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नृसिंहं कवचम वक्ष्येऽ प्रह्लादनोदितं पुरा ।

सर्वरक्षाकरं पुण्यं सर्वोपद्रवनाशनं ॥1॥

*Narasimha-kavacham vakshye
prahladenoditam pura
sarva-raksha-karam punyam
sarvopadrava-nashanam*

I shall now recite the Narasimha-kavaca, formerly spoken by Prahlada Maharaja. It is most pious, vanquishes all kinds of impediments, and provides one all protection.

सर्वसंपत्करं चैव स्वर्गमोक्षप्रदायकम् ।

ध्यात्वा नृसिंहं देवेशं हेमसिंहासनस्थितं ॥2॥

*sarva-sampat-karam chaiva
svarga-moksha-pradayakam
dhyatva narasimham devesham
hema-simhasana-sthitam*

It bestows upon one all opulences and can give one elevation to the heavenly planets or liberation. One should meditate on Lord Narasimha, Lord of the universe, seated upon a golden throne.

विवृतास्यं त्रिनयनं शरदिंदुसमप्रभं ।

लक्ष्म्यालिङ्गितवामांगम विभूतिभिरुपाश्रितं ॥3॥

*vivrtasyam tri-nayanam
sharad-indu-sama-prabham
lakshmyalingita-vamangam
vibhutibhir upashritam*

His mouth is wide open, He has three eyes, and He is as radiant as the autumn moon. He is embraced by Lakshmi devi on his left side, and His form is the shelter of all opulences, both material and spiritual.

चतुर्भुजं कोमलांगम स्वर्णकुण्डलशोभितं ।

ऊरोजशोभितोरस्कं रत्नकेयूरमुद्रितं ॥4॥

*chatur-bhujam komalangam
svarna-kundala-shobhitam
saroja-shobitoraskam*

The Lord has four arms, and His limbs are very soft. He is decorated with golden earrings. His chest is resplendent like the lotus flower, and His arms are decorated with jewel-studded ornaments.

तप्तकांचनसंकाशं पीतनिर्मलवासनं ।

इंद्रादिसुरमौलिस्थस्फुरन्माणिक्यदीप्तिभिः ॥5॥

*tapta-kancana-sankasham
pita-nirmala-vasasam*

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*indradi-sura-maulishthah
sphuran manikya-diptibhih*

He is dressed in a spotless yellow garment, which exactly resembles molten gold. He is the original cause of existence, beyond the mundane sphere, for the great demigods headed by Indra. He appears bedecked with rubies which are blazingly effulgent.

विराजितपदद्वंद्वं शंखचक्रादिहेतिभिः।

गरुत्मता च विनयात् स्तूयमानं मुदान्वितं ॥6॥

*virajita-pada-dvandvam
shankha-chakradi-hetibhih
garutmata cha vinayat
stuyamanam mudanvitam*

His two feet are very attractive, and He is armed with various weapons such as the conch, disc, etc. Garuda joyfully offers prayers with great reverence.

स्वहृत्कमलसंवासम कृत्वा तु कवचम पठेत्

नृसिंहो मे शिरः पातु लोकरक्षात्मसंभवः ॥7॥

*sva-hrt-kamala-samvasam
krtva tu kavacham pathet
nrsimho me shirah patu
loka-rakshartha-sambhavah*

Having seated Lord Narasimhadeva upon the lotus of one's heart, one should recite the following mantra: May Lord Narasimha, who protects all the planetary systems, protect my head.

सर्वगोऽपि स्तंभवासः फालं मे रक्षतु ध्वनन ।

नरसिंहो मे दृशौ पातु सोमसूर्याग्निलोचनः ॥8॥

*sarvago 'pi stambha-vasah
phalam me rakshatu dhvanim
nrsimho me drshau patu
soma-suryagni-lochanah*

Although the Lord is all-pervading, He hid Himself within a pillar. May He protect my speech and the results of my activities. May Lord Narasimha, whose eyes are the sun, and fire, protect my eyes.

