

1 thiSalanIkinaH patraM

I paulaH silvAnastImathiyazca piturIzvarasya prabho ryIzukhrISTasya cAzrayaM prAptA thiSalanIkIyasamitiM prati patraM likhanti| asmAkaM tAta IzvaraH prabhu ryIzukhrISTazca yuSmAn pratyAnugrahaM zAntiJca kriyAstAM|

II vayaM sarvveSAM yuSmAkaM kRte IzvaraM dhanyaM vadAmaH prArthanAsamaye yuSmAkaM nAmocArayAmaH,

III asmAkaM tAtasyezvarasya sAkSAat prabhau yIzukhrISTe yuSmAkaM vizvAsena yat kAryyaM premnA yaH parizramaH pratyAzaya ca ya titikSA jAyate

IV tat sarvvaM nirantaraM smarAmazca| he piyabhrAtaraH, yUyam IzvareNAbhirucitA loka iti vayaM jAnImaH|

V yato'smAkaM susaMvAdaH kevalazabdena yuSmAn na pravizya zaktyA pavitreNatmanA mahotsAhena ca yuSmAn prAvizat| vayantu yuSmAkaM kRte yuSmanmadhye kIdRzA abhavAma tad yuSmAbhi rjJAyate|

VI yUyamapi bahuklezabhogena pavitreNatmanA dattenAnandena ca vAkyAM gRhItvAsmAkaM prabhoczAnugAmino'bhavata|

VII tena mAkidaniyAkhAyAdezayo ryAvanto vizvAsino lokaH santi yUyaM teSAM sarvveSAM nidarzanavarUpA jAtAH|

VIII yato yuSmattaH pratinAditayA prabho rvANyA mAkidaniyAkhAyAdezau vyAptau kevalametannahi kintvIzvare yuSmAkaM yo vizvAsastasya vArttA sarvvatrAzrAvi, tasmAt tatra vAkyakathanam asmAkaM niSprayojanaM |

IX yato yuSmanmadhye vayaM kIdRzaM pravezaM prAptA yUyaJca kathaM pratimA vihAyezvaraM pratyAvarttadhvam amaraM satyamIzvaraM sevitum |

X mRtagaNamadhyAcca tenotthApitasya putrasyArthata AgAmikrodhAd asmAkaM nistArayitu ryIzoH svargAd AgamanaM pratIkSitum Arabhadhvam etat sarvvaM te lokAH svayam asmAn jJApayanti |

II

I he bhrAtaraH, yuSmanmadhye 'smAkaM pravezo niSphalo na jAta iti yUyaM svayaM jAnItha |

II aparaM yuSmAbhi ryathAzrAvi tathA pUrvvaM philipInagare kliSTA ninditAzca santo'pi vayam IzvarAd utsAhaM labdhvA bahuyatnena yuSmAn Izvarasya susaMvAdam abodhayAma |

III yato'smAkam Adezo bhrAnterazucibhAvAd votpannaH pravaJcanAyukto vA na bhavati |

IV kintvIzvareNAsmAn parIkSya vizvasanIyAn mattvA ca yadvat susaMvAdo'smAsu samArpyata tadvad vayaM mAnavebhyo na rurociSamANAH kintvasmadantaHkaraNAnAM parIkSakAyezvarAya rurociSamANA bhASAMAhe |

V vayaM kadApi stutivAdino nAbhavAmeti yUyaM jAnItha kadApi chalavastreNa lobhaM nAcchAdayAmetyasmin IzvaraH sAkSI vidyate |

VI vAyAM khrISTasya preritA iva gauravAnvitA bhavitum azakSyAma kintu yuSmattaH paramAd vA kasmAdapi mAnavAd gauravaM na lipsamAnA yuSmanmadhye mRdubhAvA bhUt-vAvarttAmahi |

VII yathA kAcinmAtA svakIyazizUn pAlayati tathA vayamapi yuSmAn kAGkSamANA

VIII yuSmabhyaM kevalam Izvarasya susaM-vAdaM tannahi kintu svakIyaprANAN api dAtuM manobhirabhyalaSama, yato yUyam asmAkaM snehapAtrANYabhavata |

IX he bhrAtaraH, asmAkaM zrmaH kle[]zazca yuSmAbhiH smaryyate yuSmAkaM ko'pi yad bhAragrasto na bhavet tadarthaM vAyAM divAnizAM parizrAmyanto yuSmanmadhya Izvarasya susaMvAdamaghoSayAma |

X aparajca vizvAsino yuSmAn prati vAyAM kIdRk pavitratvayathArthatvanirdoSAt-vAcAriNo'bhavAmetyasmin Izvaro yUyajca sAkSiNa Adhve |

