him.

The same day, I experienced another special unbelievable incident. A few who visited our home were able to see this miraculous event. Up to now, we saw great deeds of the Lord, that is, turmeric powder from the picture, ghee and wicks being ready for adoration. But the incident that I am going to narrate now is very blissful and special, and a few people that saw this, felt astonished.

This morning, my husband woke up earlier than me and was scared to see my face. He woke me up and asked “what did you apply on your face”. When I saw my face in the mirror, I noticed my face covered with turmeric powder and a round kumkum dot almost the size of a one rupee coin in the middle of my forehead. That round kumkum dot was continuously growing (very slowly) on the forehead. I wondered what was happening to me. I had a lot of doubts running in the back of my mind. By evening, the round kumkum dot grew in size and has become very big. The same evening, my friends visited us with their children to sing Bhajans (devotional songs). While they were singing the Bhajans, I closed my eyes and saw Sree Venkateswara Swamy and Padmavathi. Then I realized, “turmeric powder and kumkum appeared on my face to give the necessary power to see the Lord, as we do not possess the power to see the Lord with our eyes”. The God and Goddess had to grace the power to see their splendor as we do not have the power to see the luster around them. This is a great fortune that has to be bestowed upon us by the Lord.

That day, we offered milk mixed with sugar to the deity. After some time the sugar turned into honey. The people who saw these miracles felt very happy and fortunate to experience the incidents on that day.

September 10th 2010: This morning I went into the pooja room after bath. The turmeric powder in front of the Lord has appeared in the shape of Lord Vinayaka. This day again, the lights were switched on, ghee and wicks were ready in the aarti plate. Everything was ready for pooja. The Lord graced his dharshan (appearance) in the form of Vinayaka. Guests who visited us that day said “Vinayaka came to your home before Vinayaka Chavithi”. Lord’s deeds are very wonderful. Even a thousand pair of eyes would not be enough to see these miracles.

September 11th 2010: This day also the lamps were lit automatically. Ghee and wicks were automatically ready in the aarti plate. When I woke in the morning I noticed turmeric powder appeared on my face and a round kumkum dot on my forehead. I was very happy to see this happen again. The last time this happened, the God and Goddess graced their dharshan to me. I felt happy that I would get his dharshan again. We offered lemon rice and curd rice as Naivedhyam to the Lord. After a few minutes we entered the room and saw the lemon rice and curd got mixed. We had the left over's of the food that was offered to the Lord.

We had a few guests that day. One of them did not believe in the miracles that were happening in our home. She said "God is an idol made of stone and we should just ask him to fulfill our desires. It's just your imagination that God is in your home". Then she asked me a lot of questions for almost an hour and I patiently answered them all. She brought some flowers so I placed them before the God, after answering all her questions. After that, they took some prasadam and left the home. After that, a few more guests visited us. We have known them for a few years. I realized that she visited my home to just test the miracles. After spending a few minutes, she left without taking prasadam. That evening, my husband and daughter went to a friend's home for dinner, but I stayed home. The round kumkum dot began to grow on my face. I was anxiously waiting at home for the Lord's dharshan.

Meanwhile, I received a phone call from the lady who came to our home earlier that evening but did not believe in the miracles and left without taking prasadam. She said "a couple named Balaji and Padma are thinking of visiting your home. I gave them your address and phone number. If they have any problem finding your home they will probably call you". I agreed for it. I was still anxiously waiting for the Lord's dharshan. Then, Balaji and Padma came to my home. I welcomed them, took them to the pooja room. They saw the Lord and said "You are very fortunate; God's grace is completely on you". Then I gave them some prasadam and they accepted it very happily. They left after a few minutes and said they will visit again later. After they left, I was again fortunate enough to get the dharshan of Sree Venkateswara Swamy and Goddess Padmavathi. After some time my husband came back home from my friend's place. I told him that a couple named Balaji and Padma visited, and were referred by the guest who visited earlier that evening (the one who left without taking prasadam). Then my husband said "when she herself did not believe in the miracles, why would she send others to visit our home". Until my husband mentioned it, I did not get that doubt. After that, there was a question in my mind. Till the arrival of that couple Balaji and Padma, I was still waiting for the Lord's dharshan. After the couple left, I got the Lord's dharshan. Why did it not happen before the couple's arrival? I asked the

question to myself. I wanted to get this doubt clarified. When we enquired that lady, she said that she did not send anyone to our home and did not know anyone with the names of Balaji and Padma. She had no friends or relatives with that name.

Then I understood that the couple, who visited my home, was none other than the Lord himself, for whom I was desperately waiting. I was disappointed that I could not recognize him when he gave dharshan the first time (Tirumala Tirupathi incident in 2005) and the same thing repeated again, the second time. I was agonized and wept to the Lord "Oh! God you visited my home, but I was unable to recognize you. Oh! God almighty what is this test?"

At 11'0 clock that night we closed the pooja room door and went into the living room and watched T.V. for a few minutes. We were feeling asleep so wanted to see the Lord before going to bed and went into the pooja room. The time was about 11.30 pm in the night. I noticed honey flowing out from the idols of Lord Venkateswara and Goddess Padmavathi. It was simply unbelievable. My husband was in a state of shock and said "Is this a dream?" We took videos and pictures of the honey flowing from the Lord and immediately called my brother-in-law Ganesh and his wife Shiva Priya and asked them to come online (connect to Skype Video conference over the internet). They witnessed this amazing miracle and had no bounds to their happiness. Then, I noticed the flowers that were placed in front of the God were thrown aside. These were the flowers given by the lady who visited that afternoon and cross examined me with her questions for an hour. After seeing that, we decided to offer flowers, only from devotees that have complete faith in the supreme Lord. Every day was an unforgettable and memorable. Days have begun to pass with many sweet memories and inexpressible experiences.

September 12th 2010: This day kumkum began to come out of the Lord's picture frame and was falling on the turmeric powder. Honey was still dripping from the idols. We offered Naivedhyam (oblation) in the afternoon. When we went back after few minutes, we noticed that it was not eaten by the Lord. In the evening we offered rice with tindora fry to the almighty. When we opened the door, we noticed the rice got mixed with tindora fry and turned into the shape of a round ball, like a laddu. We distributed it among the guests who visited our home.

September 13th 2010: In the morning we offered dry fruits as Naivedhyam (oblation) to the Lord. Swamy had eaten half of the dry fruits and the remaining, left for us. This day also ghee with wicks was ready for pooja in the aarti plate. I sent my daughter to school and came back home and started cooking in the kitchen, while I was talking to my husband on the phone, I heard the sound of anklets (muvvalu) from the pooja room. I mentioned it to my husband and asked him to listen to that sound. But, he was not able to hear it. I recorded the incident with the video camera and shared it with my brother-in-law on Skype via the internet and he was able to hear the sound of the anklets. Then I believed it was true and not my imagination. I felt very happy. I was fortunate enough to hear the sound of the dance of the Goddess.

My daughter and I heard the sweet sound of anklets after she came back from school. We both heard it for about five minutes. We felt that the Goddess was moving with anklets on her feet. My husband also had the opportunity to hear the same that night.

September 14th 2010: Honey was still flowing from the idol. We gave that as theertham (holy water) to friends, guests and devotees who visited our home that day.

September 15th 2010: This day we noticed more kumkum in front of the Lord's picture frame. The bowl that we placed to catch the honey got filled up, so we placed a new bowl.

September 16th 2010: This day we offered an apple as Naivedhyam (oblation). When we went back into the pooja room we could see a bite in the apple, Swamy had eaten the fruit.

September 18th 2010: This day, turmeric and kumkum powder that was covering the Lord's picture, spread out and was no longer covering the face and crown. The face and the crown were looking bright. We began to give kumkum and turmeric powder to the people who visited our home. Honey was still flowing out of the idols of God and Goddess. There was a brief period of about 10 minutes, where honey was flowing at a very fast pace. We offered Kichidi (rice cooked with pulses) to the Lord in the afternoon. Then, 15 minutes passed as I went into the living room and started watching T.V. While I was watching the movie, to our wonder, a small bite of the Kichidi that was offered to the Lord appeared in my mouth. When we entered the

pooja room, we noticed that the Lord has taken a bite as well. (See the picture dated Sep 18th 2010)

September 19th 2010: This day we offered an apple to the almighty. The Lord has taken a bite of the fruit and offered another bite to me. The bite that was offered to me appeared in my mouth when I was in the kitchen, preparing food. I showed it to my husband, right away. Then, we went into the room and wondered noticing the bites on the apple.

In the evening we offered fruit juice as Naivedhyam in a small bowl. After some time we went back into the pooja room and there was a little juice left in the bowl, it was clear that the Lord has accepted our offering. Then, we had the rest of the juice that was left in the bowl. Honey was still flowing from the Lord's idol.

September 20th 2010: Today we offered rice and tindora fry to the Lord. When we entered the pooja room after a few minutes, there were 4 lumps (like laddu) of the rice and fry in the plate, the Lord has blessed us with another miracle. Later, that evening we offered Roti (Indian tortilla) and curry made of garbanzo beans (channa masala). The Lord almighty has accepted our offering and had a bite of the Roti and curry, and left the rest for us. Honey was still flowing from the Lord's idol.

September 21st 2010: This day we offered rice and spinach dal curry (spinach and pulses). After some time we saw that the rice and spinach curry were mixed. Some part of the rice was eaten by Swamy. Ghee and cotton wicks automatically appeared in the aarti plate. Also, honey and milk automatically appeared in a small bowl in front of the Lord.

This way the Lord showed his miracles and proved his existence in this Kaliyuga. We are very happy that he chose us for this wonderful purpose.

September 22nd 2010: This day we offered rice and beans fry to the Lord. After some time we entered the pooja room and saw that the rice and beans fry were mixed and the Lord had eaten some part of the offering. In the evening we offered grapes. Those grapes suddenly appeared in my mouth when we were having dinner. We went into the pooja room and only two grapes were left in the bowl.

September 23rd 2010: This day we offered small grapes as Naivedhyam (oblation). Again, the grapes that were offered to the Lord appeared in my mouth. Honey was still flowing out of the idol of Swamy and Amma. Today my husband's friends visited our home. Just prior to their arrival honey was

flowing like a stream. While my husband was taking the video of the honey, he noticed the burnt out cotton wick in the aarti plate, got lit automatically and was bright. It was unbelievable and amazing. He called me and his friends and showed it. They were very happy and felt fortunate to witness these miracles.

September 24th 2010: This day we offered Naivedhyam (oblation) in the morning and afternoon, but Swamy did not eat any of the offerings. In the evening we offered raisins and went out of the home. We were approximately 5 kilometers away from our home. Then suddenly, those dry grapes that were offered to the Lord, showed up in my mouth. Until now, all these things happened when we were at home. This is first time that this happened when we were outside the home. I felt very happy.

