

This prayer consists of eight verses composed in *Sanskrit* language in *Anushtup* metre for Mother *Tara*'s benediction. Please feel free to enjoy it, use it and share it. The meaning is given at the end.

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तारा मंगळाष्टकम्

तारायै दौष्ट्यनाशिन्यै रक्षोघ्नायै च मंगळं ।
तारायै शैष्ट्यशासिन्यै अक्षोभ्यायै च मंगळं ॥ १

तारायै भवतारिण्यै शीघ्रायै चास्तु मंगळं ।
तारायै अघहारिण्यै उग्रायै चास्तु मंगळं ॥ २

तारायै रागशोषिण्यै चण्डिकायै च मंगळं ।
तारायै द्वेषभंजिन्यै व्यंजितायै च मंगळं ॥ ३

तारायै ज्ञानतोषिण्यै कान्तायै चास्तु मंगळं ।
तारायै मातृरूपिण्यै शान्तायै चास्तु मंगळं ॥ ४

तारायै भक्तिवश्यायै सुव्यक्त्यायै च मंगळं ।
तारायै व्यक्तसत्त्वायै तत्त्वज्ञायै च मंगळं ॥ ५

तारायै विस्तरायै च सूर्यायै चास्तु मंगळं ।
तारायै दुस्तरायै च तुष्यायै चास्तु मंगळं ॥ ६

तारायै भेदपारायै मेदस्विन्यै च मंगळं ।
तारायै वेदसारायै तेजस्विन्यै च मंगळं ॥ ७

तारायै युक्तिदायै च योगज्ञायै च मंगळं ।
तारायै मुक्तिदायै च अव्यक्तायै च मंगळं ॥ ८

tārā maṅgaḷāṣṭakam

tārāyai dauṣṭyanāśinyai rakṣoghñāyai ca
maṅgaḷam ।

tārāyai śaiṣṭyaśāsinyai akṣobhyāyai ca
maṅgaḷam ॥ 1

tārāyai bhavatāriṇyai śīghrāyai cāstu
maṅgaḷam ।

tārāyai aghahāriṇyai ugrāyai cāstu
maṅgaḷam ॥ 2

tārāyai rāgaśoṣinyai caṇḍikāyai ca
maṅgaḷam ।

tārāyai dveṣabhañjinyai vyañjitāyai ca
maṅgaḷam ॥ 3

tārāyai jñānatoṣinyai kāntāyai cāstu
maṅgaḷam ।

tārāyai mātṛrūpiṇyai śāntāyai cāstu
maṅgaḷam ॥ 4

tārāyai bhaktivaśyāyai suvyaktāyai ca
maṅgaḷam ।

tārāyai vyaktasattvāyai tattvajñāyai ca
maṅgaḷam ॥ 5

tārāyai vistarāyai ca sūryāyai cāstu
maṅgaḷam ।

tārāyai dustarāyai ca turyāyai cāstu
maṅgaḷam || 6

tārāyai bhedapārāyai medasvinyai ca
maṅgaḷam |
tārāyai vedasārāyai tejasvinyai ca
maṅgaḷam || 7

tārāyai yuktidāyai ca yogajñāyai ca
maṅgaḷam |
tārāyai muktidāyai ca avyaktāyai ca
maṅgaḷam || 8

Meaning:

Tara Mangalashtakam (Eight verses for Mother Tara's benediction)

(1) Benediction to Tara, the destroyer of wickedness and the slayer of demons. Benediction to Tara, the governor of wisdom and culture and the consort of Akshobhya (the imperturbable one).

(2) Benediction to Tara, carrier across the worldly existence and the swift one. Benediction to Tara, dispeller of sins and impurities and the fierce one.

(3) Benediction to Tara, one who dries up attractions and attachments and the ruthless warrior. Benediction to Tara, the breaker of aversions and the clearly visible one (clearly visible when attractions, aversions and conditioning are overcome).

(4) Benediction to Tara, one who is pleased with knowledge and understanding and one who is dear and pleasing. Benediction to Tara, one

who is of the form of a mother and one who is tranquil and gentle.

(5) Benediction to Tara, who can be charmed through devotion and one with a clearly manifested form. Benediction to Tara, who is the vital essence of all manifestation and the knower of the absolute Truth.

(6) Benediction to Tara, the all-pervasive one and the one relating to Sun. Benediction to Tara, the invincible one and the one beyond the three states of awareness.

(7) Benediction to Tara, who is the shore/bank/boundary of duality and one who is strong and robust. Benediction to Tara, who is the essence of Veda (sacred knowledge of the Absolute and its Manifestation) and who is splendid and bright.

(8) Benediction to Tara, the giver of the state of Oneness and one who can be known only through the state of Oneness. Benediction to Tara, the giver of emancipation and the imperceptible one (one beyond perception).