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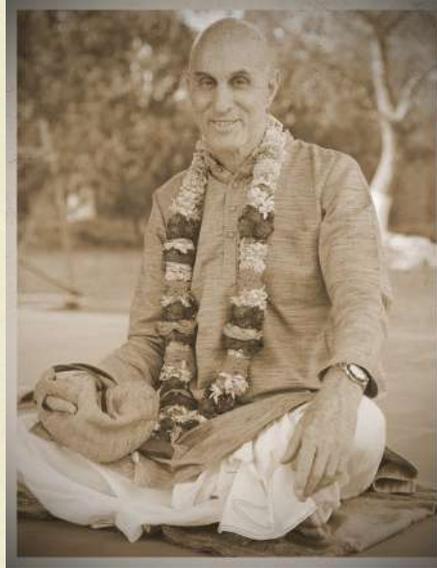
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## Prayers

to our beloved spiritual master

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhūtale  
gurave citti-ceṣṭābhyāṃ mahātma-prabhave sadā*

Obeisances to His Grace Mahātma Prabhū, who is dearest to Kṛṣṇa,  
and who teaches both through his realizations and his actions.



*tat-prabhu-bhāva-rūpāya kīrtana-hlāda-dāyine namas  
tattva-prakāśaya bhaktānāṃ tat-parāya ca*

Obeisance to him who is the embodiment of the mood of his Master Prabhupāda, who awards the joy of kīrtana, who reveals the truth of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, and who is affectionately concerned for the devotees.

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā  
cakṣur unmilitaṃ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my eyes, blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge.



# Introduction

The Vedic scriptures describe that we can only find support by the mercy of the saints, by the mercy of those great souls who grasp in their hearts what is transcendental, what is beyond the material conception.

Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Antya-līlā 1.2, describes:

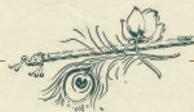
*durgame pathi me 'ndhasya  
skhalat-pāda-gater muhuḥ  
sva-kṛpā-yaṣṭi-dānena  
santaḥ santv avalambanam*

**My path is very difficult. I am blind, and my feet are slipping again and again. Therefore, may the saints help me by granting me the stick of their mercy as my support.**

With our offerings, we would like to honor such a saint, whose stick of grace has been, and continues to be a great support for so many of us.

We want to honor our beloved spiritual master who is always enthusiastic and inspired in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and whose entire life is based on inspiration.

His commitment to sharing Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and helping others is not just a vow or duty, but a field of genuine care and concern.



His portrayal of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is not only staged and memorized, but is fluent and spontaneous. And it is based on what moves him and us.

His guidance is not only based on knowledge and experience, but is dictated by Kṛṣṇa.

His kirtans are not only melodic and musical, but a deep call to Kṛṣṇa and a flow of spiritual emotions that lead us into Kṛṣṇa's world.

Only an inspired person can embody such compassion and serve beyond what is humanly possible.

With our offerings, we would like to thank HG Mahatma Prabhu, who illuminates the journey that we have to take in life – through his example, books, daily videos, lectures, workshops and kirtans.

May we always stay close to him and be as inspired as he is. In this way we can render some sincere service to say "thank you".



# Meaning of Vyasa-puja

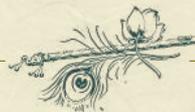
by His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda

“Actually there is no difference between hearing directly from Kṛṣṇa and hearing directly from Kṛṣṇa via a bona fide spiritual master like Vyāsa. The spiritual master is the representative of Vyāsadeva also. Therefore, according to the Vedic system, on the birthday of the spiritual master the disciples conduct the ceremony called Vyāsa-pūjā.”

*(Bhagavad-gīta As It Is 18.75, Purport)*

“We have got debts to so many people. First debt is to the demigods. Just like the sun-god, moon-god, they are supplying heat, light. The Varuṇa. In this material world we have got so many debts. But people do not care for it. Just like we are receiving light from sun, but what we are paying to the sun? Therefore we remain debtor. This is Vedic idea. You are getting this electricity. If you don’t pay the bill, how long you will be able to use it? After some days the connection will be cut off. But although we do not pay any bill to the sunlight, because it is the order of Kṛṣṇa, it is giving us light. But how long it will go on? This is sinful. If you take something from a person and if you do not repay, that is sinful. *Ṛṇa*. It is called *ṛṇa*.

