

## Shri Durga Saptashati - Chapter 13

Suratha-Vaiśyayor-Vara-Pradānam: The Granting of Boons  
Dhyanam (Meditation)

*Om bālārka-maṇḍalā-bhāsāṃ caturbāhuṃ tri-locanām |  
pāsāṅkuśa-varā-bhītīr-dhārayantīm śivām bhaje ||*

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### The Rishi Speaks

"Om" Ṛṣir-uvāca || 1 ||

Etat-te kathitaṃ bhūpa devī-māhātmyam-uttamam |  
evaṃ-prabhāvā sā devī yayedam dhāryate jagat || 2 ||

Vidyā tathaiva kriyate bhagavad-viṣṇu-māyayā |  
tayā tvam-eṣa vaiśyaś-ca tathavānye vivekinaḥ || 3 ||

Mohyante mohitāś-caiva moham-eṣyanti cāpare |  
tām-upaihi mahārāja śaraṇaṃ parameśvarīm || 4 ||

Ārādhitā saiva nṛṇāṃ bhoga-svargā-pavargadā || 5 ||

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Mārkaṇḍeya uvāca || 6 ||

Iti tasya vacaḥ śrutvā surathaḥ sa narādhipaḥ || 7 ||

Praṇipatya mahābhāgaṃ tam-ṛṣiṃ śaṃsita-vratam |  
nirviṇṇo-'ti-mamatvena rājyā-paharaṇena ca || 8 ||

Jagāma sadyas-tapase sa ca vaiśyo mahāmune |  
sandaśanārtham-ambāyā nadī-pulina-saṃsthitaḥ || 9 ||

Sa ca vaiśyas-tapas-tepe devī-sūktaṃ paraṃ japan |  
tau tasmin puline devyāḥ kṛtvā mūrtiṃ mahīmayīm || 10 ||

Arhaṇāṃ cakratu-stasyāḥ puṣpa-dhūpā-gni-tarpaṇaiḥ |  
nirāhārau yatā-hārau tan-manaskau samāhitau || 11 ||

Dadatu-stau baliṃ caiva nija-gātrāsṛg-ukṣitam |  
evaṃ samārādhayatos-tribhir-varṣair-yatātmanoḥ || 12 ||

Parituṣṭā jagad-dhātrī pratyakṣaṃ prāha caṇḍikā || 13 ||

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### The Goddess Speaks

Devy-uvāca || 14 ||

Yat-prārthyate tvayā bhūpa tvayā ca kula-nandana |  
mattas-tat-prāpyatāṃ sarvaṃ parituṣṭā dadāmi tat || 15 ||

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### Markandeya Resumes

Mārkaṇḍeya uvāca || 16 ||

Tato vavre nṛpo rājyaṃ-avibhramśy-anya-janmani |  
atraiva ca nijaṃ rājyaṃ hata-śatru-balaṃ balāt || 17 ||

So-'pi vaiśyas-tato jñānaṃ vavre nirviṇṇa-mānasaḥ |  
mamety-aham-iti prājñāḥ saṅga-vicyuti-kāraṃ || 18 ||

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The Goddess Speaks

Devy-uvāca || 19 ||

Svalpair-ahobhir-nṛpate svaṃ rājyaṃ prāpsyate bhavān || 20 ||

Hatvā ripūn-askhalitaṃ tava tatra bhaviṣyati || 21 ||

Mṛtaś-ca bhūyaḥ samprāpya janma devād-vivasvataḥ || 22 ||

Sāvarṇiko nāma manur-bhavān bhuvi bhaviṣyati || 23 ||

Vaiśya-varya tvayā yaś-ca varo-'smatto-'bhivāñchitaḥ || 24 ||

Taṃ prayacchāmi saṃsiddhyai tava jñānaṃ bhaviṣyati || 25 ||

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Final Conclusion

Mārkaṇḍeya uvāca || 26 ||

Iti dattvā tayor-devī yathā-bhilaṣitaṃ varam || 27 ||

Babhūvāntarhitā sadyo bhaktyā tābhyaṃ-abhiṣṭutā |  
evaṃ devyā varam labdhvā surathaḥ kṣatriyaṣabhaḥ || 28 ||

Sūryāj-janma samāsādya sāvarṇir-bhavitā manuḥ || 29 ||

Evaṃ devyā varam labdhvā surathaḥ kṣatriyaṣabhaḥ |  
sūryāj-janma samāsādya sāvarṇir-bhavitā manuḥ || Klīm Om ||

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iti śrī-mārkaṇḍeya-purāṇe sāvarṇike manvantare devī-māhātmye suratha-vaiśyāyor-vara-pradānaṃ  
nāma trayodaśo-'dhyāyaḥ || 13 ||