

Sri Subrahmanya Ashtottara Sata Nâmavali: The 108 Names of Lord Skanda Kumara

Nandikeswarar instructed this incantation to Sage Agastya

In truth, the names of Lord Skanda are innumerable. But for the sake of brevity, 108 of His descriptive names are enumerated in Sanskrit as below. In each instance, the sâdhaka (practitioner) recites a name visualizing that the Lord stands before him or her, and mentally bows down before the Lord with each recitation. For the verbal root *nam* in Sanskrit literally means 'to bend'; hence the formula has the sense of "Ôm! I bow down to the Lord who is . . .".

The following is the raw text in Sanskrit where vowels marked as long are twice as long as normal short vowels ('o' is always long as in 'boat' and 'e' is always long as in 'bay'}). Approximate English equivalents appear under each mantra.

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1. Ôm namô Skandâya namaha
Hail Skanda! Vanquisher of the mighty foes!
2. Ôm namô Guhâya namaha
Praise be to the Invisible Lord — He who
abides in the hearts of devotees true!
3. Ôm namô Shanmukhâya namaha
Praise be to the six-faced one!
4. Ôm namô Bâlanetrasutâya namaha
Praise be to the Son of the Three-Eyed Siva!
5. Ôm namô Prabhava namaha
Praise be to the Lord Supreme!
6. Ôm namô Pingalâya namaha
Praise be to the golden-hued one!
7. Ôm namô Krittikâsunave namaha
Hail to the Son of the starry maids!
8. Ôm namô Shikhivâhanâya namaha
Hail to the rider on the peacock!
9. Ôm namô Dvinadbhujâya namaha
Hail to the Lord with the twelve hands!

10. Ôm namô Dvinannetrâya namaha
Hail to the Lord with the twelve eyes!
11. Ôm namô Shaktidharâya namaha
Hail to the wielder of the Lance!
12. Ôm namô Pisdâsaprabhajanâya namaha
Praise be to the destroyer of the Asuras!
13. Ôm namô Târakâsurasamhârîne namaha
Praise be to the slâyar of Târakâsuran!
14. Ôm namô Raksobalavimardanâya namaha
Praise be to the Victor of the Asuric forces!
15. Ôm namô Mattâya namaha
Praise be to the Lord of felicity!
16. Ôm namô Pramattâya namaha
Praise be to the Lord of bliss!
17. Ôm namô Unmattâya namaha
Hail Oh passionate One!
18. Ôm namô Surasainyasuraksakâya namaha
(Suralangasya Rakshithre Namaha); Hail
Saviour of the Devas!
19. Ôm namô Devasenâpataye namaha
Hail Commander of the Heavenly hosts!
20. Ôm namô Pragnya namaha
Hail, Lord of Wisdom!
21. Ôm namô Kripalave namaha
Hail Compassionate One!
22. Ôm namô Bhaktavatsalâya namaha
Lover of devout ones, Praise be to Thee!
23. Ôm namô Umâsutâya namaha
Son of Uma — Praise be to Thee!
24. Ôm namô Shaktidharâya namaha
Mighty Lord—Praise be to Thee!
25. Ôm namô Kumârâya namaha
Eternal youth—Praise be to Thee!
26. Ôm namô Krauncadharanâya namaha
He who reft asunder the Kraunca Mount —
Praise be to Thee!
27. Ôm namô Senânye namaha
Praise be to the Army Chief!
28. Ôm namô Agnijanmane namaha
To the effulgence of Fire, all Hail!
29. Ôm namô Viskhâya namaha



Sri Gajavâhana



To Him who shone on the astral Visakha —
All Hail!