So there are so many debts. First to the demigod, then to the *ṛṣis*, saintly persons. Because we get knowledge, Vedic knowledge, from the *ṛṣi*, we must be debtor. *Guru-ṛṇa*: debtor to the spiritual master, to the sages, to the



saintly persons, because we are getting knowledge from them. Therefore the Vyāsa-pūjā is there. Once in a year the disciples are worshiping the spiritual master and trying to repay that he has received from the spiritual master.”

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Lecture, July 11, 1974)

“Kṛṣṇa instructed Brahmā. Brahmā instructed Nārada. Nārada instructed Vyāsadeva. Vyāsadeva instructed Śukadeva. In this way our guru-paramparā system. Therefore we worship the guru as Vyāsa-pūjā because representative of Vyāsa. And who is Vyāsa? Representative of Nārada. What is Nārada? Representative of Brahmā. What is Brahmā? Representative of Kṛṣṇa. This is called paramparā system.”

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Lecture, March 13, 1976)

“So this Vyāsa-pūjā ceremony means to offer our thanks to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, because He is the original *guru*. As we receive this message through *paramparā* system from Kṛṣṇa to Brahmā, Brahmā to Nārada, Nārada to Vyāsadeva, Vyāsadeva to Madhvācārya, in this way, Mādhavendra Purī, then Īśvara Purī, then Caitanya Mahāprabhu, then six Gosvāmīs, then others, Bhaktivinoda Ṭhakura, Jagannātha dāsa Bābājī, Gaura Kīśora dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja, Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī. Then we have taken.

So this..., as we come to this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness understanding through this long *paramparā*, similarly, in the Vyāsa-pūjā ceremony, whatever respect, honor and presentation you give, that goes to Kṛṣṇa through that *paramparā* system, from down. As it is received through the *paramparā*



system, so similarly, your offerings also goes through this *paramparā* system to the Supreme. The connection.

Our system is *gopī-bhartuḥ pada-kamalayoḥ dāsa-dāsānudāsaḥ* (CC Madhya 13.80). It is sometimes called bureaucracy. If you apply something, at least in India, to the President, you'll have to submit to the local collector. The collector will submit to somebody else, somebody else, then secretary, you go; then to the President. So our system is that. So it is not that I am training my disciples to worship me, man-worship, I'm getting some honor from them for nothing. No. It is not that. Whatever honor, whatever respect, whatever presentation you are giving to your spiritual master, it will go to Kṛṣṇa by *paramparā* system. This is Vyāsa-pūjā. Therefore, it is called Vyāsa-pūjā."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Lecture, August 22, 1973)

"So try to receive Kṛṣṇa's grace through the disciplic succession, Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Then you will understand everything. *Yasya deve parā bhaktir yathā deve tathā gurau* (ŚU 6.23). This is the process, Vedic process. One should have unflinching faith in God and spiritual master. Don't jump over God, crossing the spiritual master. Then it will be failure. You must go through. We are observing Vyāsa-pūjā ceremony, the birth anniversary of our Guru Mahārāja. Why? We cannot understand Kṛṣṇa without spiritual master. That is bogus. If anyone wants to understand Kṛṣṇa, jumping over the spiritual master, then immediately he becomes a bogus. Therefore Caitanya Mahāprabhu says, *guru-kṛṣṇa-kṛpāya pāya bhakti-latā-bija* (CC Madhya 19.151). That is Vedic injunction. *Tad viddhi praṇipātena paripraśnena sevayā* (BG 4.34). Nobody can understand Kṛṣṇa without going through His most confidential servant. This is the meaning of this Vyāsa-pūjā. You cannot



surpass. If you think that you have become very learned and very advanced, now you can avoid the spiritual master and you understand Kṛṣṇa, that is the bogus. That is the meaning of this Vyāsa-pūjā ceremony. We should always pray, *yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādaḥ* (*Gurv-aṣṭaka* 8). *Yasya prasādād:* only by the grace of spiritual master we can achieve the grace or mercy of Kṛṣṇa. This is the meaning of this Vyāsa-pūjā, offering obeisances by *paramparā* system."