September 25th 2010: Today when I went into the pooja room the ghee and wicks automatically appeared in the aarti plate and ready for pooja. Honey and milk automatically appeared in the small silver bowl in front of the Lord. My husband, daughter and I performed the pooja. I mixed sandal wood powder in the water and placed it in the small silver bowl, on September 4th 2010. Till today that sandal wood powder is still wet. As we finished the pooja, we noticed a dot in the middle of my forehead, this was not the normal kumkum dot, and it was the sandal wood powder. We also noticed Naamaalu (3 sandal lines) on my neck with the same sandal wood powder. After pooja we went into the living room and my husband was playing with my daughter and I was cooking in the kitchen. At that time three sandal sticks (Agarbatti) were lit automatically in the pooja room. So, I went in there and placed them in a glass. After few minutes, a bundle of sandal sticks were automatically lit. Our home was completely filled with the sweet smell of the sandal sticks. Today we offered vegetable rice to the Lord. Lord has eaten a part of the rice. The same evening, ghee was automatically filled in the small lamps with the wicks and everything was ready and prepared for aarti. We offered black grapes as oblation in the evening, but Swamy did not eat them.

Honey was still flowing out from the Lord's idol. Sandal wood powder was still fresh and wet in the small silver bowl.

September 26th 2010: Today we offered Naivedhyam (oblation) in the morning and afternoon. But Swamy did not take accept the offering. In the evening we offered fruits and prayed to the Lord to have the Naivedhyam and went out shopping. The shopping place was about 4 kilometers away from our home. As we were entering the shop, suddenly my mouth was filled

with the grapes that were offered to the Lord. After returning home, we noticed fewer grapes in the fruit bowl in the pooja room.

September 27th 2010: Today we offered apples to the Lord. Swamy had a bite and another bite magically appeared in my mouth. In the evening we offered banana to the Lord. A third of the banana magically came out of my throat. The banana was not mashed and came out as-is, my husband and daughter were surprised while seeing this miracle with their eyes. At that time, I had a lot of pain in my throat. Afterwards we went inside the pooja room and saw that a third of the banana was missing. Also, there was a small drop of honey on the left over banana.

Honey was still flowing from Swamy's idol. We have been watching the honey for the last 3 weeks.

October 10th 2010: This day we offered an apple to the Lord. I was busy cooking in the kitchen. Then, we all felt a sweet smell from the pooja room. When we entered the room we were completely shocked and did not know whether this was a dream or reality. The apple offered to the Lord, was there as-is in the plate. But what shocked us was the Tirupathi Laddu that was in the plate next to the apple. We have eaten the Tirupathi Laddu many times in our life, but never ate such a hot Laddu. When we touched it we could clearly see the ghee on our fingers. The taste of the laddu was indescribable.

Composing this book "Lord Balaji Miracles" was not that easy, being a house wife and an ordinary woman. It was only possible with the blessings of the Lord of Kaliyuga, Sree Venkateswara Swamy and Goddess Padmavathi.

My husband Rushikesh has encouraged me a lot with the completion of this book and was the one who translated this book into English. I would like to thank my daughter Neyhaa for her support as well. I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the writer of Sree Venkateswara Vratham, Sri. Thimmaraju Viswapathi Ramakrishna Murthy. I pray to the Lord to shower his blessings on everyone who helped me with this book and listened with dedication. I wish whole heartedly, all devotees who perform this Vratham will achieve the divine grace of the Lord.

Lalitha Rushikesh

Lord Venkateswara Manthra

The God of Kaliyuga, Sree Venkateswara himself has mentioned a few manthras to me from the Veda's. Reading this particular manthra every day at the time of pooja will help with attaining pure devotion to the God.

We have to read the manthra as follows:

Muraarisevaka Jaraadhippeeditha Nirarthijeevana Niraasha

Bhoosura Varaathisundara Suraanganaarathi

Karaangasoushtava Kumaarathaakruthi Kumaara Thaaraka

Samaapanodhaya Thanoonapaathaka Mahaapadhaamaya

Vihaapanodhitha Sakalabhuvana Vidhitha Kumaaradhaaraabhidhaana Theerthaadhishtithasya

Dharanithala Gatha Sakala Hathakalila Subhasalila

Gathabahula Vividhamala Hathichathura Ruchirathara

Vilokanamaathra Vidalitha Vividhamahaapaathaka

Swamypushkarini Samethasya

Devotees reciting this manthra every day will lead a healthy and wealthy life.

Lalitha Rushikesh

Items needed for Vratham

6 Coconuts (1 for kalash and 5 for stories), vasthram (garland made of cotton), kalash, new blouse piece, turmeric or haldi, kumkum, akshintha (rice grains mixed with turmeric and oil), agarbatthi, camphor (for aarthi), pan or betel leaves or mango leaves (3 or 5 for kalash and 2 for Vinaayaka pooja), flowers, thulasi leaves, for panchaamrtutha (cow milk, curd or yogurt, ghee, honey and sugar), for Vinaayaka Naivedhyam (small piece of jaggery), for Vratham Naivedhyam (wheat rava, ghee, powdered sugar, banana and elaichi powder)

Recipe for Vratham Naivedhyam

Take a pan and put little ghee, add wheat rava to that and fry in slow flame, until you get a nice aroma. Let it get cold and add powdered sugar and banana pieces. You may also add coconut pieces. Adding elaichi powder or any other dry fruits will give a nice taste.

Vratham Procedure

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It is very easy to obtain the grace of Lord Venkateswara by performing this Vratham, in Kaliyuga. All the troubles will be driven away by this Vratham. It is very easy to perform this Vratham and has been blessed by Lord Sreeman Narayana himself, who resides in Vykunta. Anyone can perform this Vratham at anytime. Devotees can perform this Vratham to get freedom from health issues, wealth issues and family issues or to attain peace of mind. It will remove all the obstacles in your life. Also, this Vratham can be performed during auspicious occasions in your home. Devotees will obtain very good results with their job or business after performing this Vratham.

This Vratham can be performed in 2 different procedures as mentioned below:

First Procedure (this is the ideal way):

As said above, this Vratham can be performed at any time according to their convenience and financial status. This Vratham will yield maximum results when performed during the months of Maargashira, Maagha, and Kaartheeka or on the days of Full moon, Panchami, Sapthami, Ekadashi or on the days of Sravana or Swaathi stars.

It can be performed in the morning or evening. It has 5 Storys. First one is graced by the supreme God Venkateswara himself remaining four were narrated by the Great Saints Viswaamithra, Vashista, Bharadwaaja and Athri. These great saints are rich in penance. This Vratham can be performed in your own house, in the Lord's temple or in any virtuous place or on the shores of pious rivers. As far as possible it is better to invite with pleasure all the relatives and friends.

First, select a pious place and clean it. Then, setup a Mantapa or shrine and place the Lord's idol or picture in that Mantapa. Idols or picture of Sree Kalyana Venkateswara with Sreedevi and Bhudevi would yield the maximum results.

The Lord himself would visit and accept the prasadam when this Vratam is performed with devotion and dedication.

At the end of each story of the Vratam, break a coconut and offer it to the Lord. **Maha prasadam can be prepared with wheat rava and sugar mixed with pieces of banana.** After reading each story, chant the name of the Lord **Govindaa... Govindaa.... Govindaa...** 3 times as a prayer.

The Lord likes the basil leaves a lot. Therefore the basil leaves should be placed in the worship of God to yield the maximum good results. After performing this Vratam, eating the basil leaves as prasadam will destroy all diseases and grant eight riches. At the end of the Vratam, mix the pieces of coconut with **Maha prasadam** and offer it to the Lord. Then eat the prasadam and distribute to others to get punyam or great virtue.

As far as possible, this Vratam should be performed with Kalashasthaapana (placing a pot or a tumbler filled with rice or water and place coconut on top of the pot with betel or mango leaves under the coconut) by reading all the manthras and stories.

Second Procedure:

There's one more thing that Lord Sreeman Narayana himself has graced upon us. In case the Vratam cannot be performed as said above (first procedure), due to any difficulty or lack of time or any other reason, one can sit alone and perform this Vratam. You may sit in front of Lord Blajai's picture or idol and pray to God Vinayaka or Vighneswara in your mind. Then, salute the Gods of eight sides (Ashta Dhikpaalakulu) and the Gods of nine planets (Nava Graha) in your mind. Place basil plant leaves (tulasi), coconuts, fruits and flowers in a plate. Then salute the Lord and read all 5 stories from this Vratam. In the end offer the coconut, flowers and fruits to Lord Venkateswara as Naivedhyam. Eating the prasadam (Naivedhyam that was offered to the god) will drive away your difficulties.

The almighty is aware of all our difficulties. We have to pray the ocean of kindness the God to drive away our difficulties. Performing this Vratam this way fulfills all our desires. All obstacles and difficulties will vanish. The devotees will achieve all the eight riches.

!! Samastha Sanmangalaani Bhavanthu !!

Sree Lakshmi Sreenivaasa Kataaksha Siddhirasthu

Sree Venkateswara Vratam

Sree Ganapathi Dhyaanam

Vakrathunda Mahaakaaya Kotisuryasamaprabha |
 Nirvighnam Kurumay Deva Sarvakaaryeshu Sarvadaa |
 Shuklaambaradharam Vishnum Shashivarnam Chaturbhujam |
 Prasannavadanam Dhyayaet Sarva Vighnopashaantayae ||
 Thadeva Lagnam Sudinam Thadeva Thaaraabalam Chandrabalam Thadeva |
 Vidyaabalam Daivabalam Thadeva Lakshmipathay Thenghriyugam Smarami ||

Aachanumu

Om Kesavaaya Swaaha	Om Sankarshanaaya Namaha
Om naarayanaaya Swaaha	Om Vaasudevaaya Namaha
Om Maadhavaaya Swaaha	Om Pradyumnaaya Namaha
Om Govindaaya Namaha	Om Aniruddhaaya Namaha
Om Vishnave Namaha	Om Purushottamaaya Namaha
Om Madhusoodanaaya Namaha	Om Adhokshajaaya Namaha
Om Trivikramaaya Namaha	Om Narasimhaaya Namaha
Om Vaamanaaya Namaha	Om Achyuthaaya Namaha
Om Sreedharaaya Namaha	Om Janardhanaaya Namaha
Om Hrishikshaaya Namaha	Om Upendraaya Namaha
Om Padmanaabhaaya Namaha	Om Haraye Namaha
Om Daamodaraaya Namaha	Om Sreekrishnaaya Namaha

Bhuthocchatanam

Utthishtanthu Bhoothapishachaha Aethey Bhoomi Bhaarakah |
 Aetheshaama Virodhena Brahmakarma Samaarabhe ||

(Put Akshinthas i.e., rice mixed with turmeric powder and oil behind you and then close the nose with your right hand and do pranaayama)

Praanaayaamamu

Om Bhoohu, Om Bhuvaha, Om Suvaha, Om Mahaha, Om Janaha, Om tapaha, Om Satyam, Om Tatsavitur-Varenyam Bhargo Devasya Dheemahi, Dhiyo Yo Naha Prachodayaath, Om Aapo-jyoteera-somrutham Brahma Bhoorbhuvassuvarom

Mama Upaattha Duritakshayadwaaraa Sree Parameshwara Preetyartham Shubhe Shobhana Muhurthe Sree Mahaa-Vishno-Raagnayaa Pravarthe Maanasya Aadyabrahmanaha Dviteeya Paraarthe Swetha Varaahakalpe Vyvaswatha Manvantare Kaliyuge Pradhamapaade Jamboo

Dweepe Bharathavarsha Bharatha Khande Mayroh Dakshina Digbhaage, Sreesailasya (say the names of the closest rivers), Pradeshay, Krishna, Godavari Madhyabhaage, Swa / Shobhana Gruhay, Samastha Devatha Braahmana, Harihara Sannidhou, Asmin Varthamaana Vyavahaarika Chandramanena SwastiSree Prabhavaadi Naama Samvathsara Madhya(say the current date with day, month and year) Samvathsarey, Ayaney, Ruthou, Masay, Pakshay, Thithou, Vaasaray, Shubhanakshathrey, Shubhayogey, Shubhakarana Evanguna Visheshana Vishistaayaam Shubhathithou Sreemaan (say your name) Gothraha (say your gothram) Naamadheyaha Dharmapathnee Sametasya Asmakam Sahakutumbaanaam, Kshema, Sthyrya, Dhyrya, Vijaya, Aayur-aarogya, Aishwarya-abhivridhyartham, Dharmartham Kaamamoksha Chaturvidha Purushartham Phala Siddhyartham Mamopaattha Duritakshaya Dwaaraa Sree Parameswara Preethyartham Sree Lakshmi Padmavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Devathaa Muddishya Sree Venkateswara Vrathakalpa Karishye Dravyhi Sambhavadhbhihi Padaarthey Sambhavathaa Niyamena Yaavacchakthi Dhyanaa Vaahanaadi Shodashopachara Poojaam Karishye. (Touch the water)

Thadanga Kalashaaraadhanam Karishye

(Put the kalash to the right side of Swami, and put gandham, kumkum and akshinthas and then place a flower into it and read the following sloka).

