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## śrī arunagirināthar swāmīgal's thiruppugal pathigams (introduction)

By Sri N.V. Karthikeyan

As Arunagirinathar was ordained by Lord Murugan to sing His glories, the Saint's main work is the Thiruppugal songs. Thiru is "God" or "Divine" and Pugal is "glory." Hence, true to the title, Thiruppugal is primarily the glory of God that is sung in these verses which are 16,000 in number, though only about 1,300 are available now. Even from these one can get a glimpse of the extraordinary capacity of Saint Arunagirinathar. These Thiruppugal songs contain information on different subjects like religion, art, music, and literature; the different systems of Yoga, like Bakthi, Jnana, Raja, Kundalini, Hatha, etc.

Though Lord Murugan is the sole object of praise, each Thiruppugal being addressed to Him and ending with "perumāLE (my Lord)," etc., Arunagirinathar so dexterously brings in all other deities like Vinayaka, Vishnu, Siva, Lakshmi, Saraswathi, Parvathi, Kali, Rama, Krishna, etc. in the capacity of their relation to Skanda as this or that, and thus, glorifies everyone of them. In so doing, Arunagirinathar brings in innumerable anecdotes, incidents, and episodes from the Ramayana, Mahabharata, Srimad-Bhagavata, Periya Puranam, Skanda-Purana, etc. It is believed that, apart from the purpose of turning the minds of people from sensuality to religion and devotion, Arunagirinathar heralded a new era of religious unity, tolerance, and understanding between the Saivites and Vaishnavites, through his Thiruppugal songs which, in glorifying Lord Skanda, praise Him as the Son of Siva, Uma Devi, etc., as also the son-in-law of Vishnu, Lakshmi, etc., thus bringing about a compromise between the two sects. Indeed this is no small achievement. This praise of all Gods and Goddesses is one of the outstanding features of Arunagirinathar's Thiruppugal songs, and is rarely seen in the works of any single saint or poet of the Tamil country.

Another salient feature is the free employment of Sanskrit words, phrases, and even complete lines in Thiruppugal and also in Kandar Alangāram, which exhibits not only Arunagirinathar's mastery over that language but also his skill to blend it with Tamil, and thus, show that the two languages are not incompatible with each other.

The Thiruppugal songs are in Santham metre and Arunagirinathar is the pioneer of this type of poems in the Tamil language.

If the available 1,300 and odd Thiruppugals themselves disclose so much of the superhuman skill of Arunagirinathar and his vast range of knowledge in different fields, we can imagine the mine of information and wisdom that could be inherited by us if all the 16,000 songs were to become available to us. The cadence and rhythm, the elegance of his diction, the meaning and sweetness, the lilt and dance of his words have even today such a magical effect. Arunagirinathar is always living with us. His works — Thiruppugal, Kanthar Anubhuthi, Kanthar Alangāram, Kanthar Anthādi, Thiru Vaguppu, Vel Viruththam, Mayil Viruththam, Seval Viruththam, Thiru Velu Kootrirukkai, and other divine literary works have survived centuries and are still sung in temples today! Long live the fame and works of Arunagirinathar!



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## Guide to pronunciation

- From “Sri Suktam with Samputita Sri Suktam.”  
(Karunamayi, Sri Sri Sri Vijayesari Devi. *Sri Suktam with Samputita Sri Suktam*.  
Bangalore: Sri Matrudevi Viswashanthi Ashram Trust, 2004.)

This guide is based on American pronunciation of words, and is therefore not a perfect representation of Sanskrit sounds.

### Sanskrit Vowels

<b>a</b>	like <b>a</b> in nap
<b>ā</b>	like <b>a</b> in father
<b>ē</b>	like <b>ay</b> in may
<b>i</b>	like <b>i</b> in pin
<b>ī</b>	like <b>ee</b> in sweet
<b>ō</b>	like <b>o</b> in rose
<b>u</b>	like <b>u</b> in put
<b>ū</b>	like <b>oo</b> in food
<b>ha</b>	pronounce as a faint echoing of the previous vowel; e.g. <b>ah:</b> would be pronounced “aha”; <b>ih:</b> would be pronounced “ihi”; <b>uh:</b> would be pronounced “uhu”; etc.
<b>ai</b>	like <b>ai</b> in aisle
<b>au</b>	like <b>ow</b> in cow

### Sanskrit Consonants

<b>b</b>	like <b>b</b> in bird
<b>bh</b>	like <b>b h</b> in job hunt
<b>ch</b>	like pinch
<b>d</b>	like <b>d</b> in dove
<b>dh</b>	like <b>d h</b> in good heart
<b>g</b>	like good
<b>gh</b>	like <b>g h</b> in log hut
<b>h</b>	like <b>h</b> in hot

<b>j</b>	like <b>j</b> in job
<b>jh</b>	like <b>dgeh</b> in hedgehog
<b>jñ</b>	like <b>ng y</b> in sing your
<b>k</b>	like <b>k</b> in kite
<b>kh</b>	like <b>ck h</b> in black hat
<b>l</b>	like <b>l</b> in love
<b>m</b>	like <b>m</b> in mother
<b>ñ</b>	like <b>n</b> in pinch
<b>p</b>	like <b>p</b> in soap
<b>ph</b>	like <b>ph</b> in up hill
<b>r</b>	rolled like a Spanish or Italian “r”
<b>s</b>	like <b>s</b> in sun
<b>ś</b>	sometimes like <b>s</b> in sun, sometimes like “sya” sound
<b>t</b>	like <b>rt</b> in heart
<b>th</b>	like <b>t h</b> in fat hat
<b>v</b>	like <b>v</b> in love, sometimes like <b>w</b> in world
<b>y</b>	like <b>y</b> in yes

\***t, th, d, dh,** and **n** should be pronounced with the tongue placed against the protruding slightly beyond the upper teeth.





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உம்பர்தருத் தேநுமணிக் ..... கசிவாகி  
ஒண்கடலிற் றேனமுதத் ..... துணர்வூறி

இன்பரசத் தேபருகிப் ..... பலகாலும்  
என்றனுயிர்க் காதரவுற் ..... றருள்வாயே

தம்பிதனக் காகவனத் ..... தணைவோனே  
தந்தைவலத் தாலருள்கைக் ..... கனியோனே

அன்பர்தமக் கானநிலைப் ..... பொருளோனே  
ஐந்துகரத் தானைமுகப் ..... பெருமானே.



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**umbar-tharu – thēnu-mani ..... kasi-vāgi  
on-ga-dali – thēn-amutha ..... thunar-voori**

*Like the KaRpada Tree in the Heavens, Divine Cow (kamadhenu) and ChintAmaNi (all of which are known to be the Great Givers) – compassionate, my mind should become.  
Like the Amritha (divine nectar) from the Milky Ocean, my feelings should emanate.*

**inba-rasa – thē-paru-gi ..... pala-gā-lum  
enthan-uyir – kā-tha-ravu ..... (th)arul-vāyē**

*At all times should I drink that blissful nectar.  
You should protect my life and bless me.*

**thambi-thana – kāga-vana ..... thanai-vōṇē  
thanthai-vala – thāl-arul-gai ..... kani-yōṇē**

*For the sake of your younger brother (Murugan), you came (as an elephant) to the cornfield.  
By going around your father Siva, you got the prize of a graceful fruit in your hand.*

**anbar-thama – kāna-nilai ..... poru-lōṇē  
ainthu-karath – (th) ānaimuga ..... perū-mālē**

*For your devotees you are the Permanent Essence!  
You are the Great One with five hands and an elephant face!*



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