(Śrīla Prabhupāda Lecture on Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura's appearance day,  
March 2, 1975)



## “Adore, Adore Ye All The happy day”

*Śrīla Prabhupāda wrote the following poem in February 1935, on the occasion of the Vyāsa-pūjā celebration of his spiritual master, Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura. It delighted Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta, especially the sixth stanza, which he felt captured the essence of his preaching against the māyāvādīs. After reading this poem, Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī was especially keen that Śrīla Prabhupāda preach and write in English.*

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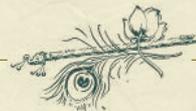
Adore, adore ye all The happy day  
Blessed than heaven Sweeter than May.  
When he appeared at Puri The holy place,  
My Lord and Master His Divine Grace.

(2)

Oh! my Master The evangelic angel.  
Give us Thy light Light up Thy candle.  
Struggle for existence A human race.  
The only hope His Divine Grace.

(3)

Misled we are All going astray,  
Save us Lord Our fervent pray.  
Wonder thy ways To turn our face  
Adore Thy feet Your Divine Grace.



(4)

Forgotten Kṛṣṇa We fallen souls,  
Paying most heavy The illusion's toll.  
Darkness around All untrace.  
The only hope His Divine Grace.

(5)

Message of service Thou hast brought,  
A healthful life As Caitanya wrought.  
Unknown to all It's full of brace.  
That's your gift Your Divine Grace.

(6)

Absolute is sentient Thou hast proved  
Impersonal calamity Thou hast moved.  
This gives us a life Anew and fresh.  
Worship Thy feet Your Divine Grace.

(7)

Had you not come Who had told  
The message of Kṛṣṇa Forceful and bold.  
That's your right You have the mace  
Save me a fallen Your Divine Grace.

(8)

The line of service As drawn by you  
Is pleasing and healthy Like morning dew.  
The oldest of all But in new dress  
Miracle done Your Divine Grace.



## The Universal Teacher

*The following speech was given by Abhay Charan Das (His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda) before the members of the Śrī Gauḍīya Maṭha in Bombay, in February 1936, on the occasion of the appearance anniversary of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura.*

*sākṣād-dharitvena samasta-śāstrair  
uktas tathā bhāvya eva sadbhiḥ  
kintu prabhor yaḥ priya eva tasya  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

“In the revealed scriptures it is declared that the spiritual master should be worshiped like the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and this injunction is obeyed by pure devotees of the Lord. The spiritual master is the most confidential servant of the Lord. Thus let us offer our respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of our spiritual master.”

Gentlemen, on behalf of the members of the Bombay branch of the Gauḍīya Maṭha, let me welcome you all because you have so kindly joined us tonight in our congregational offerings of homage to the lotus feet of the world teacher, Ācāryadeva, who is the founder of this Gauḍīya Mission and the president-*ācārya* of Śrī Śrī Viśva-vaiṣṇava Rāja-sabhā – I mean my eternal divine master, Paramahansa Parivrājakācārya Śrī Śrīmad Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Gosvāmī Mahārāja.



Sixty-two years ago, on this auspicious day, the Ācāryadeva made his appearance by the call of Ṭhākura Bhaktivinoda at Śrī-kṣetra, Jagannāthadhāma at Purī.

Gentlemen, the offering of such an homage as has been arranged this evening to the Ācāryadeva is not a sectarian concern, for when we speak of the fundamental principle of *gurudeva*, or *ācāryadeva*, we speak of something that is of universal application. There does not arise any question of discriminating my guru from yours or anyone else's. There is only one *guru*, who appears in an infinity of forms to teach you, me and all others.

The *guru*, or *ācāryadeva*, as we learn from the bona fide scriptures, delivers the message of the absolute world, the transcendental abode of the Absolute Personality, where everything nondifferentially serves the Absolute Truth. We have heard so many times: *mahā-jano yena gataḥ sa panthāḥ* ("Traverse the trail which your previous *ācārya* has passed"), but we have hardly tried to understand the real purport of this *śloka*. If we scrutinizingly study this proposition, we can understand that the *mahā-jana* is one, and the royal road to the transcendental world is also one. In the *Muṇḍaka Upaniṣad* [1.2.12] it is said:

*tad-vijñānārthaṁ sa gurum evābhigacchet  
samt-pāṇiḥ śrotriyaṁ brahma-niṣṭham*

"In order to learn the transcendental science, one must approach the bona fide spiritual master in disciplic succession, who is fixed in the Absolute Truth."