Sloka

**Kalashya Mukhey Vishnuhu Kantey Rudraha Samaashrithaha |
Moole Tatra Sthitho Brahmaa Madhye Maatruganaaha Shrithaaha ||
Kukshouthu Saagara Survey Sapthadweepa Vasundharaa |
Rigvedotha Yajurvedaha Samavedohyatharvanaha ||
Angyscha Sahithaassarve Kalashaambu Samaashritaaha |
Kalashe Gandha Pushpaakshataan Nikshiptya, Hasthenaacchadya,
Aapo vaa Idam Sarvam Viswaabhoothaanyaapaha Praanavaa Aapaha
Pashava Aaponna Maapomrutha Maapa Ssamraadoopo Viraadaapa
Swaraadaapaschandaam Syaapo Jyothem Shyaapo Yajoomshyaapa
Ssatyamaapa Ssarvaa Devathaa Apobhoorbhuvassuva Raapa Om.**

(Fill the Kalash with water and put tulasi or basil leaves into it)

Sloka

**Gange! Cha Yamune! Krishne! Godavari! Saraswathi!
Narmade! Sindhukaavaeryo! Jalesmin Sannidhim Kuru ||
Kaavere Tunga Bhadraa Cha Krishnavenee Cha Gowthamey
Bhaageerathee Cha Vikhyaathaa Panchagangaa Prakeerthitaaha
Kalasodakena Devamaatmaanam Poojadravyaani Cha Samprokshya**

(Dip a flower in the kalash and sprinkle that water on the Lord, pooja plate and on yourself)

Sree Ganapathi Praarthana

**Shuklaambaradharam Vishnum Shashivarnam Chathurbhujam |
PrasannavadanamDdhyaayeth Ssarvavighnopashanthaye ||
Aadou Nirvighnaena Vratha Parisamaaptham Ganapathi Poojam Karishye ||**

Athaha Ganapathi Pooja

**Om Ganaanaam Thwa Ganapathigm Havaamahey |Kavim kaveenaamupa masravasthavam |
Jyeshtarajam Brahmanaam Brahmanaspatha | Aanassrunyannoothibhi Sseedasaadanam ||**

Sree Mahaaganaadhipathaye Namaha - Dhyaayaami, Dhyaanam Samarpayaami

**Aavaahayaami, Rathnasimhasanam Samarpayaami, Paadayoh Paadyam Samarpayaami,
Hasthayo Rarghyam Samarpayaami, Mukhe Achamaneeeyam Samarpayaami ||**

**Aapohishtamayobhuvastana Oorjaedhaatana, Mahaeranaaya Chakshase
Yo Vasshivatha Morasastasya Bhaajayathehanaha Ushatheerina
Maataraha, Thasmaa Aaram Gamaamavo Yasyakshayaaya Jinvaadha, Apojanayadhachanaha**

Sree Mahaaganaadhipataye Namaha-suddhodhaka Snaanam Samarpayaami ||
Snaanantharam Shuddha Achamaneeeyam Samarpayaami ||

**Abhivastraashu Vasanaanyar Shaabhidaenoossu Dughaaha Poojamaanaha |
Abhichandraa Bharta Way No Hiranyaabhyashwanrathinodeva Soma ||**

Sree Mahaaganaadhipataye Namaha-vastrayugmam Samarpayaami ||

**Yagnopaveetham Paramam Pavithram Prajaapathe Ryathsahajam Purasthaath |
Aayushya Magryam Prathimuncha Shubhram Yagnopaveetham Balamastu Tejaha ||**

Sree Mahaaganaadhipataye Namaha-yagnopaveetham Samarpayaami ||

**Gandhadwaaraam Duraadharshaam Nityapushtaam Kareeshineem |
Eswareegm Sarvabhoothanaam Tha Mihopahwaye Shriyam ||**

Sree Mahaaganaadhipataye Namaha - divya Sree Chandanam Samarpayaami ||

**Aayanae They Paraayanae Durvaa Rohanthu Pushpineehi |
Hradaascha Pundareekaani Samudrasya Gruhaa Ime ||**

Sree Mahaaganaadhipataye Namaha - durvaadi Naanavidha Pushpaani Samarpayaami ||

Athaha Sree Shodashanaama Pooja

Om Sumukhaaya Namaha	Om Ganaadhyakshaaya Namaha
Om Ekadanthaaya Namaha	Om Phaalachandraaya Namaha
Om Kapilaaya Namaha	Om Gajaananaaya Namaha
Om Gajakarnikaaya Namaha	Om Vakrathundaaya Namaha
Om Lambodaraaya Namaha	Om Shoorpakarnaaya Namaha
Om Vikataaya Namaha	Om Haerambaaya Namaha
Om Vighnaraajaaya Namaha	Om Skandapoorvajaaya Namaha
Om Gajaadhipataye Namaha	Om Sarvasiddhi pradaayakaaya Namaha
Om Dhoomaketave Namaha	Sree Mahaaganaadhipathaye Namaha

Naanaavidha Parimala Pushpaanee Samarpayaami

Vanaspathyurbhavyrdivy Naanaa Gandhyssu Samyutham |
Aaghreya Ssarvadaevaanaam Dhoopoyam Prathigruhyathaam ||

Sree Mahaaganaadhipataye Namaha – Dhoopamaaghrapayaami ||

Saajyam Thrivarthi Samyuktham Vahninaa Yojitham Priyam |
 Gruhaana Mangalam Deepam Thrylokyathimiraavaham ||
 Bhaktyaadeepam Prayacchaami Devaaya Paramaathmane |
 Thraahi Mmaam Narakaadhghoraa Ddivyajyothi Rnamostuthe ||

Sree Mahaaganaadhipataye Namaha - Deepam Samarpayaami,
 Dhoopa Deepanantharam Achamaneeyam Samarpayaami

Naivedhyam

Place a small piece of haggery in a plate and pour some water.

Om Bhoorbhuvassuvaha Tatsavitur-varaenyam Bhargo Daevasya dheemahi, Dhiyo Yo Naha
Prachodayaat

Sathyam Thvarthena Parishinchaami (say, “Rutham Thwa Sathyena Parishinchaami”, when reading at night)

Sree Mahaaganaadhipataye Namaha - Gudopahaara Naivedhyam Samarpayaami ||
 Amruthamastu Amruthopastaranamasi

Om Praanaaya Svaahaa | Om Aapaanaaya Svaahaa | Om Vyaanaaya Svaahaa |
Om Udanaaya Svaahaa | Om Samaanaaya Svaahaa Madhye Madhye Paaneeyam
Samarpayaami ||

Amrutaapidhaanamasi Uttaraaposhanam Samarpayaami |
Hastou Prakshaalayaami, Shuddhachamaneeyam Samarpayaami |

**Poogeephaly Ssakarpoory Rnaagavalleedalyryutham |
Muktaachoorana Samaayuktham Thaamboolam Prathigruhyataam ||**

Taamboolam Samarpayaami ||

**Om Ganaanaam Thwa Ganapathigm Havaamahey | Kavim Kaveenaamupa Masravasthavam |
Jyeshtharajam Brahmanaam Brahmanaspatha | Aanassrunyannoothibhi Sseedasaadanam ||**

Sree Mahaaganaadhipataye Namaha - Suvarnamanthrapushpam Samarpayaami ||

**Mantraheenam Kriyaheenam Bhaktiheenam Ganaadhipa |
Yathpoojitham Mayaa Deva Paripoornam Tadastuthe ||
Yagnaena Yagnamaya Janta Devaa Staani Dharmaani Prathamaa
Nyaasam Tehanaakam Mahimaana Ssachante Yatra Poorvesaadhyaa Ssantidevaaha ||**

Punaraachanam

**Anayaa Dhyanaavaahanaadi Shodashapachara Poojayaa Cha Bhagavan Sarvaatmakaha
Sree Mahaa Ganaadhipathi Ssupreetho Varado Bhoothva Uttharay Karmanya
Vighnamasthvithi Bhavantho Bhruvanthu Utthare Karmanya Vighnamasthu Ganaadhipathi
Prasaadam Shirasaa Gruhnaami ||**

**Sahasraparamaa Devi Shathamoolaa Shathaankuraa |
Sarvagm Harathu May Paapam Doorvaadussvapnanaashanay |
Ganapathi Yadhaasthaanam Dvaasayaami ||**

Praana Prathishta

**Om Asuneethe Punarasmaasu Chakshuhu Punaha
Praanamihanodaehi Bhogam Jyokpashyema
Sooryamuccharanta Manumathe Mrudayaana Svasthi
Amrutham Vy Praana Amruthamaapaha Praanaaneva
Yadhaasthaanamupahvayathe (then touch the Lord's idol or picture)**

Sree Venkateswara Aavaahayaami, Sthaapayaami, Poojayaami
Sthirobhava, Varadobhava Ssuprasannobhava, Sthirasanam Kuru |

Dhyaanam

**Shaanthaakaaram Bhujagashayanam Padmanabham Suresham |
Viswakaram Gagana Sadrusham Meghavarnam Shubhangam ||
Lakshmikaantham Kamalanayanam Yogihrudhyana Gamyam |
Vande Vishnum Bhavabhayaharam Sarvalokyekanaatham |
Vande Vishnum Bhavabhayaharam Sarvalokyekanaatham ||**

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminey Namaha -
Dhyaayaami, Dhyaanam Samarpayaami (place a flower or leaf nedar the Lord's idol or picture)

