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मात श्री महाकालिका ध्याऊं शीश नवाय ।

जान मोहि निजदास सब दीजै काज बनाय ॥

**māta śrī mahākālikā dhyāūṁ śīśa navāya ।**

**jāna mohi nijadāsa saba dījai kāja banāya ॥**

Oh Mother MahaKali, I offer You my head bowed in respect. Please know me to be Your servant, and grant me success in this work.

॥ चौपाई ॥

॥ caupāī ॥

नमो महा कालिका भवानी ।

महिमा अमित न जाय बखानी ॥

**namo mahā kālikā bhavānī ।**

**mahimā amita na jāya bakhānī ॥**

I bow to the Divine Mother, the Great She Who is Beyond Time; Your greatness is so vast it defies definition.

तुम्हारो यश तिहुँ लोकन छायो ।

सुर नर मुनिन सबन गुण गायो ॥

**tumhāro yaśa tihum̐ lokana chāyo ।**

**sura nara munina sabana guṇa gāyo ॥**

All the inhabitants of all the worlds wish for Your fame and welfare. The Gods, human beings, and wise people always sing of Your qualities.

परी गाढ़ देवन पर जब जब ।

कियो सहाय मात तुम तब तब ॥

**parī gāḍha devana para jaba jaba ।**

**kiyo sahāya mātā tuma taba taba ॥**

Whenever the Gods or divine beings of heaven sing even a condensed version (of Your praise), then and there You are the Mother who gives help.

महाकालिका घोर स्वरूपा ।

सोहत श्यामल बदन अनूपा ॥

**mahākālīkā ghora svarūpā ।**

**sohata śyāmala badana anūpā ॥**

Mahakali's intrinsic nature is fierce or fearful; Her incomparably beautiful face is dark.

जिभ्या लाल दन्त विकराला ।

तीन नेत्र गल मुण्डन माला ॥

**jibhyā lāla danta vikarālā ।**

**tīna netra gala muṇḍana mālā ॥**

Her tongue is red and teeth are extremely frightening; with three eyes, She wears a garland of skulls.

चार भुज शिव शोभित आसन ।

खड्ग खप्पर कीन्हें सब धारण ॥

**cāra bhuja śiva śobhita āsana ।**

**khadga khappara kīnheṃ saba dhāraṇa ॥**

With four arms, Shiva shines as Her asana; She holds aloft a sword and a skull.

रहें योगिनी चौसठ संग ।

दैत्यन के मद कीन्हा भंगा ॥

**raheṃ yoginī causaṭha saṅgā ।**

**daityana ke mada kīnhā bhaṅgā ॥**

She resides with 64 yoginis; and She makes the forces of duality intoxicated with the consumption of bhang.

चण्ड मुण्ड को पटक पछारा ।

पल में रक्तबीज को मारा ॥

**caṇḍa muṇḍa ko paṭaka pachārā ।**

**pala meṃ raktabīja ko mārā ॥**

She slayed Anger and Passion who were hurling their weapons; and also as a result She slayed the Seed of Desire.

दियो सहजन दैत्यन को मारी ।

मच्चो मध्य रण हाहाकारी ॥

**diyo sahajana daityana ko mārī ।**

**macyo madhya raṇa hāhākārī ॥**

In the midst of the battle She gave assistance to Her own people (devotees) by slaying the forces of duality.

कीन्हो है फिर क्रोध अपारा ।

बढ़ी अगारी करत संहारा ॥

**kīnho hai phira krodha apārā I**

**baḍhaī agārī karata saṁhārā II**

Then She made Her anger apparent, and enhanced their movement forward towards annihilation.

देख दशा सब सुर घबड़ाये ।

पास शम्भू के हैं फिर धाये ॥

**dekha daśā saba sura ghabaḍāye I**

**pāsa śambhū ke haiṁ phira dhāye II**

Seeing this circumstance the Gods became nervous; then She sent Shambhu to be close to them (to give them comfort).

विनय करी शंकर की जा के ।

हाल युद्ध का दियो बता के ॥

**vinaya karī śaṁkara kī jā ke I**

**hāla yuddha kā diyo batā ke II**

With humility Shiva went to them, and explained to them the circumstances of the battle.

