SRI GURU KARTIKEYA STUTI

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1. निराकाराकारं भवभयहरं सुन्दरवरं सुराणां दातारं दितिसुतभयाद्र रक्षणं परम्।
   मनुष्याणां हतुिं निरलस सदा तापतिविधात्।
   सदा सुब्रह्मणं भज सुमनसा कार्तिक गुरुम्॥

Worship always with devoted mind Subrahmanya, known as Guru Kartikeya, who is essentially formless, who robs the fear of samsara (cycle of births and deaths), who is the most handsome, who offered supreme protection to Devas from the fear of Asuras (sons of Diti), and who always removes the three types of misery of humans fervently.

The three types of human miseries (Tapatraya) are: Adidaivic- from natural occurrences like floods; Adibhoutic- from other living beings; Adhyatmic- from one’s own mind.

2. निराभासो देवो भवित च सदोद्भासनपरः
   सुभक्तानां शुद्धे हृदयिववरे िनत्य सरले ।
   अहोरािः तस्मात् िवषयिवभवात् शिक्तरिहतः
   सदा सुब्रह्मणं भज सुमनसा कार्तिक गुरुम्॥

Subrahmanya cannot be visualized with the fleshy eyes. He is the Deva, who ever shines with supreme brilliance in the pure heart-cavity of good and straightforward devotees. Hence detach yourself day and night from mundane glories, which rob you of power, and worship always with devoted mind Subrahmanya, known as Guru Kartikeya.

3. न सा ऋिद्धः िसिद्धः सुखयित िवना शिक्तिनचयः
   यतः शक्तो दैत्यो वशयित सुरान् वीयरहितान् ।
   अतो देवा: किल्यं: शरणं-उपयान्त्येव बलिं
   सदा सुनुज्ज्वलणं भज सुमनसा कार्तिक गुरुम्॥

The powerful Asura tormented the Devas devoid of strength, whom the prosperity and powers (of Swarga) could not delight in the absence of energy. The tormented Devas took refuge in Subrahmanya, the strong force. Worship always with devoted mind Subrahmanya, known as Guru Kartikeya.
4. In this wicked, impurity-ridden and supremely fearful Kali yuga, the worlds are always roasted in unsurpassed miseries. Worship always with devoted mind Subrahmanya, known as Guru Kartikeya, the very form of strength, valour, knowledge, intellect and power.

5. Subrahmanya is the best among Devas in merit as well as mastery of Sastras; hence he became the commander-in-chief of Devas with a mind of benediction. May he be the Acharya of all of us and protect us in all ways. Worship always with devoted mind Subrahmanya, known as Guru Kartikeya.

6. Subrahmanya is a great renouncer and wise master; he is the coveted son of Siva and is ever free from impurity. He is engaged in many kinds of efforts with the desire of protecting the world. He is ever present in this world, but unseen and unknown to the ignorant and wicked people. Hence worship always with devoted mind Subrahmanya, known as Guru Kartikeya.

7. Subrahmanya, we are all your disciples and we are engaged in penance with pure hearts. But we are deluded owing to lack of discrimination in absorbing the right essence. Hence o embodiment of auspiciousness! kindly do what is in our best interest with compassion. Worship always with devoted mind Subrahmanya, known as Guru Kartikeya.
8. न विद्या- संयुक्ता न च गुण गरिम्पाधि सहिता:  
वयं तादृकं मुग्धा विगलित हृदा याम शरणं  
महात्मानं कन्दे त्रिभुवनपतिः कार्तिकी गुरुम् ॥
We do not possess knowledge, or weighty qualities. Just as the ignorant child expresses his wish in imperfect words, we, the ignorant people, take refuge in you with broken heart and worship you, Guru Kartikeya, the lord of three worlds.

9. निराकाराखण्डो निधिसम तपस नांजनयुतः  
स यत सम्योज्यासीत्व चरणसीरिनाञ्च परिचितः ।
यथा योग्यं स्तों विगलितमिदं तस्य हृदयाः  
सदापो निद्भो विमलमतियुक्तः प्रभवित ॥
This stotra has emerged from the heart of one, who is known as Charanagiri, member of 'Taponidhi Akhada Sri Niranjan' (assembly of persons, whose complete wealth is austerity and who are free from blemish). The intellect of one, who chants this stotra always, is purified.

"शिवमस्तु सर्वेषां सर्वत्र च"  
May all be blessed with auspiciousness always at all places.