

Srimathe Ramanujaya namah

Tenner on Total Surrender (Nyaasa Dasakam)

Total surrender

**Mine not, this soul dubbed as I * so dedicate to You, the owner *
Relinquish the responsibility too * of protection to real governor *
Effect on the results of existence * if any, belongs to true Holder *
Wisely thus to srimun Narayana * surrender to go higher sooner * (1)**

Three types of dedication is mentioned here. -- the soul (Atma samarppanam), the responsibility (Bhara samarppanam) and the results of all efforts (Pala samarppanam). Owner, governor, holder refers that the soul is not independent and is controlled by the Lord and it is held by Him. Note that - owns, governs and supports - the three fundamental relations mentioned by Bhagawath Ramanuja in Vedaartha Sangraham in identifying the connection between soul and matter (Sareera athma bhaavam)

When a disciple learns all the intricacies of principle realities (Thathvam) and mantras (Rahasyam) from guru (Aacharya) and practice them in real life, then only he becomes wise. He performs a total surrender through the blessings of guru, to Lord Srimun Narayana for only one purpose, go higher (Moksham). The term Dubbed is used here to denote the naming of the soul facetiously. Soul doesn't carry any name, only the body, that too, only as long as it is alive.

Required components for surrender

**Determined to do things that delights You * and desist the rest *
Fixed a firm faith on You * pray for Your protection from my chest *
Lament on the lack of ability or eligibility * and so very depressed *
Surrender to You Srimun Narayana * I, with this fervent request (2)**

1. **Determined to delight You** -- I have made up my mind to perform only those things that pleases you (**Anukulya sankalpam**)
 2. **Desist the rest** -- I will refrain from others (**Prathikulya varjanam**).
 3. **Fix a firm faith** -- My faith in you is unshakeable (**Mahaviswaasam**).
 4. **Pray for Your protection** -- I pray for your protection (**Goptrutva varnanam**)
 5. **Lack of qualifications or abilities** -- I am not qualified for any other means (**Kaarpanyam**)
- So, I perform total surrender with the above five parts and with a steady mind.

Self sacrifice

**You, my Lord, Your servant I am * and You possess me *
You imparted divine intellect about You * When on my knee *
My burden is taken by You for Your benefit * I am load free *
You dedicate to Yourself * I am nothing, just making a plea * (3)**

There are nine **You** (Sva) mentioned here.

1. **You, my Lord** -- (Swami)
2. **Your** servant - (Sva seham)
3. You own me - (Sva vasam)
4. **You impart the intellect** (sva datta)
5. **Intellect about You** (sva dhiya)
6. **You took the burden** (sva bharatvena)
7. **Benefits for You** (Svaartham)
8. **You dedicate** (Svayam)
9. Dedicate **To Yourself** (svasmin)

Three parts of sacrifice (**saatvika thyaagam**) mentioned here.

1. **I am nothing, making a plea** - Action Sacrifice (**karthruthva thyaagam**) Lord does all the actions through us. We are just puppets.
2. **You dedicate to Yourself** - Action Sacrifice (**mamathaa thyaagam**). Any action we do is not by us. We are not independent. All actions are induced, acted and benefited by the Lord.
3. **For Your benefits** - Benefit Sacrifice (**Pala thyaagam**). Any action we do, the benefit goes back to the Lord and we have no part in it.

Request to accept the surrenderer

**Srimun Narayana * granter of all the wishes *
Surrender to You, I * only with my pledges *
When life in this body ends * sure of my feat *
Please, take me then * into Your Lotus feet***

(4)

Lord Srimun Narayana grants all the wishes of His devotees. A surrendered (Prapannan) performs surrender (Saranagathi) with all the pledges (Parapatti angam) as mentioned above. He is confident about his surrender. He is requesting that when his body finally gives up, taking Him into Lord's lotus feet to serve Them eternally.

Pray for good thoughts

**Bless me not to engage in actions * that are cheap and barred *
Guide me with resolute mind * to be Your loyal servant, my Lord *
Plant me the thought of attaining You * without any other need *
Grant me rewards of performing * endless service to You, I plead * (5)**

Surrendered prays to Lord Srimun Narayana to guide him through his life so that he won't be indulging in actions which counter holy scripts (Saasthrams) and are related to low desires. He is praying the Lord to give him a firm mind so that he would be His loyal servant. He requests the Lord to give him the mind so that he can set the goal of his life as reaching the God and not interested in other needs. Finally, he is pleading to offer him the service at His lotus feet.

Plead for Service

**Bow to You in love * eagerly embellishes You *
 Your divine consorts * ornaments and weapons *
 I long for You to command * to conduct whatever *
 Impeccable service * that pleases You for ever * (6)**

Lord is associated with His divine consorts (Sri, Bhu, and Neela Devis) and divine ornaments and divine weapons. Surrendered prays to that Lord, that he is longing to serve Him for ever, without any blemishes.

Relinquishing ownership

**Lord Varada, take me * and things belongs to me *
 Sorted under two groups * called souls and matter *
 Accept as a mere tool * since they are Yours already *
 Grant the service to your feet * pleasant and steady (7)**

Surrendered dedicates everything he owns - himself, and other things under the categories called souls/sentient (chit) and matter/non sentient (achit) [like wife, children, house, wealth etc.]. He knows Lord is the true owner of entire things in the universe and He already owns the things he is mentioning now. But he is requesting Him to treat them as a tiny justifiable tool (VyaaJam) to grant Him the great pleasure of performing steady service under His lotus feet.

Request to forgive the sins

**Entrusted my protection * You are now my defender *
 Lord, with the ocean of mercy * and grand splendor *
 Kindly please ensure that * I do not sin any more *
 And pardon those * that has already been done * (8)**

The surrendered (prapannan) entrusts the protection responsibility to the Lord. God now becomes his defender from all types of evil. Lord with the ocean of sympathy and kindness, has been requested to make sure that the surrendered does not sin any more. Also any past sins needs to be pardoned.

Request to bear with inadequacies

**You averts the agony, Almighty * from Your devotees *
 Pardon my sins * when not adhering to the holy scripts *
 For acting on the forbidden * and omitting the required *
 Only your grace can rescue * from these perfidious acts * (9)**

Surrendered prays to the Lord. Almighty, You remove all the distress from Your devotees. I continue to commit two types of sins -- Performing deeds that are excluded in the holy scripts

(saastrams) and neglecting those that are prescribed by scripts. Your sympathy (dhaya) is the only one that can rescue from this faithless, treacherous act.

Concluding thoughts

**Blessed by Lord Srimun Narayana, * this dedication *
 Called surrender of responsibility * of my protection *
 With inevitable five parts * has been done at Your feet *
 By You and for You * and now I am totally burden free. (10)**

With the blessings of Lord Srimun Narayana, the surrendered (prapannan) does the total surrender (prapatti). This dedication is called surrendering the responsibility of protecting oneself (Bharanyaasam) is done with five unavoidable parts, as mentioned in earlier stanzas. The whole process is done under Lord's feet, by the Lord, for His own pleasure. Thus the surrendered is removed from any worries of defending himself and is completely free.

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