Thus it has been enjoined herewith that in order to receive that transcendental knowledge, one must approach the *guru*. Therefore, if the Absolute Truth is one, about which we think there is no difference of opinion, the *guru* also



cannot be two. The Ācāryadeva to whom we have assembled tonight to offer our humble homage is not the *guru* of a sectarian institution or one out of many differing exponents of the truth. On the contrary, he is the Jagad-guru, the *guru* of all of us; the only difference is that some obey him wholeheartedly, while others do not obey him directly.

In the *Bhāgavatam* [SB 11.17.27] it is said:

*ācāryam mām vijānīyān navamanyeta karhicit  
na martya-buddhyāsūyeta sarva-deva-mayo guruḥ*

“One should understand the spiritual master to be as good as I am,” said the Blessed Lord. “Nobody should be jealous of the spiritual master or think of him as an ordinary man, because the spiritual master is the sum total of all the demigods.”

That is, the *ācārya* has been identified with God Himself. He has nothing to do with the affairs of this mundane world. He does not descend here to meddle with the affairs of temporary necessities, but to deliver the fallen, conditioned souls – the souls, or entities, who have come here to the material world with a motive of enjoyment by the mind and the five organs of sense perception. He appears before us to reveal the light of the *Vedas* and to bestow upon us the blessings of full-fledged freedom, after which we should hanker at every step of our life’s journey.

The transcendental knowledge of the *Vedas* was first uttered by God to Brahmā, the creator of this particular universe. From Brahmā the knowledge descended to Nārada, from Nārada to Vyāsadeva, and from Vyāsadeva to Madhva, and in this process of disciplic succession the transcendental knowledge was transmitted by one disciple to another till it reached Lord



Gaurāṅga, Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya, who posed as the disciple and successor of Śrī Īśvara Purī. The present Ācāryadeva is the tenth disciplic representative from Śrī Rūpa Gosvāmī, the original representative of Lord Caitanya who preached this transcendental tradition in its fullness. The knowledge that we receive from our Gurudeva is not different from that imparted by God Himself and the succession of the *ācāryas* in the preceptorial line of Brahmā. We adore this auspicious day as Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā-tithi because the *ācārya* is the living representative of Vyāsadeva, the divine compiler of the *Vedas*, *Purāṇas*, *Bhagavad-gīta*, *Mahābhārata*, and *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*.

One who interprets the divine sound, or *śabda-brahma*, by his imperfect sense perception cannot be a real spiritual *guru*, because in the absence of proper disciplinary training under the bona fide *ācārya*, the interpreter is sure to differ from Vyāsadeva (as the Māyāvādīs do). Śrīla Vyāsadeva is the prime authority of Vedic revelation, and therefore such an irrelevant interpreter cannot be accepted as the *guru*, or *ācārya*, howsoever equipped he may be with all the acquirements of material knowledge. As it is said in the *Padma Purāṇa*, *sampradāya-vihīnā ye mantrās te niṣphalā matāḥ*: “Unless you are initiated by a bona fide spiritual master in the disciplic succession, the *mantra* that you might have received is without any effect.”

On the other hand, one who has received the transcendental knowledge by aural reception from the bona fide preceptor in the disciplic chain, and who has sincere regard for the real *ācārya*, must needs be enlightened with the revealed knowledge of the *Vedas*. But this knowledge is permanently sealed to the cognitive approach of the empiricists. As it is said in *Śvetāśvatara Upaniṣad* [6.23]:

*yasya deve parā bhaktir yathā deve tathā gurau  
tasyaite kathitā hy arthāḥ prakāṣante mahātmanaḥ*



“Only unto those great souls who simultaneously have implicit faith in both the Lord and the spiritual master are all the imports of Vedic knowledge automatically revealed.”