शृती मे पातु नरहरिर्मुनिवर्यस्तुतिप्रियः ।

नासां मे सिंहासास्तु मुखं लक्ष्मिमुखप्रियः ॥9॥

*smrtam me patu naraharih
muni-varya-stuti-priyah
nasam me simha-nashas tu
mukham lakshmi-mukha-priyah*

May Lord Nrhari, who is pleased by the prayers offered by the best of sages, protect my memory. May He who has the nose of a lion protect my nose, and may He whose face is very dear to the goddess of fortune protect my mouth.

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सर्वविद्याधिपः पातु नृसिंहो रसनां मम ।
वक्त्रं पात्विंदुवदनः सदा प्रह्लादवन्दितः ॥10॥

*sarva-vidyadhipah patu
nrsimho rasanam mama
vaktram patv indu-vadanam
sada prahlada-vanditah*

May Lord Narasimha, who is the knower of all sciences, protect my sense of taste. May He whose face is beautiful as the full moon and who is offered prayers by Prahlada Maharaja protect my face.

नृसिंहः पातु मे कण्ठं स्कंधौ भूभरणांतकृत ।
दिव्यास्त्रशोभितभुजो नृसिंहः पातु मे भुजौ ॥11॥

*narasimhah patu me kantham
skandhau bhu-bhrd ananta-krt
divyastra-shobhita-bhujah
narasimhah patu me bhujau*

May Lord Narasimha protect my throat. He is the sustainer of the earth and the performer of unlimitedly wonderful activities. May He protect my shoulders. His arms are resplendent with transcendental weapons. May He protect my shoulders.

करौ मे देववरदो नृसिंहः पातु सर्वतः ।
हृदयं योगिसाध्यश्च निवासं पातु मे हरिः ॥12॥

*karau me deva-varado
narasimhah patu sarvatah
hrdayam yogi-sadhyash cha
nivasam patu me harih*

May the Lord, who bestows benedictions upon the demigods, protect my hands, and may He protect me from all sides. May He who is achieved by the perfect yogis protect my heart, and may Lord Hari protect my dwelling place.

मध्यं पातु हिरण्याक्षवक्षःकुक्षिविदारणः ।
नाभिं मे पातु नृहरिः स्वनाभिब्रह्मसंस्तुतः ॥13॥

*madhyam patu hiranyaksha-
vakshah-kukshi-vidaranah
nabhim me patu naraharih
sva-nabhi-brahma-samstutah*

May He who ripped apart the chest and abdomen of the great demon Hiranyaksha protect my waist, and may Lord Nrhari protect my navel. He is offered prayers by Lord Brahma, who has sprung from his own navel.

ब्रह्माण्डकोटयः कट्यां यस्यासौ पातु मे कटिं ।
गुह्यं मे पातु गुह्यानां मंत्राणां गुह्यरुपधृत ॥14॥

*brahmanda-kotayah katyam
yasyasau patu me katim*

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*guhyam me patu guhyanam
mantranam guhya-rupa-drk*

May He on whose hips rest all the universes protect my hips. May the Lord protect my private parts. He is the knower of all mantras and all mysteries, but He Himself is not visible.

**ऊरु मनोभवः पातु जानुनी नररूपधृत ।
जंघे पातु धराभारहर्ता योऽसौ नृकेसरी ॥15॥**
*uru manobhavah patu
januni nara-rupa-drk
janghe patu dhara-bhara-*

May He who is the original Cupid protect my thighs. May He who exhibits a human-like form protect my knees. May the remover of the burden of the earth, who appears in a form which is half-man and half-lion, protect my calves.

**सुरराज्यप्रदः पातु पादौ मे नृहरीश्वरः ।
सहस्रशीर्षा पुरुषः पातु मे सर्वशस्तनुं ॥16॥**
*sura-rajya-pradah patu
padau me nrharishvarah
sahasra-shirsha-purushah
patu me sarvashas tanum*

May the bestower of heavenly opulence protect my feet. He is the Supreme Controller in the form of a man and lion combined. May the thousand-headed Supreme enjoyer protect my body from all sides and in all respects.