तब शिव दियो देह विस्तारी ।

गयो लेट आगे त्रिपुरारी ॥

**taba śiva diyo deha vistārī I**

**gayo leṭa āge tripurārī II**

When Shiva gave them the explanation in detail, then the Lord of the Three Cities laid down before them.

ज्यों ही काली बढी अंगारी ।

खड़ा पैर उर दियो निहारी ॥

**jyom hī kālī baḍhāi amgārī**

**khaḍā paira ura diyo nihārī**

As the Goddess Kali shined like a glowing ember, She was seen standing erect (with Her weight) upon one foot.

देखा महादेव को जबही ।

जीभ काढ़ि लज्जित भई तबही ॥

**dekhā mahādeva ko jabahī**

**jībha kāḍhi lajjita bhāi tabahī**

When She saw that Mahadeva was beneath Her, She stuck out Her tongue in modesty.

भई शान्ति चहुँ आनन्द छायो ।

नभ से सुरन सुमन बरसायो ॥

**bhāi śānti cahūṁ ānanda chāyo**

**nabha se surana sumana barasāyo**

All the brothers desired peace and bliss, and from the sky came a rain of blessings.

जय जय जय ध्वनि भई आकाशा ।

सुर नर मुनि सब हुए हुलाशा ॥

**jaya jaya jaya dhvani bhāi ākāśā**

**sura nara muni saba hue hulāśā**

Victory, victory, victory came the sounds through the ether. Gods, humans, and wise people were all filled with delight.

दुष्टन के तुम मारन कारण ।  
कीन्हा चार रूप निज धारण ॥

**duṣṭana ke tuma mārana kāraṇa I**

**kīnhā cāra rūpa nija dhāraṇa II**

You are the cause of the slaying of evil, and in this way You took on the four forms:

चण्डी दुर्गा काली माई ।  
और महा काली कहलाई ॥

**caṇḍī durgā kālī mālī I**

**aura mahā kālī kahalālī II**

Chandī, Durga, and Kali Maa; and also called MahaKali as well.

पूजत तुमहि सकल संसारा ।  
करत सदा डर ध्यान तुम्हारा ॥

**pūjata tumahi sakala saṁsārā I**

**karata sadā ḍara dhyāna tumhārā II**

The entire ocean of objects and relationships performs Your worship, and always they all perform meditation on You.

मैं शरणागत मात तिहारी ।  
करोँ आय अब मोहि सुखारी ॥

**maim śaraṇāgata mātā tihārī I**

**karaum āya aba mohi sukhārī II**

I take refuge in the festivals of the Mother, and that is what brings me the greatest of peace and comfort.

सुमिरौ महा कालिका माई ।  
होउ सहाय मात तुम आई ॥

**sumirau mahā kālikā māi**

**hou sahāya mātuma āi**

Celebrate Mother Maha Kali; She is the Mother who gives help in need.

धरूँ ध्यान निश दिन तब माता ।  
सकल दुःख मातु करहु निपाता ॥

**dharūṁ dhyāna niśa dina taba mātā**

**sakala duḥkha mātuma karahu nipātā**

Meditate upon the Mother every day; She is the Mother who will remove all pain.

आओ मात न देर लगाओ ।  
मम शत्रुघ्न को पकड़ नशाओ ॥

**āo mātuma na dera lagāo**

**mama śatrughna ko pakṛḍha naśāo**

Come to us Mother, and do not delay; destroy all of my enemies.

सुनहु मात यह विनय हमारी ।  
पूरण हो अभिलाषा सारी ॥

**sunahu mātuma yaha vinaya hamārī**

**pūraṇa ho abhilāṣā sārī**

Please listen Mother to our humble entreaties; fulfill all of our pure desires.



मात करहु तुम रक्षा आके ।

मम शत्रुघ्न को देव मिटा को ॥

**māta karahu tuma rakṣā āke ।**

**mama śatruḡhna ko deva miṭā ko ॥**

Mother, come and give us protection; turn all enmity into divine blessings.

निश वासर मैं तुम्हें मनाऊं ।

सदा तुम्हारे ही गुण गाऊं ॥

**niśa vāsara mainṁ tumheṁ manāūṁ ।**

**sadā tumhāre hī guṇa gāūṁ ॥**

Every day I contemplate You, and always I sing of your qualities.