Aavaahanam

Aavaahayaami Devaasha Siddhagandharva Sayvitha |
Yadrahasyamidam Punyam Sarvapaapaharaha ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminey Namaha - Aavaahayaami
(place a flower or leaf nedar the Lord's idol or picture)

Aasanam

Daevadaeva Jagannadha Pranutha Kleshanaashana |
Rathnasimhasanam Divyam Gruhaana Madhusudana ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminey Namaha -
Rathnasimhasanam Samarpayaami (place a flower or leaf nedar the Lord's idol or picture)

Paadyam

Vaanchitam Kurumedaeva Dushkrutham Cha Vinashaya |
Paadyam Gruhaana Bhagavan Maathuruthsanga Samsthitha ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminey Namaha - Paadayo,
Paadyam Samarpayaami (take a spoon of water and pour it in a plate)

Arghyam

Kurushwamae Dayaam Daeva Samsaaraarthi Bhayaapaha |
Dadhiksheera Phalopaetham Gruhaanaarghyam Namosthute ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminey Namaha -
Hasthayorarghyam Samarpayaami (take a spoon of water and pour it in a plate)

Aachamanam

Nama Ssathyaaya Shuddhaaya Nityaaya Gnyaanaroopine |
Gruhaanaachamanam Daeva Sarvalokyka Naayaka ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminey Namaha - Mukhe
Aachamaneeyam Samarpayaami (take a spoon of water and pour it in a plate)

Panchaamruthasnaanam

Panchaamrutham Mayaaneetham Payodadhighrutham Madhu |
Sharkaraa Sahitham Chaivadaevathwam Prathigruhyathaam ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminey Namaha - Panchaamrutha
Snaanam Samarpayaami

(Panchaamrutham is made of cow milk, yogurt or curd, ghee, honey, sugar and water)

Snaanam

Svarnapaathrodakam Ganga Yamunaadi Samanvitham |
Shuddhodakam Gruhaanaesha Snaanam Kuru Yadhaavidhi ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminey Namaha -
Shuddhodakasnaanam Samarpayaami (take a spoon of water and pour it in a plate)

Vasthram

Thapthakaanchana Sankaasham Peethambara Midam Hare |
Sugruhaana Jagannatha Sreenivasa Namosthutte ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminey Namaha - Vastrayugmam
Samarpayaami

Yagnopaveetham

Yagnopaveetham Paramam Pavithram Prajapathaeryathsahajam Purasthaath |
Aayushyamagryam Prathimunchashubhram Yagnopaveetham Balamasthu Tejaha ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminey Namaha - Yagnopaveetham
Samarpayaami

Gandham

Chandanaagaru Kastooree Ghanasaara Samanvitham |
Gandham Gruhaana Govinda Naanaagandhaschadhaaraya ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminey Namaha - Divyaparimala
Gandhaan Samarpayaami (offer sandal wood paste or chandan or gandham to the Lord)

Akshathaana

Govindaa Paramaananda Haridra Sahithakshathan |
Visweshwara Vishaalaaksha Gruhaana Parameshwara ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminey Namaha - Akshathaana
Samarpayaami (sprinkle akshinthallu i.e., rice mixed with turmeric powder and oil)

Pushpam

Sungandheeni Supushpaani Jaajeekundamukhanicha |
Maalathi Vakulaadevi Poojartham Prathigruhyathaam ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminey Namaha - Pushpam
Samarpayaami (offer flowers to the Lord)

Athaanga Pooja

Om Sree Venkateswaraya Namaha - Paadou Poojayaami |
Om Sree Venkatachaladheeshaya Namaha - Gulphou Poojayaami |
Om Sree Pradaayakaaya Namaha - Jaanunee Poojayaami |
Om padmavathe Pathaye Namaha - Janghe Poojayaami |
Om Jgnaanapradaaya Namaha - Ooroo Poojayaami |
Om Sreenivasaaya Namaha - Katim Poojayaami |
Om Mahaabhaagaaya Namaha - Naabhim Poojayaami |
Om Nirmalaaya Namaha - Udaram Poojayaami |
Om Vishaala Hrudayaaya Namaha - Hrudayam Poojayaami |
Om Parishuddhaathmanae - Stanou Poojayaami |
Om Purushottamaaya Namaha - Bhujou Poojayaami |
Om Swarnahastaaya Namaha - Hasthou Poojayaami |
Om Varapradaaya Namaha - Kantham Poojayaami |
Om Lokanaadhaaya Namaha - Skandhou Poojayaami |
Om Sarveshwaraya Namaha – Mukham Poojayami |
Om Rasagnaaya Namaha - Naasikaam Poojayaami |
Om Punyashravana keertanaaya Namaha - Shrothrae Poojayaami |
Om Phullambuja Vilochanaaya Namaha - Naetrae Poojayaami |
Om Varchaswinae Namaha - Lalaatam Poojayaami |
Om Ramya Vighrahaaya Namaha - Sarvaanyangaani Poojayaami |

Om Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Paramaathmanay Namaha -
Divyasundara Vighram Poojayaami

Sree Venkateswara Ashtotthara Shathanaamaavali

Om Vekatesaaya Namaha	Om Vishnave Namaha
Om Sreenivaasaaya Namaha	Om Achuthaaya Namaha
Om Laxmipataye Namaha	Om Padmini-Priyaaya Namaha
Om Anamaayaya Namaha	Om Dharaapathaye Namaha
Om Amrutaashaaya Namaha	Om Surapathaye Namaha
Om Jagadvamdyaaya Namaha	Om Nirmalaaya Namaha
Om Govindaaya Namaha	Om Devapoojithaaya Namaha
Om Shaasvathaaya Namaha	Om Chatur-Bhujaaaya Namaha
Om Prabhaway Namaha	Om Chakra-Daraaya Namaha
Om Sheshadri-Nilayaaya Namaha 10	Om Tridhaamney Namaha 40
Om Devaaya Namaha	Om Tri-Guna-Shrayaaya Namaha
Om Keshavaaya Namaha	Om Nirvikalpaaya Namaha
Om Madhusudhanaaya Namaha	Om Nishkalankaaya Namaha
Om Amrutaaya Namaha	Om Niraathnkaaya Namaha
Om Maadhaavaaya Namaha	Om Niranjanaaya Namaha
Om Krishnaaya Namaha	Om Nirabhaasaaya Namaha
Om Sree-Haraye Namaha	Om Nithyathrupthaaya Namaha
Om Gyana-Panjaraaya Namaha	Om Nirgunaaya Namaha
Om Sree Vatsa-Vakshase Namaha	Om Nirupadraaya Namaha
Om Sarveshaaya Namaha 20	Om Gadaadharaaya Namaha 50
Om Gopalaaya Namaha	Om Shargapaanaye Namaha
Om Purushothamaaya Namaha	Om Nandakinay Namaha
Om Gopeshwaraaya Namaha	Om Shanka-Darakaaya Namaha
Om Paran-Jyothishe Namaha	Om Aneka-Murthaye Namaha
Om Vaikunta-Pataye Namaha	Om Avyaktaaaya Namaha
Om Avyayaaya Namaha	Om Kati-Hasthaaya Namaha
Om Sudha-Thanave Namaha	Om Vara-Pradaaya Namaha
Om Yaadavendraya Namaha	Om Anekaathmanay Namaha
Om Nithya-Yavvana-Roop-Vathe Namaha	Om Deena-Bandhaway Namaha
Om Chathur-Vedaathma-Kaaya 30	Om Aarthaloka-Bhaya-Pradaaya 60
Namaha	Namaha

Om Aakaasha-Raaja-Varadaaya Namaha	Om Kanyaa-Shravanathaarayjyaaya Namaha
Om Yogi-hrutpadma-mandiraaya Namaha	Om Peethaam-Baradharaaya Namaha
Om Daamodaraaya Namaha	Om Anaghaaya Namaha
Om Jagatpalaaya Namaha	Om Vanamaalinay Namaha
Om Papa-ghnaaya Namaha	Om Padmanaabhaaya Namaha
Om Bhaktha-Vatsalaaya Namaha	Om Mrughayaa-Saktha-Maanasaaya Namaha 90
Om Trivikramaaya Namaha	Om Ashva-Roodhaaya Namaha
Om Shimshumaaraaya Namaha	Om Kadgha-Dharinay Namaha
Om Jataa-Makuta-Shobhithaaya Namaha	Om Dhanaarjana-Samuthsukaaya Namaha
Om Shanka-Madyola-Sanman-Jookinkinyadya-Karandakaaya Namaha 70	Om Ganasaarala-Sanmadhya-Kasturi-Tilakojvlaaya Namaha
Om Neelamegha-Shyaama-Thanaway Namaha	Om Sachi-Daananda-Roopaya Namaha
Om Bilva-Pathraarchana Priyaaya Namaha	Om Jagan-Mangaladaayakaaya Namaha
Om Jagad-Vyaapinay Namaha	Om Yagna-Roopaya Namaha
Om Jagat-Karthey Namaha	Om Yagna-Bhokthray Namaha
Om Jagat-Saakshinay Namaha	Om Chinmayaaya Namaha
Om Jagat-Pathaaya Namaha	Om Parameshwaraaya Namaha 100
Om Chinthi-Taarda-Pradaaya Namaha	Om Paramaatha-Pradaaya Namaha
Om Jishnaway Namaha	Om Shaanthaaya Namaha
Om Daasharvaaya Namaha	Om Sree-Mathey Namaha
Om Dhasha-Rpopavathe Namaha 80	Om Dordanda-Vikramaaya Namaha
Om Devaki-Nandanaaya Namaha	Om Paraath-Paraaya Namaha
Om Shaurayay Namaha	Om Para-Brahmanay Namaha
Om Haya-Greevaaya Namaha	Om Sree-Vibhaway Namaha
Om Janardhanaaya Namaha	Om Jagadeeshwaraaya Namaha 108

|| Ithi Sree Venkateswara Ashtotthara Shathanaamaavalihi ||

Sree Mahaa Lakshmi Ashtottthara Shathanaamaavali

Om Prakruthyai Namaha	Om Buddhaiyai Namaha
Om Vikruthyai Namaha	Om Anaghaayai Namaha
Om Vidyaayai Namaha	Om Harivallabhaayai Namaha
Om Sarvabhoothahithapradayai Namaha	Om Ashokaayai Namaha
Om Shraddhayai Namaha	Om Amruthaayai Namaha
Om Vibhuthyai Namaha	Om Deepaayai Namaha
Om Surabhyai Namaha	Om Lokashoka vinashinyai Namaha
Om Paramatmikaayai Namaha	Om Dharmanilayaayai Namaha
Om Vache Namaha	Om Karunaayai Namaha
Om Padmalayaayai Namaha 10	Om Lokamatre Namaha 40 40
Om Padmaayai Namaha	Om Padmapriyaayai Namaha
Om Shuchaye Namaha	Om Padmahasthaayai Namaha
Om Swahaayai Namaha	Om Padmakshyai Namaha
Om Swadhaayai Namaha	Om Padmasundariyai Namaha
Om Sudhaayai Namaha	Om Padmodbhavaayai Namaha
Om Dhanyaayai Namaha	Om Padmamukhyai Namaha
Om Hiranmaiyaai Namaha	Om Padmanabha priyaayai Namaha
Om Lakshmaiyaai Namaha	Om Ramaayai Namaha
Om Nityapushtayai Namaha	Om Padmamalaadharaayai Namaha
Om Vibhavaryai Namaha 20	Om Deviyai Namaha 50
Om Adhithyai Namaha	Om Padminiyai Namaha
Om Dheethyai Namaha	Om Padmagandhinyai Namaha
Om Deepthaayai Namaha	Om Punyagandhaayai Namaha
Om Vasudhaayai Namaha	Om Suprasannaayai Namaha
Om Vasudhaarinyai Namaha	Om Prasadabhi mukhyai Namaha
Om Kamalaayai Namaha	Om Prabhaayai Namaha
Om Kaanthayai Namaha	Om Chandravadhanaayai Namaha
Om Kaamakshyai Namaha	Om Chandraayai Namaha
Om Kamala sambhavaayai Namaha	Om Chandrasahodharyai Namaha
Om Anugrahapradhaayai Namaha 30	Om Chaturbhujaayai Namaha 60