XI aparajca yadvat pitA svabAlakAn tadvad vAyAM yuSmAkam ekaikaM janam upadiSTavantaH sAntvitavantazca,

XII ya IzvaraH svIyarAjjAya vibhavAya ca yuSmAn AhUtavAn tadupayuktAcaraNaya yuSmAn pravarttitavantazceti yUyAM jAnItha |

XIII yasmin samaye yUyam asmAkaM mukhAd IzvareNa pratizrutaM vAkyam alabhadhvaM tasmin samaye tat mAnuSANAM vAkyAM na mattvezvarasya vAkyAM mattvA gRhItavanta iti kAraNAd vAyAM nirantaram IzvaraM dhanyaM vadAmaH, yatastad Izvarasya vAkyam iti satyaM

vizvAsinAM yuSmAkaM madhye tasya guNaH prakAzate ca |

XIV he bhrAtaraH, khrISTAzritavatya Izvarasya yAH samityo yihUdAdeze santi yUyaM tAsAm anukAriNo'bhavata, tadbhukTA lokAzca yadvad yihUdilokebhyastadvad yUyamapi svajAtIyalokebhyo duHkham alabhadhvaM |

XV te yihUdIyAH prabhuM yIzuM bhaviSyadvAdinazca hatavanto 'smAn dUrIkRtavantazca, ta IzvarAya na rocante sarvveSAM mAnavAnAM vipakSA bhavanti ca;

XVI aparaM bhinnajAtIyalokAnAM paritrANArthaM teSAM madhye susaMvAdaghoSaNAd asmAn pratiSedhanti cetthaM svIyapApAnAM parimANam uttarottaraM pUrayanti, kintu teSam antakArI krodhastAn upakramate |

XVII he bhrAtaraH manasa nahi kintu vadadena kiyatAlaM yuSmatto 'smAkaM vicchede jAte vayaM yuSmAkaM mukhAni draSTum atyAkAGkSayA bahu yatitavantaH |

XVIII dvirekakRtvo vA yuSmatsamIpagamanAyAsmAkaM vizeSataH paulasya mamAbhilASo'bhavat kintu zayatAno 'smAn nivAritavAn |

XIX yato'smAkaM kA pratyAzA ko vAnandaH kiM vA zLaghyakirITaM? asmAkaM prabho ryIzukhrISTasyAgamanakAle tatsammukhasthA yUyaM kiM tanna bhaviSyatha?

XX yUyam evAsmAkaM gauravAnandasvarUpA bhavatha |

III

I ato'haM yadA sandeHaM punaH soDhuM nAzaknuvaM tadAnIm AthInInagara ekAkI sthA-tuM nizcitya

II svabhrAtaraM khrISTasya susaMvAde sa-hakAriNaJcezvarasya paricArakaM tImathiyAM yuSmatsamIpam apreSayaM |

III varttamAnaiH klezaiH kasyApi cAJcalyaM yathA na jAyate tathA te tvaya sthirIkriyan-tAM svakIyadharmmamadhi samAzvAsyantA-Jceti tam AdizaM |

IV vayametAdRze kle□ze niyukTA Asmaha iti yUyaM svayaM jAnItha, yato'smAkaM durgati rbhaviSyatIti vayaM yuSmAkaM samIpe sthi-tikAle'pi yuSmAn abodhayAma, tAdRzameva cAbhavat tadapi jAnItha |

V tasmAt parIkSakeNa yuSmAsu parIkSiteS-vasmAkaM parizramo viphalo bhaviSyatIti bhayaM soDhuM yadAhaM nAzaknuvaM tada yuSmAkaM vizvAsasya tattvAvadhAraNaya tam apreSayaM |

VI kintvadhuna tImathiyo yuSmatsamIpAd as-matsannidhim Agatya yuSmAkaM vizvAsapre-maNI adhyasmAn suvArttAM jJApitavAn vaya-Jca yathA yuSmAn smarAmastathA yUyamapyas-mAn sarvvada praNayena smaratha draSTum AkAGkSadhve ceti kathitavAn |

VII he bhrAtaraH, vArttAmimAM prApya yuSmAnadhi vizeSato yuSmAkaM klezaduHkhAnyadhi yuSmAkaM vizvAsAd asmAkaM sAntvanAjAyata;

VIII yato yUyaM yadi prabhAvavatiSThatha tarhyanena vayam adhuna jIvAmaH |

IX vayaJcAsmadIyezvarasya sAkSAd yuSmatto
jAtena yenAnandena praphulla bhavAmastasya
kRtsnasyAnandasya yogyarUpeNezvaraM
dhanyaM vadituM kathaM zakSyAmaH?