Sri Kumâra

30. Ôm namô Shankarâtmajâya namaha
Thou Son of Sankara — All Hail!
31. Ôm namô Sivasvâmine namaha
Thou Preceptor of Siva — All Hail!
32. Ôm namô Ganaswâmine namaha
On Lord of the Ganas — All Hail
33. Ôm namô Sarvasvâmine namaha
On Lord, God Almighty, All Hail!
34. Ôm namô Sanâtanâya namaha
Oh Lord eternal, Praise be to Thee!
35. Ôm namô Anantasaktaye namaha
Thou potent Lord, Praise be to Thee!
36. Ôm namô Aksobhyâya namaha
Unsullied by arrows art Thou — Praise be to
Thee!
37. Ôm namô Parvatîpriyanandanâya namaha
Thou beloved of Parvati, Praise be to Thee!
38. Ôm namô Gangasutâya namaha
Oh, son of Goddess Ganga — Praise be to
Thee!
39. Ôm namô Sarodbhutâya namaha
Thou who did'st nestle in the Saravana Lake!
40. Ôm namô Atmabhuvê namaha
Thou Unborn Lord!
41. Ôm namô Pavakatmajâya namaha
Thou who art born of Fire!
42. Ôm namô Mâyâdharâya namaha
Energy Art Thou—Praise be to Thee!
43. Ôm namô Prajrimbhâya namaha
Praise be to thee Auspicious One! (Blissful)!
44. Ôm namô Ujrimbhâya namaha
Praise be to the Invincible One!
45. Ôm namô Kamalâsanâsamstutâya namaha
Praise be to the Lord extolled by Brahma!
46. Ôm namô Ekavarnâya namaha
The one Word art Thou—All Hail!
47. Ôm namô Dvivarnâya namaha
In Two Art Thou—All Hail!
48. Ôm namô Trivarnâya namaha



Sri Saktidhâra

Thou Art the Three—All Hail!

49. Ôm namô Sumanoharâya namaha
Thou Stealer of pure hearts—All Hail!
50. Ôm namô Caturvarnâya namaha
In four Art Thou—All Hail!
51. Ôm namô Pancavarnâya namaha
In five letters Art Thou—All Hail!
52. Ôm namô Prajapataye namaha
Father of all Creation—All Hail!
53. Ôm namô Trumbâya namaha
Praise be to Thee, Oh Peerless One!
54. Ôm namô Agnigarbhâya namaha
Thou who dost sustain the fire!
55. Ôm namô Samigarbhâya namaha
Hail Thou who arose out of the Vanni flame!
(Fire of the Suma tree)!
56. Ôm namô Visvaretase namaha
Thou glory of the Absolute Paramasivam,
All Hail!
57. Ôm namô Surarighne namaha
Oh, Subduer of the foes of the Devas, All
Hail!
58. Ôm namô Hiranyavarnâya namaha
Thou resplendent One, All Hail!
59. Ôm namô Subhakrite namaha
Thou Auspicious One—All Hail!
60. Ôm namô Vasumate namaha
Thou Oh Splendour of the Vasus— (a class
of Gods) All Hail!
61. Ôm namô Vatuvesabhrite namaha
Praise be to Thee, Oh lover of celibacy!
62. Ôm namô Bhûshane namaha
Thou Luminous Sun—All Hail!
63. Ôm namô Kapastaye namaha
Thou Effulgence divine, All Hail!
64. Ôm namô Gahanâya namaha
Thou Omniscient One—All Hail!
65. Ôm namô Chandravarâya namaha
Thou Radiance of the Moon — Praise be to
Thee!
66. Ôm namô Kâladharâya namaha



Sri Subrahmanya



Thou who adorns the crescent—Praise be to Thee!