Om Chandrarupaayai Namaha	Om Siddhayai Namaha
Om Indiraayai Namaha	Om Sthraina Soumyaayai Namaha
Om Indhu sheethalaayai Namaha	Om Shubhapradaayai Namaha
Om Ahlaadha jananyai Namaha	Om Nrubavema gathanandhayai Namaha
Om Pushtyai Namaha	Om Varalakshmaiayai Namaha
Om Shivaayai Namaha	Om Vasupradhaayai Namaha 90
Om Shivakariyai Namaha	Om Shubhaayai Namaha
Om Satyaayai Namaha	Om Hiranya praakaaraayai Namaha
Om Vimalaayai Namaha	Om Samudhra dhanaayayai Namaha
Om Vishwajananyai Namaha 70	Om Jayaayai Namaha
Om Dhustyai Namaha	Om Mangalaayai Namaha
Om Dharidriya naashinyai Namaha	Om Vishnuvakshah Sthalsadhithaayai Namaha
Om Preethi Pushkarinyai Namaha	Om Vishnupathnyai Namaha
Om Shanathayai Namaha	Om Prasannaakshyai Namaha
Om Shuklamaalyaambharaayai Namaha	Om Narayana Samashrithayai Namaha
Om Bhaskaryai Namaha	Om Dharidriya Dhawmsinyai 100 Namaha
Om Bilva nilayaayai Namaha	Om Devlakshmi Namaha
Om Vararohaayai Namaha	Om Sarva padhrava nivaarinyai Namaha
Om Yashaswinyai Namaha	Om Navadurgaayai Namaha
Om Vasundharaayai Namaha 80	Om Mahakaalyai Namaha
Om Udhaarangaayai Namaha	Om Brahma-Vishnu-Shivathmikaayai Namaha
Om Harinyai Namaha	Om Thrikaalagyanasampannaayai Namaha
Om Hemamalinyai Namaha	Om Bhuvaneshwaryai Namaha
Om Dhana dhanyakaryai Namaha	Om MahaaLakshmi Astothra sadha 108 Namaha

|| Ithi Sree Lakshmi Ashtottara Shathanaamaavali ||

Sree Padmaavathi Ashtottthara Shathanaamaavali

Om Padmavatthiyai Namaha	Om Dayaamruthaayaayai Namaha
Om Deviyai Namaha	Om Pragjnaayai Namaha
Om Padmodhbhavayai Namaha	Om Mahadharmaayai Namaha
Om Karunapradaayinyai Namaha	Om Dharmaroopinyai Namaha
Om Sahrudayaayai Namaha	Om Alankara priyaayai Namaha
Om Tejaswaroopinyai Namaha	Om Sarvadaaridryadhwamsinyai Namaha
Om Kamalamukhai Namaha	Om Sreevenkateshavakshasthalasthithaayai Namaha
Om Padmadharaaya Namaha	Om Lokashokavinaashinyai Namaha
Om Sreeyai Namaha	Om Vyshnavyai Namaha
Om Padmanethrey Namaha	Om Thiruchaanoorupuravaasinyai Namaha
Om Padmakaraayai Namaha	
Om Sugunaayai Namaha	
Om Kumkumbapriyaayai Namaha	Om Vaedavaedyavisharadaayai Namaha
Om Hemavarnaayai Namaha	Om Vishnupaada Sevithaayai Namaha
Om Chandravandithaayai Namaha	Om Rathnaprakaashakireetadhaarinyai Namaha
Om Dhagadhagaprakasha Shareera- dhaarinyai Namaha	Om Jaganmohinyai Namaha
Om Vishnupriyaayai Namaha	Om Shaktiswaroopinyai Namaha
Om Nityakalyanyai Namaha	Om Prasannodayaayai Namaha
Om Kotisooryaprakaashinyai Namaha	Om Indraadidyvatha Yakshakineera Kimpurusha Poojathaayai Namaha
Om Mahaasoundaryaroopinyai Namaha	Om Sarvalokanivaasinyai Namaha
Om Bhaktavathsalaayai Namaha	Om Bhoojayaayai Namaha
Om Brahmaandavaasinyai Namaha	Om Ishwaryapradaayinyai Namaha
Om Sarvavaanchaphaladaayinyai	
Om Dharmasankalpaayai Namaha	
Om Daakshinyakataakshinyai Namaha	Om Shaantaayai Namaha
Om Bhaktipradaanyai Namaha	Om Unnathasthaanasthithaayai Namaha
Om Gunatrayavivarjithaayai Namaha	Om Mandaarakaaminyai Namaha
Om Kalashodashasamyuthaayai Namaha	Om Kamalaakaraayai Namaha
Om Sarvalokaanaanjananyai Namaha	Om Vaedaantajgnaanaroopinyai Namaha
Om Muktidaayinyai Namaha	Om Sarvasampatthiroopinyai Namaha
Om Abhayadaayinyai Namaha	Om Sarvalokamaatrai Namaha
Om Draakshaaphalapaayasapriyaayai	Om Abhimathadaayinyai Namaha
Om Nrityageethapriyaayai Namaha	Om Lalithavadhoothyai Namaha
Om Ksheerasagarodbhavaayai Namaha	Om Samastashastra visharadaayai

Om Aakasharaja putrikaayai Namaha	Om Suvarnabharanadhaarinyai Namaha
Om Suvarnahasthadhaarinyai Namaha	Om Ihaparaloka Sukhapradaayinyai Namaha
Om Kaamaroopinyai Namaha	Om Karaveeranivasinyai Namaha
Om Karunaakatakshadhaarinyai Namaha	Om Nagalokamanisaha aakashasindhu Kamaleshwara Pooritharadhagamanaayai Namaha
Om Amruthaasujaayai Namaha	Om Sree Sreenivasapriyaayai Namaha
Om Bhoolokasvargasukhadaayinyai Namaha	Om Chandramandalasthithaayai Namaha
Om Ashtadikpaalakaadhipatyai Namaha	Om Alivelu mangaayai Namaha
Om Manmadhadarpa samhaarinyai	Om Divyamangala dhaarinyai Namaha
Om Kamalaarthabhaagaayai Namaha	Om Sukalyanapeethasthithaayai Namaha
Om Swalpaparadhamahaaparaadha-kshamaayai Namaha	Om Kaamakavanapushpapriyaayai
Om Shatkotiteerthavaasithaayai Namaha	Om Koti manmadharoopinyai Namaha
Om Naaradaadi munishreshta poojithaayai Namaha	Om Bhaanumadalarupinyai Namaha
Om Aadishankarapoojithaayai Namaha	Om Padmapaadaayai Namaha
Om Preethidaayinyai Namaha	Om Ramaayai Namaha
Om Soubhagyapradaayinyai Namaha	Om Sarvalokasabhantara dhaarinyai Namaha
Om Mahaakeerthi pradaayinyai Namaha	Om Sarvamaanasavaasinyai Namaha
Om Krishnathipriyaayai Namaha	Om Sarvaayai Namaha
Om Gandharva Shaapavimochakaayai Namaha	Om Viswaroopayai Namaha
Om Krishnapathnyai Namaha	Om Divyagnaanaayai Namaha
Om Trilokapoojithaayai Namaha	Om Swamangalaroopinyai Namaha
Om Jaganmohinyai Namaha	Om Sarvaanugrahapradaayinyai Namaha
Om Sulabhaayai Namaha	Om Omkaraswaroopinyai Namaha
Om Susheelaayai Namaha	Om Brahmagnaanasambhootaayai Namaha
Om Anjanaasuthanugrahapradaayinyai Namaha	Om Sree Padmavathyai Namaha
Om Bhaktathmanivasinyai Namaha	Om Sadyovedavathyai Namaha
Om Sandhyavandinyai Namaha	Om Sreemahalakshmyai Namaha

.... Sree Padmaavathi Ashtotthra Shatanaamavalihi ...

Dhoopam

Dashaangam Guggulopaetham Goghruthaena Samanvitham |
Dhoopam Gruhaana Devaesa Sarvaloka Namaskaraa ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminy Namaha -
Dhoopamaaghraapayaami (offer agarbatthi or sandal stick to the Lord – with hand gestures)

Deepam

Triloksha Mahaadeva Sarvagnaana Pradayaka |
Deepam Daasyaami Devaesa Rakshamaam Bhakthavathsala ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminy Namaha - Deepam
Darshayaami (offer the deepam to the Lord – with hand gestures)

Naivedhyam

Sarvabhakshyscha Bhojjyscha Rasysshaddhbi Ssamanvitham |
Naivedyantu Mayaaneetham Gruhaana Purushottamaa ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminy Namaha - Naivedhyam
Samarpayaami (Offer Naivedhyam to the Lord by saying these words. If you're offering a banana say "Kadaleephalam", for coconut say "Naarikayla Phalam Nivedayaami" , for jaggery say "Gudopahaara Naivedhyam Samarapayaami")

Om Praanaaya Svaahaa, Om Apaanaaya Svaahaa, Om Vyaanaaya Svaahaa, Om Udanaaya Svaahaa, Om Samaanaaya Svaahaa, Om Parabrahmane Svaahaa, (Take A Spoon Of Water and Pour It In A Plate)Om Bhoorbhuvassuvaha Tatsavitur-Varaenyam Bhargo Daevasya Dheemahi, Dhiyo Yo Naha Prachodayaat, Omaapo Jyotheraapo Mrutham Brahma Bhoorbhuvassuvarom Madhye Madhye Paaneeyam Samarapayaami (take a spoon of water and pour it in a plate)

Amrutaapidhaanamasi, Uttaraaposhanam Samarapayaami, Hastou Prakshaalayaami, Paadou Prakshaalayaami, Punaraachamaneyam Samarapayaami.

Thaamboolam

Poogeephaly Ssakarpoory Rnaagavallee Dalyryutham |
Muktaachoorana Samaayuktham Thaamboolam Prathigruhyataam ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminy Namaha - Taamboolam
Samarpayaami.