Gentlemen, our knowledge is so poor, our senses are so imperfect, and our sources are so limited that it is not possible for us to have even the slightest knowledge of the absolute region without surrendering ourselves at the louts feet of Śrī Vyāsadeva or his bona fide representative. Every moment we are being deceived by the knowledge of our direct perception. It is all the creation or concoction of the mind, which is always deceiving, changing, and flickering. We cannot know anything of the transcendental region by our limited, perverted method of observation and experiment. But all of us can lend our eager ears for the aural reception of the transcendental sound transmitted from that region to this through the unadulterated medium of Śrī Gurudeva or Śrī Vyāsadeva. Therefore, gentlemen, we should surrender ourselves today at the feet of the representative of Śrī Vyāsadeva for the elimination of all our differences bred by our unsubmissive attitude. It is accordingly said in Śrī Gītā [Bg. 4.34]:

*tad viddhi praṇipātena paripraśnena sevayā  
upadekṣyanti te jñānam jñāninas tattva-darśinaḥ*

“Just approach the wise and bona fide spiritual master. Surrender unto him first and try to understand him by inquiries and service. Such a wise spiritual master will enlighten you with transcendental knowledge, for he has already known the Absolute Truth.”

To receive the transcendental knowledge we must completely surrender ourselves to the real *ācārya* in a spirit of ardent inquiry and service. Actual performance of service to the Absolute under the guidance of the *ācārya* is



the only vehicle by which we can assimilate the transcendental knowledge. Today's meeting for offering our humble services and homage to the feet of the Ācāryadeva will enable us to be favored with the capacity of assimilating the transcendental knowledge so kindly transmitted by him to all persons without distinction.

Gentlemen, we are all more or less proud of our past Indian civilization, but we actually do not know the real nature of that civilization. We cannot be proud of our past material civilization, which is now a thousand times greater than in days gone by. It is said that we are passing through the age of darkness, the Kali-yuga. What is this darkness? The darkness cannot be due to backwardness in material knowledge, because we now have more of it than formerly. If not we ourselves, our neighbors at any rate have plenty of it. Therefore, we must conclude that the darkness of the present age is not due to a lack of material advancement, but that we have lost the clue to our spiritual advancement, which is the prime necessity of human life and the criterion of the highest type of human civilization. Throwing of bombs from airplanes is no advancement of civilization from the primitive, uncivilized practice of dropping big stones on the heads of enemies from the tops of hills. Improvement in the art of killing our neighbors by means of machine guns and poisonous gases is certainly no advancement from primitive barbarism, which prided itself on its art of killing by bows and arrows. Nor does the development of a sense of pampered selfishness prove anything more than intellectual animalism. True human civilization is very different from all these states, and therefore in the *Kaṭha Upaniṣad* [1.3.14] there is the emphatic call:

*uttiṣṭhata jāgrata prāpya varān nibodhata  
kṣurasya dhārā niṣitā duratyayā  
durgam pathas tat kavayo vadanti*



“Please wake up and try to understand the boon which you now have in this human form of life. The path of spiritual realization is very difficult; it is sharp like a razor’s edge. That is the opinion of learned, transcendental scholars.”

Thus, while others were yet in the womb of historical oblivion, the sages of India had developed a different kind of civilization, which enabled them to know themselves. They had discovered that we are not at all material entities, but that we are all spiritual, permanent, and indestructible servants of the Absolute. But because we have, against our better judgment, chosen to completely identify ourselves with this present material existence, our sufferings have multiplied according to the inexorable law of birth and death, with its consequent diseases and anxieties. These sufferings cannot be really mitigated by any provision of material happiness, because matter and spirit are completely different elements. It is just as if you took an aquatic animal out of water and put it on the land, supplying all manner of happiness possible on land. The deadly sufferings of the animal are not capable of being relieved at all until it is taken out of its foreign environment. Spirit and matter are completely contradictory things. All of us are spiritual entities. We cannot have perfect happiness, which is our birthright, however much we may meddle with the affairs of the mundane things. Perfect happiness can be ours only when we are restored to our natural state of spiritual existence. This is the distinctive message of our ancient Indian civilization, this is the message of the *Gītā*, this is the message of the *Vedas* and the *Purāṇas*, and this is the message of all the real *ācāryas*, including our present Ācāryadeva, in the line of Lord Caitanya.