**महोग्रः पूर्वतः पातु महावीराग्रजोऽग्निः ।
महाविष्णुर्दक्षिणे तु महाज्वालस्तु निर्ऋतौ ॥17॥**
*manograh purvatah patu
maha-viragrajo 'gnitah
maha-vishnur dakshine tu
maha-jvalas tu nairrtah*

May that most ferocious personality protect me from the east. May He who is superior to the greatest heroes protect me from the southeast, which is presided over by Agni. May the Supreme Vishnu protect me from the south, and may that person of blazing luster protect me from the southwest.

**पश्चिमे पातु सर्वेशो दिशि मे सर्वतोमुखः ।
नृसिंहः पातु वायव्यां सौम्यां भूषणविग्रहः ॥18॥**
*pashchime patu sarvesho
dishi me sarvatomukhah
narasimhah patu vayavyam
saumyam bhushana-vigrahah*

May the Lord of everything protect me from the west. His faces are everywhere, so please may He protect me from this direction. May Lord Narasimha protect me from the northwest,

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which is predominated by Vayu, and may He whose form is in itself the supreme ornament protect me from the north, where Soma resides.

ईशान्यां पातु भद्रो मे सर्वमंगलदायकः ।

संसारभयदः पातु मृत्यूर्मृत्युर्नृकेसरी ॥19॥

*ishanyam patu bhadro me
sarva-mangala-dayakah
samsara-bhayatah patu
mrtyor mrtyur nr-keshari*

May the all-auspicious Lord, who Himself bestows all-auspiciousness, protect from the northeast, the direction of the sun-god, and may He who is death personified protect me from fear of death and rotation in this material world.

इदं नृसिंहकवचं प्रह्लादमुखमंडितं ।

भक्तिमान्यः पठेन्नित्यं सर्वपापैः प्रमुच्यते ॥20॥

*idam narasimha-kavacham
prahlada-mukha-manditam
bhaktiman yah pathenaityam
sarva-papaih pramucyate*

This Narasimha-kavaca has been ornamented by issuing from the mouth of Prahlada Maharaja. A devotee who reads this becomes freed from all sins.

पुत्रवान धनवान लोके दीर्घायुर्पजायते ।

यं कामयते कामं तं प्रप्नोत्यसंशयं ॥21॥

*putravan dhanavan loke
dirghayur upajayate
yam yam kamayate kamam
tam tam prapnoty asamshayam*

Whatever one desires in this world he can attain without doubt. One can have wealth, many sons, and a long life.

सर्वत्र जयवाप्नोति सर्वत्र विजयी भवेत ।

भुम्यंतरिक्षदिवानां ग्रहाणां विनिवारणं ॥22॥

*sarvatra jayam apnoti
sarvatra vijayi bhavet
bhummy antariksha-divyanam
grahanam vinivaranam*

He becomes victorious who desires victory, and indeed becomes a conqueror. He wards off the influence of all planets, earthly, heavenly, and everything in between.

वृश्चिकोरगसंभूतविषापहरणं परं ।

ब्रह्मराक्षसयक्षाणां दूरोत्सारणकारणं ॥23॥

*vrshchikoraga-sambhuta-
vishapaharanam param*

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*brahma-rakshasa-yakshanam
durotsarana-karanam*

This is the supreme remedy for the poisonous effects of serpents and scorpions, and Brahma-rakshasa ghosts and Yakshas are driven away.

भूर्जे वा तालपत्रे वा कवचं लिखितं शुभं ।
करमूले धृतं येन सिद्ध्येयुः कर्मसिद्धयः ॥24॥
*bhuje va tala-patre va
kavacam likhitam shubham
kara-mule dhrtam yena
sidhyeyuh karma-siddhayah*

One may write this most auspicious prayer on his arm, or inscribe it on a palm-leaf and attach it to his wrist, and all his activities will become perfect.

देवासुरमनुष्येषु स्वं स्वमेव जयं लभेत ।
एकसंध्यं त्रिसंध्यं वा यः पठेन्नियतो नरः ॥25॥
*devasura-manushyeshu
svam svam eva jayam labhet
eka-sandhyam tri-sandhyam va
yah pathen niyato narah*

One who regularly chants this prayer, whether once or thrice (daily), he becomes victorious whether among demigods, demons, or human beings.