Neeraajanam

Shriyah kanthaaya kalyana Nidhaye Nidhayerdhinaam |
Sreevenkata Nivasaaya Sreenivasaya Mangalam ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminey Namaha – Neeraajanam
 Darshayaami (Read the above manthra and take a spoon of water and pour it in a plate, saying
 these words “Punaraachamaneeyam Samarpayaami”)

Manthrapushpam

Om Sahasra Sheersham Daevam Viswaaksham Viswashambhuvam

Viswam Narayanandaevam Aksharam Paramam Padam 1

Viswathaha Paramaa Nnityam Viswam Narayanagum Harim

Viswa Mevaedam Purushasthadvishva Mupajeevathi 2

Pathim Viswasyaathmeshvaragum Shaaswathagum Shiva Machyutam

Narayanam Mahaajgneyam Viswathmanam Parayanam 3

Narayana Parojyothi Raathmaa Narayanaha Paraha

Narayana Param Brahma Tatvam Narayanaha Paraha

Narayana Paro Dhyaataa Dhyaanam Narayanaha Paraha 4

Yaccha kinchi Jjagathsarvam Drushyate Shrooyatepi Vaa

Antharbhahischa Tatsarvam Vyaapya Narayanaha Sthithaha 5

Anantamavyayam kavigum Samudrentam Viswa Shambhuvam

Padmakosha Pratheekaashagum Hrudayam Chaapyadhomukham 6

Adho Nishtyaa Vithasthyaante Naabhyaa Mupari Thishtathi

Jwaalaamaalaakulam Bhaati Viswasyaayathanam Mahath 7

Santhatagum Shilaabhistu Lambathyaakoshasannibham

Tasyaantae Sushiragum Sookshmam Tasmin Sarvam Prathishtitham 8

Tasya Madhye Mahaanagni Rviswaarchi Rvishvatho Mukhaha

Sograbhugvibhajan Thishta Nnaahaara Majaraha kavihi

Tiryagoordhva Madhassaayee Rashmaya Stasya Santataa 9

Santaapayathi Svam Deha Maapaadathala Mastakaha

Tasya Madhye Vahni Shikha Aneeyordhvaa Vyavasthithaha 10

Neelatho Yadamadhyasthaa Dvidyullekhaeva Bhaasvaraa

Neevaarasookavatthanvee Peethabhaa Svathyanoopamaa 11

Tasyaa Sshikhaayaa Madhye Paramaatmaa Vyavasthithaha

Sa Brahma Sa Shiva Sshari Ssendra Ssoksharaha Paramassvaraata 12

Om Tadbrahma, Om Tadvayuhu, Om Tadaatmaa, Om Tatsatyam,

Om Tatsarvam, Om Tatpurornamaha

Antascharathi Bhoothesu Guhaayaam Viswamoorthishu

Tvam Yagnastvam Vashatkaarastvamindrastvag-m

Rudrastvam Vishnustvam Brahmatvam Prajaapathihi

Tvam Tadaapa Aapo Jyothee Rasomrutham Brahma Bhoorbhuvassuvarom 13

Gadaa Punassangaradhaangakalpaka Dhvajaaravindaankusha Vajralalaaschitha

Hey! Sreenivasa Tvaccharanaambuja Dvayam Madeeya Moordhaana Malaja

Om Niranjanaaya Vidmahae Niraabhaasaaya Dheemahi

Tanno Sreenivasaha prachodayaat

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminey Namaha -

Divyamanthrapushpam Samarpayaami

Pradhakshina Namaskaaram

Slokam

Yaanikaani Cha Paapaani Janmaantara Krutaani Cha |

Taani Taani Pranashyanti Pradhakshina Pade Pade ||

Paapoham Paapakarmaaham Paapaatmaa Paapasambhavaha |

Traahimaam Krupamayaa Deva Saranagathavatsala ||

Anyadha Saranam Naasthi Thvameva Saranam Mama |

Tasmatkaarunya Bhaavena Raksharaksha Janardhana ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminey Namaha -
AatmaPradhakshina Namaskaraan Samarpayaami (Read the above manthra while performing 3
Pradhakshinas and then bow (saashtaang namaskaar) to the Lord)

Vvividhopachaara Poojas

**Chatra Dhaarayaami | Chaamaram Veejayaami | Nrityam Darshayaami | Geetham
Shraavayaami | Vaadyam Ghoshayaami | Aandolikaan Aarohayaami | Ashwaanaaroha Yaami
| Gajaanaarohayaami | Samastha Rajopachara, Shaktyupachara, Yantropachara,
Devopachara, Sarvopachara Poojam Samarpayaami ||**

Vratham - Stories

Story – 1

Sree Bhagawaan Uvaacha

On one auspicious day in Kaliyuga, Lord Sreeman Narayana himself appeared in the form of Lord Venkateswara to a devotee by the name of Viswapathi, in Tirumala, (which is considered as the Vaikunta – the dwelling place of Sreeman Narayana) and said the following words and instructed him to write the book about this Vratham. Oh my beloved devotee Viswapathi, I will tell you about a special Vratham. This Vratham is beloved to me and can be easily performed by everyone.

In Kaliyuga, people experience the fruits of their past births but again commit sins and get sorrows and miseries. Some of my devotees pray me, to drive away their difficulties and miseries. They get my dharshan after jumping many hurdles and traveling all the way to Tirumala Tirupathi.

I love my devotees a lot. I take complete responsibility of devotees who lead pious lives and surrender themselves to me. I am going to explain you about a Vratham which will become famous as “**Sree Venkateswara Vratham**”. This Vratham is very beloved to me. Devotees performing this Vratham with devotion will see immediate solutions to their problems. This Vratham can be performed at any time according to their convenience and financial status. This Vratham will yield maximum results when performed during the months of Maargashira, Maagha, and Kaartheeka or on the days of Full moon, Panchami, Sapthami, Ekadashi or on the days of Sravana or Swaathi stars.

I am aware of all the difficulties being faced by my devotees in Kaliyuga. Devotees can perform this Vratham to get freedom from health issues, wealth issues and family issues or to attain peace of mind. It will remove all the obstacles in your life. This Vratham can be performed during auspicious occasions in your home. Devotees will obtain very good results with their job or business after performing this Vratham.

It can be performed in the morning or evening. It has 5 Storys and they all must be read with devotion and dedication to the Lord. It can be performed in your own house, in the Lord’s temple or in any virtuous place or on the shores of pious rivers.

As far as possible it is better to invite all the relatives and friends. Devotees who perform this Vratham and participate by hearing the Vratham and accepting prasadam will yield eight riches. In the past, many great saints have performed this Vratham and received my complete blessings. This Vratham will bring a lot of joy and happiness to my devotees. Devotees who perform with Vratham with devotion will benefit a lot.

It is very easy to perform this Vratam. I am aware of all the troubles experienced by my devotees in Kaliyuga. That is why devotees will get the results just by doing this Vratam that would have been otherwise achieved by difficult penance and sacrifices.

First, select a pious place and clean it. Then, setup a Mantapa or shrine and place my picture in that Mantapa. Idols or picture with my wife's Sreedevi and Bhudevi would yield the maximum results. You may place the pictures of other God's that you like. You may salute the Gods of eight sides (Ashta Dikpaalakulu) and the Gods of nine planets (Nava Graha) in your mind. First, you have to perform Vinayaka pooja and then read these five Storys with devotion. This is the first of the five Storys. The remaining four were narrated by the Great Saints Viswaamithra, Vashista, Bharadwaaja and Athri. After reading each story, chant the name of the Lord Govindaa... Govindaa.... Govindaa.... 3 times as a prayer.

There's one more thing that I would like to mention. In case the Vratam cannot be performed as said above, due to any difficulty or lack of time or any other reason, one can sit alone and perform this Vratam. You may sit in front of my picture or idol and pray to God Vinayaka or Vighneswara in your mind. Then, salute the Gods of eight sides (Ashta Dikpaalakulu) and the Gods of nine planets (Nava Graha) in your mind. Place basil plant leaves (tulasi), coconuts, fruits and flowers in a plate. Then salute me and read all the stories from this Vratam. In the end offer the coconut, flowers and fruits to me as Naivedhyam. Eating the prasadam (Naivedhyam that was offered to me) will drive away your difficulties. I will visit and accept the prasadam when this Vratam is performed with devotion and dedication. My blessings will always be there with everyone.

The Lord himself has narrated this Vratam procedure to the devotee by the name of Thimmaraja Viswapathi Ramakrishna Murthy, "Viswapathi", in Tirumala Tirupathi. We should all perform this Vratam and accept the blessings of Lord Venkateswara.

Govindaa... Govindaa.... Govindaa....

|| End of First Story ||

Shriyaha Kaanthaaya Kalyaana Nidhaye Nidhayerdhinaam |
Sree Venkata Nivaasaaya Sreenivaasaaya Mangalam ||

Story – 2

Sree Viswaamithra Uvaacha

This story has been graced by the great sage Sree Viswaamithra as follows - Oh! People of Kaliyuga and beloved devotees of Sreenivasa, the Venkateswara Vratham that you are performing is very sacred. It is an embodiment of supremacy. This Vratham is the easiest way to possess the compassionate looks of Lord Sreeman Narayana. In the past, devotees of the Lord performed this Vratham and got their desires fulfilled. First, we all have to salute Lord Venkateswara who graced this Vratham to all the human beings and Gods.

Many years ago in the Kingdom of Magadha, lived a beloved devotee of Lord Venkateswara. His name was Vishnu Chittha. He had nine kids and all of them were girls. He was very well educated, but was suffering with poverty. His wife Thaaraamathi was always praying with devotion towards Sreeman Narayana dedicating herself to the lotus feet of the Lord. The couple were leading a very difficult life and living on a meager income generated by performing poojas in others houses, during marriages and other auspicious occasions. Their daughters reached marriageable age. Thaaraamathi was worried about her daughter's marriage and was always praying to Lord Sreenivasa about that.

Oh! Devotees of Sreenivasa! It is a known fact that Lord Venkateswara possesses unlimited love towards his devotees and will protect the people who surrender themselves to him. That day was Maagha Pournami. That morning, an old Braahmin knocked the door of Vishnu Chittha's home and said the following words. "I am a resident of Vangadesa. I am going to perform a yagnam and on the way I came to this place. Please allow me to stay in your home for tonight. I will proceed to my destination tomorrow morning." Vishnu Chittha humbly replied - "Swamy, we feel this opportunity as our great fortune. The legends declare that the guest himself is equal to Sreeman Narayana, without a ray of suspicion you can stay in our home." Saying this, Vishnu Chittha took the old Braahmin into his house.

That afternoon after lunch, the aged Braahmana asked Thaaraamathi, "Oh! Mother, why are you so sad? What is the matter? What is your misery? Please tell me without any hesitation." Then Thaaraamathi answered, "Oh! Swamy, you are blessed with great rich penance and your halo resembles Lord Venkateswara. There is nothing to hide. My worry is all about my daughter's marriage. After hearing this, the Braahmana smiled and told her "Oh! Mother! I understand your suffering. I will tell you about a wonderful Vratham that will remove all your difficulties and help you with the marriages of your daughters. If you perform this Vratham your miseries will disappear and you will be very happy with riches and fortunes. This Vratham is very easy to perform".

