

Lakshmi



Lakshmi is the Goddess of wealth, fortune and prosperity. Lakshmi symbolizes good luck. She is the wife of Vishnu/ Narayana. Lakshmi is goddess of abundance. She was born from the churning of the primordial ocean and she chose Vishnu as her consort. The word “Lakshmi” is derived from the Sanskrit word “Laksya”, meaning “aim” or “goal”.

Lakshmi is usually depicted as a beautiful goddess with golden complexion, with four hands, sitting or standing on a lotus and holding a lotus bud, which stands for beauty, purity, and fertility. Her four arms are symbolic of the four goals of humanity that are considered good in Hinduism - dharma (pursuit of ethical, moral life), artha (pursuit of wealth, means of life), kama (pursuit of love, emotional fulfillment) and moksha (pursuit of self-knowledge, liberation). The wealth flows from her hands suggesting that those who worship her will gain wealth.

Four hands

Each of Lakshmi's hands represents one of the four goals of human life: Dharma, Kama, Artha, and Moksha

Elephants pouring water

The elephants represent royal power. The pouring of water shows the constant effort of the devotee leading to material and spiritual prosperity



Red Garment

Red is for activity and active energy. The gold accents are for prosperity

Lotus

The large lotus she sits on is symbolic of the seat of divine truth. The other lotuses are for fertility, beauty, purity, and spirituality

Coins

The cascade of coins shows wealth, which she is most known for

Sloka

Maha Lakshmi Mantra

“Om Sri Maha Lakshmyai Namah”

Lakshmi Gayatri

Om MahaDevyai Vidhmahe

Vishnu Patnyaicha Dheemahi

Thanno Lakshmi Prachotayaath

“Let me meditate on the greatest Goddess, Who is the wife of Lord Vishnu, Give me higher intellect, And let Goddess give me abundance and prosperity.”

Lakshmi Ksheera Samudra Raaja Tanaya

Sree Ranga Dhaameshvari

Daasi Bhootha Samasata Deva Vanithaam

Lokaika Deepankuram

Sreeman Manda Kataaksha Labdha Vibhava

Brahmendra Gangaadharam

Tvaam Trailokya Kudumbineem

Sarasijam Vande Mukunda Priyaam

Meaning: Goddess Lakshmi, who is the daughter of the king of the ocean of milk, whose abode is Srirangam (with Lord Ranganatha), who is served by all the divine ladies in heaven, who is the guiding light for the world, who has obtained the sustained (continued, everlasting) glance (Grace) from Brahma, Indra and Shiva, whose abode is the three worlds (Bhu, Bhuvah, Suvah) - I offer my prostrations to Thee, the beloved of Lord Krishna (Mukunda).