X vayaM yena yuSmAkaM vadanAni draSTuM
yuSmAkaM vizvAse yad asiddhaM vidyate tat
siddhIkarttuJca zakSyAmastAdRzaM varaM di-
vAnizaM prArthayAmahe |

XI asmAkaM tAtenezvareNa prabhuna
yIzukhrISTena ca yuSmatsamIpagamanAyAs-
mAkaM panthA sugamaH kriyatAM |

XII parasparaM sarvvAMzca prati yuSmAkaM
prema yuSmAn prati cAsmAkaM prema prab-
huna varddhyatAM bahuphalaM kriyatAJca |

XIII aparamasmAkaM prabhu ryIzukhrISTaH
svakIyaiH sarvvaiH pavitralokaiH sArddhaM
yadAgamiSyati tAdA yUyaM yathAsmAkaM
tAtasyezvarasya sammukhe pavitratayA nirdoSA
bhaviSyatha tathA yuSmAkaM manAMsi
sthirIkriyantAM |

IV

I he bhrAtaraH, yuSmAbhiH kIdRg Acari-
tavyaM IzvarAya rocitavyaJca tadadhyasmatto
yA zikSA labdhA tadanusArAt punaratizayaM
yatnaH kriyatAmiti vayaM prabhuyIzuna yuS-
mAn vinIyAdizAmaH |

II yato vayaM prabhuyIzuna kIdRzIrAjJA yuS-
masu samarpitavantastad yUyaM jAnItha |

III IzvarasyAyam abhilASo yad yuSmAkaM
pavitratA bhavet, yUyaM vyabhicArAd dUre
tiSThata |

IV yuSmAkam ekaiko janaH svakiyaM prANAd-
hAraM pavitraM mAnyajca rakSatu,

V ye ca bhinnajAtIya loka IzvaraM na jAnanti
ta iva tat kAmAbhilASasyAdhInaM na karotu |

VI etasmin viSaye ko'pyatyAcArI bhUtvA sv-
abhrAtaraM na vaJcayatu yato'smAbhiH pUrv-
vaM yathoktaM pramANIkRtaJca tathaiva prab-
huretAdRzAnAM karmmaNAM samucitaM pha-
laM dAsyati |

VII yasmAd Izvaro'smAn azucitAyai nAhUtavAn
kintu pavitratvAyaivAhUtavAn |

VIII ato heto ryaH kazcid vAkyametanna gRhIAti
sa manuSyam avajAnAtIti nahi yena svakiyAtma
yuSmadantare samarpitastam Izvaram evAvajA-
nAti |

IX bhrAtRSu premakaraNamadhi yuSmAn prati
mama likhanaM niSprayojanaM yato yUyaM
parasparaM premakaraNAyezvarazikSitA loka
Adhve |

X kRtsne mAkidaniyAdeze ca yAvanto
bhrAtaraH santi tAn sarvvAn prati yuSmAbhistat
prema prakAzyate tathApi he bhrAtaraH, vayaM
yuSmAn vinayAmahe yUyaM puna rbahutaram
prema prakAzayata |

XI aparaM ye bahiHsthitAsteSAM dRSTigocare
yuSmAkam AcaraNaM yat manoramyam bhavet
kasyApi vastunazcAbhAvo yuSmAkaM yanna
bhavet,

XII etadarthaM yUyam asmatto yAdRzam
AdezaM prAptavantastAdRzaM nirvirod-
hAcAraM karttuM svasvakarmmaNi manAMmi
nidhAtuM nijakaraizca kAryyaM sAdhayituM
yatadhvaM |

XIII he bhrAtaraH nirAzA anye lokA iva yUyaM yanna zocedhvaM tadarthaM mahAnidrAgatAn lokAnadhi yuSmAkam ajJAnatA mayA nAbhilaSyate |

XIV yIzu rmRtavAn punaruthitavAMz ceti yadi vayaM vizvAsamastarhi yIzum AzritAn mahAnidrAprAptAn lokAnapIzvaro'vazyaM tena sArddham AneSyati |

XV yato'haM prabho rvAkyena yuSmAn idaM jJApayAmi; asmAkaM madhye ye janAH prabhorAgamanaM yAvat jIvanto'vazekSyante te mahAnidritAnAm agragAminona na bhaviSyanti;

XVI yataH prabhuH siMhanAdena pradhAnasvargadUtasyoccaiH zabdenezvarIyatUrIvAdyena ca svayaM svargAd avarokSyati tena khrIS-TAzrita mRtalokAH prathamam utthAsyAnti |