Gentlemen, although it is imperfectly that we have been enabled, by his grace, to understand the sublime messages of our Ācāryadeva, Om̐ Viṣṇupāda Paramahansa Parivrājakācārya Śrī Śrīmad Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Gosvāmī Mahārāja, we must admit that we have realized definitely that the divine



message from his holy lips is the congenial thing for suffering humanity. All of us should hear him patiently. If we listen to the transcendental sound without unnecessary opposition, he will surely have mercy upon us. The *ācārya*'s message is to take us back to our original home, back to God. Let me repeat, therefore, that we should hear him patiently, follow him in the measure of our conviction and bow down at his lotus feet for releasing us from our present causeless unwillingness for serving the Absolute and all souls.

From the *Gītā* we learn that even after the destruction of the body, the *ātmā*, or the soul, is not destroyed; he is always the same, always new and fresh. Fire cannot burn him, water cannot dissolve him, the air cannot dry him up, and the sword cannot kill him. He is everlasting and eternal, and this is also confirmed in the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* [SB 10.84.13]:

*yasyātma-buddhiḥ kuṇape tri-dhātuke  
sva-dhīḥ kalatrādiṣu bhauma ijya-dhīḥ  
yat-tīrtha-buddhiḥ salile na karhicij  
janeṣv abhijñeṣu sa eva go-kharaḥ*

“Anyone who accepts this bodily bag of three elements [bile, mucus, and air] as his self, who has an affinity for an intimate relationship with his wife and children, who considers his land as worshipable, who takes bath in the waters of the holy places of pilgrimage but never takes advantage of those persons who are in actual knowledge – he is no better than an ass or a cow.”

Unfortunately, in these days we have all been turned foolish by neglecting our real comfort and identifying the material cage with ourselves. We have concentrated all our energies for the meaningless upkeep of the material cage for its own sake, completely neglecting the captive soul within. The



cage is meant for the undoing of the bird; the bird is not meant for the welfare of the cage. Let us, therefore, deeply ponder this. All our activities are now turned toward the upkeep of the cage, and the most we do is try to give some food to the mind by art and literature. But we do not know that this mind is also material in a more subtle form. This is stated in the *Gītā* [Bg. 7.4]:

*bhūmir āpo 'nalo vāyuḥ khaṁ mano buddhir eva ca  
ahaṅkāra itiyaṁ me bhinnā prakṛtir aṣṭadhā*

“Earth, water, fire, air, sky, intelligence, mind, and ego are all My separated energies.”

We have scarcely tried to give any food to the soul, which is distinct from the body and mind; therefore we are all committing suicide in the proper sense of the term. The message of the Ācāryadeva is to give us a warning to halt such wrong activities. Let us therefore bow down at his lotus feet for the unalloyed mercy and kindness he has bestowed upon us.

Gentlemen, do not for a moment think that my Gurudeva wants to put a complete brake on the modern civilization – an impossible feat. But let us learn from him the art of making the best use of a bad bargain, and let us understand the importance of this human life, which is fit for the highest development of true consciousness. The best use of this rare human life should not be neglected. As it is said in *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* [SB 11.9.29]:

*labdhvā su-durlabham idaṁ bahu-sambhavānte  
mānuṣyam artha-dam anityam apiha dhīraḥ  
tūrṇaṁ yateta na pated anu-mṛtyu yāvan  
niḥśreyasāya viṣayaḥ khalu sarvataḥ syāt*



“This human life is obtained after many, many births, and although it is not permanent, it can offer the highest benefits. Therefore a sober and intelligent man should immediately try to fulfill his mission and attain the highest profit in life before another death occurs. He should avoid sense gratification, which is available in all circumstances.”

Let us not misuse this human life in the vain pursuit of material enjoyment, or, in other words, for the sake of only eating, sleeping, fearing, and sensuous activities. The Ācāryadeva’s message is conveyed by the words of Śrī Rūpa Gosvāmī:

*anāsaktasya viṣayān yathārham upayuñjataḥ  
nirbandhaḥ kṛṣṇa-sambandhe yuktaṁ vairāgyam ucyate  
prāpañcikatayā buddhyā hari-sambandhi-vastunaḥ  
mumukṣubhiḥ parityāgo vairāgyaṁ phalgu kathyate*

“One is said to be situated in the fully renounced order of life if he lives in accordance with Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. He should be without attachment for sense gratification and should accept only what is necessary for the upkeep of the body. On the other hand, one who renounces things which could be used in the service of Kṛṣṇa, under the pretext that such things are material, does not practice complete renunciation.”

