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जातवेदसे सुनवाम सोममरातीयतो निदहाति वेदः ।

jātavedase sunavāma somamarātīyato nidahāti vedaḥ |

स नः पर्षदति दुर्गाणि विश्वा नावेव सिन्धुं दुरितात्यग्निः ॥ १॥

sa naḥ parṣadati durgāṇi viśvā nāveva sindhuṃ duritātyagniḥ || 1||

तामग्निवर्णां तपसा ज्वलन्तीं वैरोचनीं कर्मफलेषु जुष्टाम् ।

tāmagnivarṇāṃ tapasā jvalantīṃ vairocanīṃ karmaphaleṣu juṣṭām |

दुर्गां देवीꣳ शरणमहं प्रपद्ये सुतरसि तरसे नमः ॥ २॥

durgāṃ devīꣳ śaraṇamahaṃ prapadye sutarasi tarase namaḥ || 2||

अग्ने त्वं पारया नव्यो अस्मान् स्वस्तिभिरति दुर्गाणि विश्वा ।

agne tvaṃ pārayā navyo asmān svastibhirati durgāṇi viśvā |

पूश्च पृथ्वी बहुला न उर्वी भवा तोकाय तनयाय शंयोः ॥ ३॥

pūśca pṛthvī bahulā na urvī bhavā tokāya tanayāya śaṃyoḥ || 3||

विश्वानि नो दुर्गहा जातवेदः सिन्धुं न नावा दुरितातिपर्षि ।

viśvāni no durgahā jātavedaḥ sindhuṃ na nāvā duritātiparṣi |

अग्ने अत्रिवन्मनसा गृणानोऽस्माकं बोध्यविता तनूनाम् ॥ ४॥

agne atrivanmanasā gṛṇāno'smākaṃ bodhyavitā tanūnām || 4||

पृतनाजितꣳ सहमानमुग्रमग्निꣳ हुवेम परमात्सधस्थात् ।

pṛtanājitaꣳ sahamānamugramagniꣳ huvema paramātsadhasthāt |

स नः पर्षदति दुर्गाणि विश्वा क्षामद्देवो अति दुरितात्यग्निः ॥ ५॥

sa naḥ parṣadati durgāṇi viśvā kṣāmaddevo ati duritātyagniḥ || 5||

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प्रत्नोषि कमीड्यो अध्वरेषु सनाच्च होता नव्यश्च सत्सि ।

pratnoṣi kamīḍyo adhvareṣu sanācca hotā navyaśca satsi |

स्वां चाग्ने तनुवं पिप्रयस्वास्मभ्यं च सौभगमायजस्व ॥ ६॥

svāṃ cāgne tanuvaṃ piprayasvāsmabhyaṃ ca saubhagamāyajasva || 6||

गोभिर्जुष्टमयुजो निषिक्तं तवेन्द्र विष्णोरनुसञ्चरेम ।

gobhirjuṣṭamayujo niṣiktaṃ tavendra viṣṇoranusañcarema |

नाकस्य पृष्ठमभि संवसानो वैष्णवीं लोक इह मादयन्ताम् ॥ ७॥

nākasya pṛṣṭhamabhi saṃvasāno vaiṣṇavīṃ loka iha mādayantām || 7||

Meaning

A short paraphrase, not a translation. We press soma for Jatavedas; may he burn away the hostile and carry us across all difficulties as a boat crosses a river. I take refuge in the goddess Durga, fire-coloured, blazing with austerity, daughter of the sun, sought for the fruits of action: carry us well across, salutations. Agni, carry us with blessings beyond all difficulties; may our land be wide and spacious, for the good of our children. Destroyer of distress, carry us past all troubles like a boat across a river; like Atri, Agni, be the protector of our bodies. We call the conquering, overpowering Agni from the highest seat; may he carry us past all dangers. Ancient and praiseworthy Agni, sit as hotar at the rites, gladden yourself and win good fortune for us. May we follow the path of Indra and Vishnu, and dwell together on the heights of heaven in the Vaishnava world.

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