सर्वमंगलमांगल्यंभुक्तिं मुक्तिं च विंदति ।
द्वात्रिंशतिसहस्राणि पाठाच्छुद्धात्मभिर्नृभिः ॥26॥
*sarva-mangala-mangalyam
bhuktim muktim cha vindati
dva-trimshati-sahasrani
pathet shuddhatmanam nram*

One who with purified heart recites this prayer 32,000 times attains the most auspicious of all auspicious things, and material enjoyment and liberation are already understood to be available to such a person.

कवचस्यास्य मंत्रस्य मंत्रसिद्धिः प्रजायते ।
आनेन मंत्रराजेन कृत्वा भस्माभिमंत्रणम् ॥27॥
*kavachasyasya mantrasya
mantra-siddhih prajayate
anena mantra-rajena
krtva bhasmabhir mantranam*

This Kavacha mantra is the king of all mantras. One attains by it what would be attained by anointing oneself with ashes and chanting all other mantras.

तिलकं बिभृयाद्यस्तु तस्य गृहभयं हरेत् ।
त्रिवारं जपमानस्तु दत्तं वार्यभिमंत्र्य च ॥28॥

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*tilakam bibhriyad yas tu
tasya graha-bhayam haret
tri-varam japamanas tu
dattam varyabhimantrya ca*

Having marked one's body with tilaka, taking acamana with water, and reciting this mantra three times, one will find that the fear of all inauspicious planets is removed.

**प्राशयेद्यं नरं मंत्रं नृसिंहध्यानमाचरेत् ।
तस्य रोगाः प्रणश्यन्ति ये च स्युः कुक्षिसंभवाः ॥29॥**

*prasayed yo naro mantram
narasimha-dhyanam acharet
tasya rogah pranashyanti
ye cha syuh kukshi-sambhavah*

That person who recites this mantra, meditating upon Lord Narasimha Deva, has all of his diseases vanquished, including those of the abdomen.

**किमत्र बहूनोक्तेन नृसिंहसदृशो भवेत् ।
मनसा चिंतितं यस्तु स तच्चाऽप्नोत्यसंशयं ॥30॥**

*kimatra bahunoktena
narasimha sadrsho bhavet
manasa chintitam yattu
sa tacchapnotya samshayam*

Why should more be said? One acquires qualitative oneness with Narasimha himself. There is no doubt that the desires in the mind of one who meditates will be granted.

**गर्जतं गर्जयंतं निजभुजपटलं स्फोटयंतं हरतं दीप्यंतं तापयंतं दिवि भुवि दितिजं क्षेपयंतं रसंतं ।
कृदंतं रोषयंतं दिशिदिशि सततं संभरंतं हरतं ।
विक्षंतं घूर्णयंतं करनिकरशतैर्दिव्यसिंहं नमामि ॥**

*garjantam garjayantam nija-bhuja-patalam sphotayantam hatantam
dipyantam tapayantam divi bhuvi ditijam kshepayantam kshipantam
krandantam roshayantam dishi dishi satatam samharantam bharantam
vikshantam purnayantam kara-nikara-shatair divya-simham namami*

Lord Narasimha roars loudly and causes others to roar. With His multitudes of arms He tears the demons asunder and kills them in this way. He is always seeking out and tormenting the demoniac descendants of Diti, both on this earth planet and in the higher planets, and He throws them down and scatters them. He cries with great anger as He destroys the demons in all directions, yet with His unlimited hands He sustains, protects, and nourishes the cosmic manifestation. I offer my respectful obeisances to the Lord, who has assumed the form of a transcendental lion.

॥इति श्रीब्रह्माण्डपुराणे प्रह्लादोक्तं श्रीनृसिंहकवचं सम्पूर्णम्॥

iti shri-brahmanda-purane prahladoktam shri-narasimha-kavacam sampurnam

Thus ends the Narasimha-kavaca as it is described by Prahlada Maharaja in the Brahmada Purana.