He told them in detail how to perform it and then Vishnu Chittha agreed to perform the Vratham. He was very happy and expressed his gratitude to the Braahmana. He told him that it was his great fortune. Vishnu Chittha thought that the auspicious deed should be performed without any delay. This day is Maagha Pournami. This is an auspicious day and we should celebrate the Venkateswara Vratham. That evening the couple performed the Vratham along with their daughters. They invited friends and relatives and performed the Vratham with great devotion. After the Vratham was completed the guests accepted the prasadam and went back to their homes. Vishnu Chittha and his wife saluted at the feet of the Braahmana and asked for his blessings. Then the Braahmana accepted the prasadam and blessed them - "Your desires will become true. You will be graced with the compassion and kindness of Sree Lakshmi Sreenivasa." It was dark and was time for the people to sleep. Meanwhile Vishnu Chittha came to the Braahmana and offered him a torned blanket. His eyes were filled with tears. He prayed to him, "I am very poor - all I have is this torned blanket. I don't have anything better than this to give you, please pardon me. I request you to take rest on this." The Braahmana smiled and told him that he should not feel bad. He went to the veranda (front yard) and slept there. After that, everyone went to sleep.

Late in the night it started to rain heavily with thunders & lightening. It was so dark that nothing was visible. Vishnu Chittha was worried about the Braahmana. He was waiting for the sunrise. The entire family spent the remaining night, thinking about the Braahmana. The next morning it stopped raining. The people in the house came out thinking about the Braahmana. They saw a wonderful sight there. The Braahmana was not there - instead of the torned blanket they saw a silk cloth (Pattu Peethambaram). Lord Venkateswara's idol appeared on that silk cloth. The couple understood the entire thing. There were no bounds to their joy. The guest who visited them as Braahmana was none other than Sreeman Narayana himself. Oh! What is our fortune! This is the virtuous result of countless births. But we could not recognize the Lord. They felt sad for offering a torned blanket to the Lord. Then they prayed to the idol and carried it into their home. Their home appeared as gold. They saw money and gold everywhere. They wondered and praised the Lord in many ways. They realized that all this happened because they performed Sree Venkateswara Vratham.

This is the grace of the Lord. He himself came to the house of that devotee in the guise of a guest. He not only told them the way to perform the Vratham but also accepted the prasadam. The Lord is the ocean of compassion. He will visit the homes of devotees who perform this Vratham with faith and devotion. So all of you should perform this Vratham and obtain the grace of God. "Sree Lakshmi Sreenivasa Kataaksha Siddhirastu". (You will obtain the grace of Lord Sree Lakshmi Sreenivasa). This is how the great saint Viswaamithra graced this story.

Govindaa... Govindaa.... Govindaa....

|| End of Second Story ||

Shriyaha Kaanthaaya Kalyaana Nidhaye Nidhayerdhinaam ||

Sree Venkata Nivaasaaya Sreenivaasaaya Mangalam ||

Story – 3

Sree Vashishta Uvaacha

This story was graced by the great sage Vashista with the blessings of Lord Sreeman Narayana himself. “Oh! People of Kaliyuga and beloved devotees of Sreenivasa! Lord Sreeman Narayana, the powerful God from Vaikunta is the Lord Venkateswara himself and manifested in Tirumala Tirupathi. He incarnated on the hills of Tirumala to remove the miseries and difficulties of his devotees. This Vratham is very easy to perform and please the almighty. Devotees performing this Vratham with faith and devotion will get all the fortunes.

Many years ago there was a city by the name of Bhagyanagaram in Avanthi Kingdom. As the name suggests, people of that city were very rich and wealthy. There was no lack of rich people in that city and they were all very proud of their wealth. They were treating the poor people very meanly and insulting them. They thought that the wealth was their greatness and thus stopped worshipping God. They did not go to the temple even during the festival days. Sreeman Narayana wanted to open their eyes and awaken them. That way, they might get divine wisdom.

One day all the rich people were immersed in parties and pleasures. There was a temple of Sree Lakshmi Narayana in the east of the town. There was nobody to light the lamps in that temple. That was the first Ekadasi (the eleventh day of the month) which is a great festival day. Nobody was present to perform pooja or decorate the idols at the temple. The almighty thought of teaching a lesson to them. Unexpectedly in the evening thunders roared relentlessly. The sky was covered with clouds and it became very dark. There was an unimaginable down pour of rain the whole night. It was raining all over the town. The city was completely drowned with water and the houses collapsed to the ground.

The buildings of the business people collapsed and their wealth was washed away by the water. They lost everything except the clothes they were wearing. They could not understand why they lost everything and never could have imagined this. They witnessed a wonderful thing there. At the end of the city some huts were still intact. The winds and the rain did not destroy them. The huts were not disturbed. They were safe as they were in the past. There was absolutely no effect of the rain on them.

The rich people were shocked. While they were thinking about this, there was a great lightening. The divine tune said these words. “Oh! Stupid people! You lost everything because you were thinking that your greatness is the only reason for your wealth. Devayya who lived in those small huts is my beloved devotee. He is a very ordinary man and poor. He used to visit the temple of Sree Lakshmi Narayana daily and lit the lamps there. He used to perform Venkateswara Vratham on every Ekadashi. Because of that the lives of all the people of the huts were saved, along with Devayya. If you all do this Vratham with devotion you will get back your wealth”.

All the people of that place listened to these words. Instantly they went to the temple and began to gather the things needed for the Vratham, and performed it. Then after that, all their houses re-appeared. Since then the business people of that place have been performing Sree Venkateswara Vratham on Ekadashi day. They enjoyed happiness and fortunes for life long and at the end they obtained mukthi”. This story was explained by the great sage Vashista.

Govindaa... Govindaa.... Govindaa....

|| End of Third Story ||

Shriyaha Kaanthaaya Kalyaana Nidhaye Nidhayerdhinaam |
Sree Venkata Nivaasaaya Sreenivaasaaya Mangalam ||

Story – 4

Sree Bharadwaaja Uvaacha

The forth story in Sree Venkteswara Vratham has been graced by the great saint Sree Bharadwaaja as follows. “Oh! People of Kaliyuga! Beloved devotees of Lord Sreeman Narayana!

This Venkateswara Vratham that you are performing is amazing. This is the only way to fulfill your desires. This is a very easy way to please God and get the grace of almighty. Lord Sreenivasa himself incarnated on Tirumala hills in Kaliyuga, to shower the grace upon you all. It is possible to put the feet on Tirumala hills only by the fruits of your previous birth. Without the virtue of many births it is not possible to have dharshana of the Lord. The same way, performing Sree Venkateswara Vratham is also a great result of the virtuous deeds of previous birth. People who perform this Vratham and who participate by hearing and accepting prasadam are eligible to gain the grace of God. These people are very fortunate.

In the ancient days there was a village named “Nagari”. A merchant named Dhanagupta used to live there. He was a very stingy person. Though he made a lot of money and accumulated a lot of wealth there was no limit to his stinginess. He was in a myth that his greatness was the reason for his wealth. Arrogance will eventually lead to the destruction of even the greatest people.

His wife Kantimathi was a great devotee of God. She had a lot of faith and devotion in the almighty. This couple had three daughters. The youngest daughter named Kumari had a lot of divine faith. She would always pray to Lord Sreenivasa. Without her father’s knowledge, she would visit the temple of Sree Venkateswara to have dharshan whenever she had an opportunity. She would bring the prasadam to the home and everybody would eat that except her father. Kanthimati was always worried about the way her husband behaved.

One day Kumari visited a friend’s home to attend Sree Venkateswara Vratham and hear the stories in the Vratham. The Vratham was completed exactly by noon. She had eaten some prasadam there and got some prasadam for home. While she reached halfway it was scorching hot and she wanted to quench her thirst and she realized that she was very close to her father’s shop and went there. She did not tell her father about the Vratham. She drank some water and after drinking the water she was scared of her father’s anger. She forgot the prasadam in her father’s shop and went home.

In the meanwhile there was some disturbance and confusion in the street. The people began running and crying making awful sounds. Suddenly dangerous fire broke. The shops and the street were burnt and turned into ashes. It was noon and the hot air accompanied the fire. The body of Dhanagupta began to shake. His shop was about to turn into ashes within minutes before his own eyes. He was frightened when he saw this sight, and his hands began to shiver. The people in that shop began to run out side. But Dhanagupta remained there as his mind did not allow him to move from there. If he did not leave the shop, he would also burn into ashes. In this great confusion suddenly his hand fell on the prasadam pack that her daughter forgot in the shop. Without any thought he put it in his mouth. He felt the sweetness in it. Not only that, he felt that his mind experienced some peace as well.

Then a wonderful incident occurred. The fire stopped near Dhanagupta's shop. Not even a single flare fell on his shop. What a wonder, what a miracle. Dhanagupta could not utter anything. Not a word came out of his mouth. Meanwhile Dhanagupta's wife Kanthimati came to know that dangerous fire engulfed the shops in the street. She took her daughter and anxiously reached that place. They were frightened to hear that news. They got to that place praying Lord Sreenivasa. They witnessed that fire did not touch the shop of Dhanagupta, it stopped right in front of the shop. Then Kumari recollected that she forgot the prasadam in the shop. Dhanagupta also realised that he ate the prasadam which was in that pack. Kumari narrated the entire story of the Vratham in which she took part. Dhanagupta realized and accepted the greatness of the prasadam and abundant grace of God, which saved him from the loss.

He prayed for his pardon. In the evening he invited all the people of the town and performed Sree Venkateswara Vratham with faith and devotion. From that time the merchant dedicated his remaining life to Lord Venkateswara. At the end he obtained mukthi. It is an amazing thing, by merely accepting the parasadam of the Lord, Dhanagupta was out of danger. You all have to perform this Vratham whenever possible and get the blessings of Lord Sreenivasa."

Govindaa... Govindaa.... Govindaa....

|| End of Forth Story ||

Shriyaha Kaanthaaya Kalyaana Nidhaye Nidhayerdhinaam |
Sree Venkata Nivaasaaya Sreenivaasaaya Mangalam ||

Story – 5

Sree Athri Uvaacha

The legends declare that Tirumala Tirupathi is the Vaikunta in this world and there is no sacred place equal to Tirumala and there is no God equal to Lord Venkateswara in the past or future”. Sreeman Narayana who incarnated as Sreenivasa is very fond of his devotees. His love towards his devotees could not be expressed in words. He will look after the welfare of the devotees who perform good deeds and have complete faith in him and dedicate themselves to him and worship him all the time. To please him “Sree Venkateswara Vratham” is the easiest way.

The great sage Athri has graced us with the fifth story in this amazing Venkateswara Vratham as follows - “Oh! Dear beloved devotees of Sreenivasa! You all are very lucky. It cannot be expressed in words. In Kruta, Treta, Dwapara Yuga’s it was not so easy to please Sreeman Narayana even after worshipping him with great sacrifices and dedications. But in Kaliyuga, you could please him by just saying his name. If we call him by surrendering ourselves he would be there immediately. Sreenivasa is the embodiment of compassion. The entire Tirumala Mountain is filled with his holiness. Every step you put on the mountain is the result of the virtue of previous births.

