

**S9 – VIBHUTI PRAYER**

**Paramam Pavithram Baba Vibhuthim  
Paramam Vichithram Leela Vibhuthim Paramaartha  
Ishtaartha Moksha Pradhaanam  
Baba Vibhuthim Idham Asrayami**

English Song Version:

***Sacred Ash, Miraculous, Baba's Creation  
Flowing From His Blessed Hand, Holy Creation  
Granting Us The Greatest Wealth, God's Divine Protection  
Beloved Baba, Grant Us Liberation***

*Meaning:*

*I take refuge in the supremely sacred Vibhuthi of Lord Baba,  
the wonderful Vibhuthi, which bestows salvation,  
the sacred state which I desire to attain.*

**When desire is destroyed, Love reigns supreme**

The *Vibhuuthi Abhisheka* has a potent inner meaning which Swaami wants you to grasp. The *Vibhuuthi* is the most precious object, in the truly spiritual sense. You know that Shiva burnt the God of Desire or *Kaama*, called *Manmatha* (for he agitates the mind and confounds the confusion already existing there) into a heap of ashes. Shiva adorned Himself with that ash, and thus He shone in His Glory, as the Conqueror of Desire. When *Kaama* was destroyed, *Prema* (Love) reigned supreme. When there is no desire to warp the mind, Love could be true and full. What greater offering can you give God to glorify Him than the ash signifying your triumph over tantalising Desire? Ash is the ultimate condition of things; it cannot undergo any further change. The *Abhisheka* with *Vibhuuthi* is done to inspire you to give up desire and offer Shiva the ashes of its destruction as the most valuable of all the articles you have earned. Ash cannot fade as flowers do in a day or two; it does not dry and disappear or get soiled and unpotable as water does; it will not lose colour as leaves do, in a few hours; it does not rot as fruits do in a few days. Ash is ash for ever and ever. So, burn your viles, your vices, your bad habits; worship Shiva, rendering yourselves pure in thought and word and deed.

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***Vibhuti* signifies non-dualism**

*Swami* often gives to devotees *Vibhuti* or *Bhasma* (the sacred ash). Many people smear their foreheads with this ash. What is the inner significance of this ash? When any object that has a name and form is completely burnt, it is reduced to ashes. The name and form are gone. All things are one and the same in the final state as ashes. When *Vibhuti* is given, *Swami* wants the recipient to understand this *Advaitam* (basic oneness). The devotee should get rid of *Ahamkara* (ego arising from the feeling of separateness) and sense of *Mamakara* ("mine" and "thine"). These two are based on name and form and when they are destroyed, the underlying unity of the Divine can be realised.

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