

# Śrī Nṛsimha Praṇāma

*namas te narasimhāya  
prahlādāhlāda-dāyine  
hiraṇyakaśipor vakṣaḥ-  
śilā-ṭaṅka-nakhālaye*

namaḥ—obeisances; te—unto You; nara-simhāya—unto Lord Narasimha; prahlāda—(to) Prahlāda Mahārāja; āhlāda—(of) joy; dāyine—the giver; hiraṇyakaśipoḥ—of Hiraṇyakaśipu; vakṣaḥ—chest; śilā—(on) the stonelike; ṭaṅka—chisels; nakha-ālaye—whose nails.

I offer my obeisances to Lord Narasimha who gives joy to Prahlāda Mahārāja and whose nails are like chisels on the stonelike chest of the demon Hiraṇyakaśipu.

*ito nṛsimhaḥ parato nṛsimho  
yato yato yāmi tato nṛsimhaḥ  
bahir nṛsimho hṛdaye nṛsimho  
nṛsimham ādim śaraṇam prapadye*

itaḥ—here; nṛsimhaḥ—Lord Nṛsimha; parataḥ—there; nṛsimhaḥ—Lord Nṛsimha; yataḥ yataḥ—wherever; yāmi—I go; tataḥ—there; nṛsimhaḥ—Lord Nṛsimha; bahiḥ—externally; nṛsimhaḥ—Lord Nṛsimha; hṛdaye—in the heart; nṛsimhaḥ—Lord Nṛsimha; nṛsimham—to Lord Nṛsimha; ādim—the origin; śaraṇam—the supreme refuge; prapadye—I surrender.

Lord Nṛsimha is here and also there. Wherever I go Lord Nṛsimha is there. He is in the heart and is outside as well. I surrender to Lord Nṛsimha, the origin of all things and the supreme refuge.

Prayer to Lord Nṛsimha by Jayadeva Gosvāmī  
(from Śrī Daśāvatāra-stotra)

*tava kara-kamala-vare nakham adbhuta-śṛṅgam  
dalita-hiraṇyakaśipu-tanu-bhṛṅgam  
keśava dhṛta-narahari-rūpa jaya jagadīśa hare*

O Keśava! O Lord of the universe! O Lord Hari, who have assumed the form of half-man, half-lion! All glories to You! Just as one can easily crush a wasp between one's fingernails, so in the same way the body of the wasplike demon Hiraṇyakaśipu has been ripped apart by the wonderful pointed nails on Your beautiful lotus hands.