In the ancient days, there was a dhobi (dry cleaner) named Mithra in the Kaumara Kingdom. He used to spend his life fulfilling his own profession. He used to donate according to his might and lived a virtuous life. He was handicapped and thus was difficult for him to wash the clothes and deliver the heaps of clothes back to his customers. He had a very big family. If he did not work hard he would have to starve. He had strong faith in Sreenivasa all the time. He would strongly believe that the God would shower compassion on him. Sreeman Narayana was looking at all the happenings. At the end of the karma Sreenivasa would appear in some form and protect his devotees.

One evening Mithra was returning with heaps of clothes from his work place as usual. He was tired and working hard. On the way he met an old Braahmana. Mithra was humble with the Braahmana. He placed the heap of clothes on the floor and saluted the Braahmana. The Braahmana enquired about his handicap and suffering, and told him that his suffering was very painful to imagine. “You are doing very hard work, isn’t it? “ Then Mitra humbly replied him, “Swamy! I do not know who you are. You seem to be a great soul. My family burden is big and I cannot escape from it, please tell me a way to overcome this handicap and suffering”.

Then the aged Braahmana began to say - “Oh Dear! I will surely tell you, listen carefully. Not only would you be free from your handicap but would also get all the riches. To obtain all this I will tell you about a Vratham. After you perform this Vratham you will immediately get one thousand gold coins. But there is one condition. You will

have to give half of the gold coins to me. I will be back here tomorrow at the same time to collect my coins.”

Mithra prayed to the Braahmana and said, Oh Swamy! What would be a greater fortune than this? Kindly tell me about that Vratham, I will certainly do it. The Braahmana explained about Sree Venkateswara Vratha Kalpam in detail.

Mithra went home with a lot of happiness and told everything to his wife. He invited his neighbors and performed Sree Venkateswara Vratham with a lot of devotion. He accepted the theertham and prasadam and distributed to others as well. Meanwhile they heard lot of noise outside. Mithra’s son ran into the house and said - “Father! The servants of the King have come for you. The King sent you a lot of gifts.” The servants of the King approached Mithra and told him that the King employed him as the official dhobi of the palace. And as a gift, he sent one thousand gold coins and handed over to him. There were no limits for the joy of Mithra. He was given a week’s time to start work at the palace. Mithra did not want to wait for a week. The next day he packed every thing for the journey and started for the Kingdom early in the morning. In that joy he completely forgot about the old Braahmana. On the way he remembered him, but with negligence he thought that he could meet him after a month. He reached the palace and started his work. Months passed, but he completely forgot the word he gave to the Braahmana. Sreenivasa himself came in the form of Braahmana but Mithra did not know this. The Lord thought this was the nature of the mankind and decided to teach him a lesson.

The next day the Queen’s ornaments disappeared and Mithra was blamed for it and imprisoned. He was punished in many ways. He began to think - why such a thing happened? Why was I blamed for this? That night he had a dream. He saw the Lord appeared in his dream in the form of an old Braahmana. He told him that the Braahmana was none other than the Lord himself. He was punished for not keeping his promise to the old Braahmana. Then Mithra prayed to the God. Oh! Lord. I am a great sinner; I made a great mistake, kindly pardon me. From now on, I will perform this Vratham every month and dedicate half of my income to you until the end of my life. The Lord is the protector of his devotees. He was pleased with the words of Mithra and graced him. The next day Queen’s ornamanets were discovered in another place. The King understood that Mithra was not the thief. He ordered his servants to release Mithra from the prison. Since then Mithra performed Sree Venkateswara Vratham every month and offered half of the income to the almighty. His life was very happy and at the end he reached mukthi”.

Govindaa... Govindaa.... Govindaa....

|| End of Fifth Story ||

Shriyaha Kaanthaaya Kalyaana Nidhaye Nidhayerdhinaam |
Sree Venkata Nivaasaaya Sreenivaasaaya Mangalam ||

Kshamaarpanam

Manthraheenam Kriyaheenam Bhaktiheenam Janaardhana |

Yathapoojitham Mayaa Deva Paripoornam Tadaasthute || (perform namaskaar to the Lord)

**Anayaa Dhyanaavaahanaadi Shodashapachara Poojayaa Cha Bhagavan Sarvaatmakaha
Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Seei Venkateswara Swarupo Bhagavan Ssupreetha
Ssuprasanno Varado Bhavatu. Sree Venkateswara Deva Prasadam Shirasaa Gruhnaami.**

Take Theertham

Akaala Mrutyuharanam Sarvavyaadhi Nivaranam |

Sarva Paapakshayakaram Deva Paadodakam Paavanam Shubham ||

(drink theertham)

Naivedhyam

**Om Bhoorbhuvassuvaha, Om Tatsaviturvarenyam Bhargo Devasya Dheemahi Dhiyo Yonaha
Prachodayaath, Sathyamthvarthena Parishinchaami, Amruthamasthu
Amruthopastaranamasi, Om Praanaaya Svaaha, Om Apaanaaya Svaaha,Om Vyanaaya
Svaaha, Om Udanaaya Svaaha, Om Samanaaya Svaaha, Om Brahmane Svaaha, Sree Lakshmi
Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swaminey Namaha – Mahaa Naivedhyam
Samarpayaami ||**

**Amrutaapi Dhaanamasi Uttaraaposhanam Samarapayaami, Hastou Prakshalayaami, Paadou
Prakshalayaami, Shuddha Achamaneeeyam Samarapayaami ||**

**Taamboolam Samarapayaami, Suvarna Mantrapushpam Samarapayaami, Pradhakshina
Namaskaran Samarapayaami, Anayaadhyaanaa Vaahanaadi Shodashopachara Poojayaa
Bhagavan Sarvaatmakaha Sree Lakshmi Padmavathi Sametha Venkateswara Swami
Ssupreetha Ssuprasanno Varado Bhavatu, Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Venkateswara
Swamy Prasadam Shirasaa Gruhnaami ||**

Udvaasanam

Yagnena Yagna Mayajanta Devaastaani Dharmaani Prathamaanyaasan |

Tehanaakam Mahimaanassachante Yatra Poorve Saadhyaassantidevaaha ||

Gaccha Gaccha Surashreshta Svasthaana Sree Venkateswara |

Bhaktaabheeshta Samrudhyardham Punaraagamanaya Cha ||

Sree Lakshmi Padmaavathi Sametha Sree Venkateswara Swamy Yadhaastanam Udvaasayaami

Frequently Asked Questions – FAQ – F.A.Q.

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1. What are the different names of Lord Balaji?

Lord Balaji is known to his devotees with many different names. Here are a few names: Lord of Seven Hills - **Venkateswara** - Venkatesa - Balaji - Tirumalesha - Perumalla - Govinda – Sreenivasa.

2. How many times should we perform Sree Venkateswara Vratham?

There is no set number. You can perform the Vratham every day, once a week, once a month or once a year. You can perform it as many times as you would like. (In case you heard from some one that the Vratham needs to be performed seven times over a seven week period – then you are speaking of a different Vratham).

3. Will we see miracles in our home after performing the Vratham?

We have heard from many devotees that they have witnessed a miracle in some form after performing the Vratham. In case you are performing the Vratham to just witness a miracle, then you may probably want to rethink and read the book one more time. Devotees perform this Vratham to reduce bad karma and increase good karma.

4. Maargashira is which month in English?

Maargashira changes every year. Refer to the panchaangam for the correct dates.

5. What is wheat rava? Is this the same rava which is normally used for halwa or upma?

Use brown wheat rava for making the prasadam for the Vratham.

6. We don't have garlands made of cloth or cotton, can we use flower garlands instead?

Yes. Flower garlands can be used as well.

7. We don't have a separate puja room in our home or flat. Can we perform the Vratham in our living room or any other room in our home?

Yes. Vratham can be performed in your living room or bedroom. Please make sure that the place is clean.

8. Do we need to buy a new picture of Lord Balaji or can we use a picture that we have at home in our puja room?

You don't need to buy a new picture of Lord Balaji to perform the Vratham. You can use the existing picture in your puja room and place it back after the Vratham is completed.

9. We have other God and Goddess pictures in our puja room. Can we place Lord Balaji's picture along with these pictures and idols in our usual puja room?

You can place Lord Balaji's picture or idol along with the other Gods and Goddesses. You don't need to put Lord Balaji's picture or idol separately. And you can use the same picture every time the vratham is performed.

10. What can be offered as naivedhyam to Lord Balaji after performing the daily puja?

You can offer any fruits, dry fruits, milk and any cooked food (no onion – no garlic – no meat – no fish – no egg).

11. It is difficult to pronounce vratham mantras. If a mantra is not pronounced correctly will it still give any result or will it give bad results?

Don't be scared while reading the mantras. First time may be difficult, but after reading a few times you will read it fluently. Reading the mantra incorrectly will not give any bad results. Practice a few lines every day and take your time and learn to read all the mantras. You will have to be patient and learn to read slowly, before you can be fluent with the mantras. You may download the English MP3 audio of Vratham from our website and play it along while you read the mantras. Perform the Vratham with dedicated devotion and leave the rest to God.

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12. Which kind of oil should be used to make akshintha or akshitaan?

To make akshintha or akshitaan, mix white rice grains very well, with little sesame seed oil and little turmeric powder (haladi or passupu).

13. Do we need to cook naivedyam or prasadam for Lord Balaji on a new stove? Or can we cook using our existing stove in the kitchen with new utensils?

You can cook the naivedyam using your existing stove. It's ideal to use new utensils to cook for the Lord and keep them separate from other home utensils.

14. How do we offer the new blouse piece to the Lord?

Use the blouse piece to decorate the coconut that is placed on the kalash.

15. When do we place the coconut on top of the kalash?

You may place coconut in top of the kalash before starting the Vratham.

16. Which side should the kalash be placed, when performing the Vratham?

It's ideal to place the Kalash to the right side of the Lord's picture or idol.

17. Should we always offer 5 coconuts when performing the Vratham? What if we cannot afford 5 coconuts or if we cannot find coconuts in the place we live?

In case you cannot afford 5 coconuts or cannot find coconuts, you may offer flowers or tulasi leaves to the Lord.

18. Should we use paan / beetel leaves or mango leaves?

You can use either paan / beetel leaves or mango leaves or use both if you have them. In case you do not have paan or mango leaves, that's fine – do not worry.

19. Where can we get the book for Sree Venkateswara Vratham?

You may download the free PDF book from our website in Telugu, Hindi, Marathi, English, Tamil and Kannada.

20. Can we perform the Vratham without a priest or pujari?

Yes – you can perform the Vratham without a priest or pujari. In case you can afford or find a priest to perform the Vratham – it is OK as well.

21. What do we do with the flowers, leaves, coconuts, fruits that were used for the Vratham?

Distribute fruits to other devotees, friends, neighbors and relatives along with the prasadam. You may use the flowers and leaves as manure for your plants or take it to a temple or garden or to a recycler. Use the coconut that was placed on top of the kalash to make sweets. The 5 coconuts offered for 5 stories can be distributed to other devotees, friends, neighbors or relatives or use it for cooking any other dishes that you would like. You can drink the coconut water from all 5 coconuts including the coconut that is placed on the kalash. It is ideal to offer the coconut water as theertham to other devotees, friends, neighbors and relatives.

22. Is there anything that we could do to help you?

Spread the word about “**Sree Venkateswara Vratham**” with other devotees.

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