दया दृष्टि अब मोपर कीजै ।

रहूँ सुखी ये ही वर दीजै ॥

**dayā drṣṭi aba mopara kijai ।**

**rahūṁ sukhī ye hī vara dījai ॥**

Keep Your compassionate sight upon me, and give me the boon to remain in comfort and peace.

नमो नमो निज काज सैवारनि ।

नमो नमो हे खलन विदारनि ॥

**namo namo nija kāja saivārani ।**

**namo namo he khalana vidārani ॥**

I bow, I bow to She who is the ocean of all action; I bow, I bow to She Who is the disruption of all divisions.

नमो नमो जन बाधा हरनी ।

नमो नमो दुष्टन मद छरनी ॥

**namo namo jana bādhā haranī**

**namo namo duṣṭana mada charanī** ॥

I bow, I bow to She who removes all obstacles from humanity; I bow, I bow to She who separates the foolishness of evil doers.

नमो नमो जय काली महारानी ।

त्रिभुवन में नहिं तुम्हरी सानी ॥

**namo namo jaya kālī mahārānī**

**tribhuvana meṁ nahī tumharī sānī** ॥

I bow, I bow, Victory to the Great Queen, MahaKali; there is no one equal to You in the three worlds.

भक्तन पे हो मात दयाला ।

काटहु आय सकल भव जाला ॥

**bhaktana pe ho māta dayālā**

**kāṭahu āya sakala bhava jālā** ॥

You are the Mother who is compassionate to devotees; destroy the web of negativities in all of existence.

मैं हूँ शरण तुम्हारी अम्बा ।

आवहू बेगि न करहु विलम्बा ॥

**maiṁ hūṁ śaraṇa tumhārī ambā**

**āvahū begi na karahu vilambā** ॥

Oh Mother, I have taken refuge in You; please do not delay!

मुझ पर होके मात दयाला ।  
सब विधि कीजै मोहि निहाला ॥

**mujha para hoke māta dayālā ।**

**saba vidhi kījai mohi nihālā ॥**

Oh Mother, make me worthy of Your compassion, please perform all that is necessary to make me free from adverse circumstances.

करे नित्य जो तुम्हरो पूजन ।  
ताके काज होय सब पूरन ॥

**kare nitya jo tumharo pūjana ।**

**tāke kāja hoya saba pūrana ॥**

For those who always perform Your worship, make all actions full, complete, and perfect.

निर्धन हो जो बहु धन पावै ।  
दुश्मन हो सो मित्र हो जावै ॥

**nirdhana ho jo bahu dhana pāvai ।**

**duśmana ho so mitra ho jāvai ॥**

Those who are poor, will receive much wealth; those who are enemies will become friends.

जिन घर हो भूत बैताला ।  
भागि जाय घर से तत्काला ॥

**jina ghara ho bhūta baitālā ।**

**bhāgi jāya ghara se tatkālā ॥**

Whatever home is haunted by disembodied or evil spirits, will immediately become a home blessed with good fortune.

रहे नहीं फिर दुःख लवलेशा ।

मिट जाय जो होय कलेशा ॥

**rahe nahī phira duḥkha lavaleśā ।**

**miṭa jāya jo hoya kaleśā ॥**

Then pain will not remain in that house, it will all be expelled along with all negative influences.

जो कुछ इच्छा होवें मन में ।

संशय नहीं पूरन हो क्षण में ॥

**jo kucha icchā hoveṃ mana meṃ ।**

**saṃśaya nahīṃ pūrana ho kṣaṇa meṃ ॥**

Whatever desire remains in the mind, will be fulfilled in an instant without a doubt.

औरहु फल संसारिक जेते ।

तेरी कृपा मिलैं सब तेते ॥

**aurahu phala saṃsārika jetel**

**terī kṛpā milaiṃ saba tete ॥**

And whatever fruit that remains to be obtained in the world, with Your Grace all will be gained and that's it.

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महाकालिका कीपढ़ै नित चालीसा जोय ।

मनवांछित फल पावहि गोविन्द जानौ सोय ॥

**mahākālīkā kīpaḍhai nita cālīsā joya ।**

**manavāṃchita phala pāvahi govinda jānau soya ॥**

Whoever will recite these 40 verses of the Adventures of MahaKali, will attain the desired objective, this is the promise of Govinda.

॥ इति महाकाली चालीसा समाप्त ॥

॥ iti mahākālī cālīsā samāpta ॥