

ॐ नमो ब्रह्मादिभ्यो

Salutations to all the teachers,
om namo brahmādibhyo

ब्रह्मविद्यासम्प्रदायकर्तृभ्यो

founders of the tradition,
brahma-vidyā-sampradāya-kartribhyo

वंशर्षिभ्यो महद्भ्यो

great rishis of the lineage.
vamsharshibho mahadbhyo

नमो गुरुभ्यः ॥

Salutations to the gurus.
namo gurubhyah

श्रुतिस्मृतिपुराणानाम्

Abode of scriptural wisdom,
shruti-smriti-purānānam

आलयं करुणालयम् ।

abode of compassion,
ālayam karunālayam

नमामि भगवत्पादं

I bow to that holy one,
namāmi bhagavat-pādam

शङ्करं लोकशङ्करम् ॥

Shankara, who grants peace to all.
shankaram loka-shankaram

शङ्करं शङ्कराचार्यं

Shankara – like Shiva,
shankaram shankarācāryam

केशवं बादरायणम् ।

Vyasa – like Krishna,
keshavam bādarāyanam

सूत्रभाष्यकृतौ वन्दे

authors of sutras & commentaries,
sūtra-bhāshya-kritau vande

भगवन्तौ पुनः पुनः ॥

I worship both again and again.
bhagavantau punah punah

सदाशिवसमारम्भां

Beginning with Lord Shiva,
sadāshiva-samārambhām

शङ्कराचार्यमध्यमाम् ।

with Shankara in the middle,
shankarācārya-madhyamām

अस्मदाचार्यपर्यन्तां

up to our own teachers,
asmad-ācārya-paryantām

वन्दे गुरुपरम्पराम् ॥

I worship the lineage of teachers.
vande guru-paramparām