XVII aparam asmAkaM madhye ye jIvanto'vazekSyante ta AkAze prabhoH sAkSatkaraNArthaM taiH sArddhaM meghavAhanena hariSyante; itthaJca vayaM sarvvadA prabhuna sArddhaM sthAsyAmaH |

XVIII ato yUyam etAbhiH kathAbhiH parasparaM sAntvayata |

V

I he bhrAtaraH, kAlAn samayAMzcAdhi yuSmAn prati mama likhanaM niSprayojanaM,

II yato rAtrau yAdRk taskarastAdRk prabho rdinam upasthAsyatIti yUyaM svayameva samyag jAnItha |

III zAnti rnirvvinghatvaJca vidyata iti yadA mAnava vadiSyanti tada prasavavedana yadvad garbbhinIm upatiSThati tadvad akasmAd

vinAzastAn upasthAsyati tairuddhAro na lapsyate|

IV kintu he bhrAtaraH, yUyam andhakARE-NAvRtA na bhavatha tasmAt taddinaM taskara iva yuSmAn na prApsyati|

V sarvve yUyaM dIpteH santAnA divAyAzca santAnA bhavatha vayaM nizAvaMzAstimiravaMZA vA na bhavAmaH|

VI ato 'pare yathA nidrAgatAH santi tadvad asmAbhi rna bhavitavyaM kintu jAgaritavyaM sacetanaizca bhavitavyaM|

VII ye nidrAnti te nizAyAmeva nidrAnti te ca mattA bhavanti te rajanyAmeva mattA bhavanti|

VIII kintu vayaM divasasya vaMZA bhavAmaH; ato 'smAbhi rvakSasi pratyayapremarUpaM kavacaM zirasi ca paritrANAzArUpaM zirastraM paridhAya sacetanai rbhavitavyaM|

IX yata Izvaro'smAn krodhe na niyujyAsmAkaM prabhunA yIzukhrISTena paritrANasyAdhikAre niyu[]ktavAn,

X jAgrato nidrAgatA vA vayaM yat tena prabhunA saha jIvAmastadarthaM so'smAkaM kRte prANAn tyaktavAn|

XI ataeva yUyaM yadvat kurutha tadvat parasparaM sAntvayata susthirIkurudhvaJca|

XII he bhrAtaraH, yuSmAkaM madhye ye janAH parizramaM kurvanti prabho rnAmnA yuSmAn adhitiSThantyupadizanti ca tAn yUyaM sammanyadhvaM|

XIII svakarmmahetunA ca premnA tAn atIvAdRyadhvamiti mama prArthanA, yUyaM parasparaM nirvvirodhA bhavata|

XIV he bhrAtaraH, yuSmAn vinayAmahe yUyam avihitAcAriNo lokAn bhartsayadhvaM, kSudramanasaH sAntvayata, durbbalAn upakuruta, sarvvAn prati sahiSNavo bhavata ca |

XV aparaM kamapi pratyaniSTasya phalam aniSTaM kenApi yanna kriyeta tadarthaM sAvadhAna bhavata, kintu parasparaM sarvvAn mAnavAMzca prati nityaM hitAcAriNo bhavata |

XVI sarvvadAnandata |

XVII nirantaraM prArthanAM kurudhvaM |

XVIII sarvvaviSaye kRtajJatAM svIkurudhvaM yata etadeva khrISTayIzuna yuSmAn prati prakAzitam IzvarAbhimataM |

XIX pavitram AtmAnaM na nirvvApayata |

XX IzvarIyAdezaM nAvajAnIta |

XXI sarvvANi parIkSya yad bhadraM tadeva dhArayata |

XXII yat kimapi pAparUpaM bhavati tasmAd dUraM tiSThata |

XXIII zAntidAyaka IzvaraH svayaM yuSmAn sampUrNatvena pavitrAn karotu, aparam asmatprabho ryIzukhrISTasyAgamanaM yAvad yuSmAkam AtmAnaH prANAH zarIrANi ca nikhiLani nirddoSatvena rakSyantAM |

XXIV yo yuSmAn Ahvayati sa vizvasanIyo'taH sa tat sAdhayiSyati |

XXV he bhrAtaraH, asmAkaM kRte prArthanAM kurudhvaM |

XXVI pavitracumbanena sarvvAn bhrAtRn prati satkurudhvaM |

XXVII patramidaM sarvveSAM pavitrANAM bhrAtRNAM zrutigocare yuSmAbhiH

paThyatAmiti prabho rnAmnA yuSmAn
zapayAmi|
^{XXVIII} asmAkaM prabho ryIzukhrISTasyAnu-
grate yuSmAsu bhUyAt| Amen|

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