



## Maha Luxmi

The concept of Mother worship has existed since the beginning of time. Adi Para Shakthi, as Divine Mother, is portrayed as cosmic energy in its dynamic form, This Divine mother takes many forms, commonly known as Kali Amma, Muthumarie Amma, Meenakshi Amma, Durga Amma, Luxmi Amma, Saraswathi Amma.

Luxmi Amman Amma is the Hindu Goddess of wealth, prosperity (both material and spiritual), fortune, and the embodiment of beauty. She is wife of Vishnu. Also known as MahaLuxmi Amman, she is said to bring good luck and is believed to protect her devotees from all kinds of misery and money-related sorrows. Luxmi Amman is called Shree or Thirumagal because she is endowed with six auspicious and divine qualities, or Gunas, and also because she is the source of strength even to Vishnu. When Vishnu incarnated on the Earth as the avatars Rama, Luxmi Amman took incarnation as his consort Sita (Rama's wife).

Luxmi Amman is worshipped daily in Hindu homes and commercial establishments as the goddess of wealth. She is also worshipped as the consort of Vishnu in many temples. The festivals of Diwali and Vara Luxmi Vatham are celebrated in her honor.

Devas (gods) and asuras (demons) were both mortal at one time, in Hinduism. Amrit, the divine nectar that grants immortality, could only be obtained by churning the Kshirsagar (Ocean of Milk). The devas and asuras both sought immortality and decided to churn the Kshirsagar. The samudra manthan commenced with the devas on one side and the asuras on the other. Vishnu incarnated as Kurma, the tortoise, and a mountain was placed on the tortoise as a churning pole. Vasuki, the great venom-spewing serpent, was wrapped around the mountain and used to churn the ocean. A host of divine celestial objects came up during the churning. Along with them emerged the Luxmi Amman.

Ashta Luxmi Amman "eight Luxmi Ammans" are a group of eight secondary manifestations of Luxmi Amman, who preside over eight sources of wealth and thus represent the powers of Shri-Luxmi Amman. Actually, Luxmi Amman presides over eighteen forms of wealth, ten of which are the eight great siddhis called Ashta Siddhis, the spiritual knowledge or Gnana, and teaching or imparting the spiritual knowledge to the entire world without any class difference.

Luxmi Amman is also known to preside over 16 forms of worldly wealth, Fame; Knowledge; Courage and Strength; Victory; Good Children; Valor; Gold, Gems and Other Valuables; Grains in abundance; Happiness; Bliss; Intelligence; Beauty; Higher Aim, High Thinking and Higher Meditation; Morality and Ethics; Good Health; Long Life.





Ādi Lakṣmī	The First manifestation of Luxmi Amman
Dhānya Lakṣmī	Granary wealth
Dhairya Lakṣmī	Wealth of courage
Gaja Lakṣmī	Elephants, symbols of wealth
Santāna Lakṣmī	Wealth of continuity, progeny
Vijaya Lakṣmī	Wealth of victory
Vidyā Lakṣmī	Wealth of knowledge and education
Dhana Lakṣmī	Monetary wealth

Various Pujas can be performed worshipping Luxmi Amman. Luxmi Amman is said to manifest as the Mother figure in every home. Purpose of the Deepa/ Lamp in homes. The Lamp itself symbolizes Luxmi Amma “The Mother in the family”. The mother is said to hold the entire family together by means of her loving nature. The oil which is added into the lamp, is symbolic of the father, who is the provider in the family, without whom the wick will burn out in an instant. The wick symbolizes the children and rest of the family, which bring light to the parents. By burning the Lamp, you pull all these relationships together and create brightness in an around you.

Lamp should be lit twice a day. As we receive two sources of natural light. Morning is Sun and Evening is Moon. By means of burning the lamp during these times you indirectly praise Suriyan and Chandiran. The two main planets responsible for growth on earth.

In the Months of Athi/ Avani praise is given to Luxmi Amman on the Full Moon(Pournami). During this time families should perform Vara Luxmi Vratham. Puja is offered to Luxmi amman in the home between 4am and 6am in the morning. Devotees then visit Temples in praise of Luxmi Amman in the evening, to consume the divine energy and blessings of prosperity that is bestowed upon them during this auspicious time. (Please view SKAM Vara Luxmi Vratham prayer list for Puja at the temple)

Many other Pujas, worshipping Kali Amma can be learnt. Shree Kali Amman Mandir hosts many such festivals, glorifying and worshipping Kali Amma throughout the year. Follow [www.skam.co.za](http://www.skam.co.za) or Shree Kali Amman Mandir FB Page. –Guru Prakash Diar

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