Sri Lalithe

Ragam: Bhairavi  
Talam: Adi (2 kalai)  
Composer: Annaswamy Shastri  
Version: Neyveli Santhanagopalan  

Pallavi:  
Sri Lalithe Kanchi Nagara Nivaasini (Vilaasini) Mahaa Tripura Sundari Maampaahi Sundari  

Anupallavi:  
Neelaabja Dala Lochani Sadaa Srisa Dasa Jana Rakshane  
Neelamegha Sadrusha Kundale Mayi Krupam Vitara Vinata Lokapaalini  

Charanam:  
Chittam Ati Chapalam Susthiram Kuru Mama Sri Kaamaakshi  
Sivaya Paadakamala Adi Vaa Drudataram Dehi Karunaakari  

Meaning: (from T.K. Govinda Rao’s book)

O Goddess Lalitha, the delicate one, who resides ("Nivaasini" or "Vilaasini") in the city ("Nagara") of Kanchi. You are the exquisitely beautiful, Tripura Sundari, protect me, O beautiful ("sundari") one! I ("maam") pray ("paahi") to you.

You have eyes ("lochani") like the petals ("dala") of the blue ("Neela") lotus ("abha"), which is always benevolent towards the welfare ("rakshane") of your devotees ("sritha dasa jana"). Your curly locks ("kundale") resemble the dark clouds ("neela megha sadrusha"). Please show ("vitara") me ("mayi") compassion ("krupam"). O goddess! You are worshipped ("vinata") by the entire world ("loka") and you foster ("paalini") them.

O goddess Kaamakshi! My ("mama") mind ("chittam") is ever ("ati") wavering ("chapalam"); please help to become ("kuru") strong ("susthiram") in order to place my faith in you. You are the auspicious Siva ("sive"), please help me to become steadfast ("druthataram") in my devotion ("Bhakthim") to your ("tava") lotus ("kamala") feet ("paada"). You are the treasure trove ("nidhe") of compassion ("Karuna").

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