67. Ôm namô Mâyâdharâya namaha
Engergy art Thou—Praise be to Thee!
68. Ôm namô Mahâmâyine namaha
Great Artist of Deception too art Thou,
Praise be to Thee!
69. Ôm namô Kaivalyâya namaha
Everlasting joy of attainment—Praise be to Thee!
70. Ôm namô Sahatatmakâya namaha
Art all-pervading—All Hail!
71. Ôm namô Visvayônaye namaha
Source of all Existence—All Hail!
72. Ôm namô Ameyatmane namaha
Oh, Supreme Splendour, All Hail!
73. Ôm namô Tejonidhaye namaha
Illumination divine—All Hail!
74. Ôm namô Anâmâyaya namaha
Savior of all ills—All Hail!
75. Ôm namô Parameshtine namaha
Thou art Immaculate Lord, Praise be to Thee
76. Ôm namô Parabrahmane namaha
Thou Transcendant One, Praise be to Thee!
77. Ôm namô Vedagarbhâya namaha
The Source of the Vedas art Thou, Praise be to Thee!
78. Ôm namô Viratsutâya namaha
Immanent Art Thou in the Universe, Praise be to Thee!
79. Ôm namô Pulindakanyâbhartre namaha
Praise be to the Lord of Valli, the Vedda belle!
80. Ôm namô Mahâsarasvatavradâya namaha
Praise be to the source of Gnosis
81. Ôm namô Âsritâ Kiladhâtre namaha
Praise be to Him who showers grace on those who seek his solace!
82. Ôm namô Choraghnâya namaha
Praise be to Him who annihilates those who steal!

Sri Subrahmanya



Sri Brahmasastâ



83. Ôm namô Roganasanâya namaha
Praise be to the divine Healer
84. Ôm namô Anantamûrtaye namaha
Praise be Thine whose forms are endless!
85. Ôm namô Ânandâya namaha
Praise be Thine, Oh Thou infinite Bliss!
86. Ôm namô Shikhandîkritagedanâya namaha
Praise be Thine, Thou Lord of peacock
banner!
87. Ôm namô Dambhâya namaha
Praise be Thine, Oh lover of gay exuberance!
88. Ôm namô Paramadambhâya namaha
Praise be Thine, Thou lover of supreme
exuberance!
89. Ôm namô Mahâdambhâya namaha
Praise be Thine, Oh Lord of lofty
magnificence!
90. Ôm namô Vrishakâpaye namaha
Thou who art the culmination of
righteousness—All Hail (Dharma)!
91. Ôm namô Karanopâtadehâya namaha
Thou who deigned embodiment for a
cause—All Hail!
92. Ôm namô Kâranâtita Vighrahâya namaha
Form transcending causal experience
93. Ôm namô Anîshvarâya namaha
Oh Eternal peerless plentitude, All Hail
94. Ôm namô Amritâya namaha
Thou Ambrosia of Life—All Hail!
95. Ôm namô Pranâya namaha
Thou life of life, Praise unto Thee!
96. Ôm namô Pranâyamaparâyanâya namaha
Thou support of all beings—Praise unto
Thee!
97. Ôm namô Vritakandare namaha
Praise unto Thee who subjugates all hostile
forces!
98. Ôm namô Viraghnâya namaha
Thou vanquisher of heroic opponents, Praise
unto Thee!
99. Ôm namô Raktashyamagalâya namaha
Thou art Love, and of crimson beauty—

Sri Kârttikeya



Kraunchabheda



Praise unto Thee!

100. Ôm namô Mahate namaha
Oh Consummation of glory, All Praise to Thee!
101. Ôm namô Subrahmanyâya namaha
We praise Thee, Oh effulgent Radiance!
102. Ôm namô Paravarâya namaha
Oh Supreme (Sovereign) Goodness, Praise unto Thee!
103. Ôm namô Brahmanyâya namaha
We praise Thee, luminous wisdom serene!
104. Ôm namô Brahmanapriyâya namaha
Thou who art beloved of seers—Praise unto Thee!
105. Ôm namô Loka Gurave Namaha
Oh universal Teacher, All Praise to Thee!
106. Ôm namô Guhapriyâya Namaha
We praise Thee, Indweller in the core of our hearts!
107. Ôm namô Aksâyaphalapradâya namaha
We praise Thee, Oh bestower of indestructible results ineffable!
108. Ôm namô Shrî Subrahmanyâya namaha
We praise Thee, most glorious effulgent Radiance!

Om Saravanabhava Om!

Sri Kandaswâmi



Sri Saravanabhavar



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