The purport of these ślokaś can only be realized by fully developing the rational portion of our life, not the animal portion. Sitting at the feet of the Ācāryadeva, let us try to understand from this transcendental source of knowledge what we are, what is this universe, what is God, and what is our relationship with Him. The message of Lord Caitanya is the message for the living entities and the message of the living world. Lord Caitanya did not bother Himself for the upliftment of this dead world, which is suitably named Martyaloka, the world where everything is destined to die. He appeared before us four hundred



fifty years ago to tell us something of the transcendental universe, where everything is permanent and everything is for the service of the Absolute. But recently Lord Caitanya has been misrepresented by some unscrupulous persons, and the highest philosophy of the Lord has been misinterpreted to be the cult of the lowest type of society. We are glad to announce tonight that our Ācāryadeva, with his unusual kindness, saved us from this horrible type of degradation, and therefore we bow down at his lotus feet with all humility. Gentlemen, it has been a mania of the cultured (or uncultured) society of the present day to accredit the Personality of Godhead with merely impersonal features and to stultify Him by claiming that He has no senses, no form, no activity, no head, no legs, and no enjoyment. This has also been the pleasure of the modern scholars due to their sheer lack of proper guidance and true introspection in the spiritual realm. All these empiricists think alike: all the enjoyable things should be monopolized by the human society, or by a particular class only, and the impersonal God should be a mere order supplier for their whimsical feats. We are happy that we have been relieved of this horrible type of malady by the mercy of His Divine Grace Paramahaṁsa Parivrājakācārya Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Gosvāmī Mahārāja. He is our eye-opener, our eternal father, our eternal preceptor and our eternal guide. Let us therefore bow down at his lotus feet on this auspicious day.

Gentlemen, although we are like ignorant children in the knowledge of the Transcendence, still His Divine Grace, my Gurudeva, has kindled a small fire within us to dissipate the invincible darkness of empirical knowledge. We are now so much on the safe side that no amount of philosophical argument by the empiric schools of thought can deviate us an inch from the position of our eternal dependence on the lotus feet of His Divine Grace. Furthermore, we are prepared to challenge the most erudite scholars of the Māyāvāda school and prove that the personality of Godhead and His transcendental sports in Goloka alone constitute the sublime information of the *Vedas*. There



are explicit indications of this in the *Chāndogya Upaniṣad* [8.13.1]: *śyāmāc chavalam prapadye śavalāc chyāmam prapadye*. “For receiving the mercy of Kṛṣṇa, I surrender unto His energy [Rādhā], and for receiving the mercy of His energy, I surrender unto Kṛṣṇa.” Also, in the *R̥g Veda* [1.2.22.20]: *tad viṣṇoḥ paramam padam sadā paśyanti sūrayo divīva cakṣur ātataḥ ... viṣṇor yat paramam padam*. “The lotus feet of Lord Viṣṇu are the supreme objective of all the demigods. These lotus feet of the Lord are as enlightening as the sun in the sky.”

The plain truth so vividly explained in the Gita, which is the central lesson of the *Vedas*, is not understood or even suspected by the most powerful scholars of the empiric schools. Herein lies the secret of Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā. When we meditate on the transcendental pastimes of the Absolute Godhead, we are proud to feel that we are His eternal servitors, and we become jubilant and dance with joy. All glory to my divine master, for it is he who has out of his unceasing flow of mercy stirred up within us such a movement of eternal existence. Let us bow down at his louts feet. Gentlemen, had he not appeared before us to deliver us from the thralldom of this gross worldly delusion, surely we should have remained for lives and ages in the darkness of helpless captivity. Had he not appeared before us, we would not have been able to understand the eternal truth of the sublime teaching of Lord Caitanya. Had he not appeared before us, we could not have been able to know the significance of the first *śloka* of *Brahma-saṁhitā*:

*īśvaraḥ paramaḥ kṛṣṇaḥ sac-cid-ānanda-vigrahaḥ  
anādir ādir govindaḥ sarva-kāraṇa-kāraṇam*

“Kṛṣṇa, who is know as Govinda, is the Supreme Godhead. He has an eternal, blissful, spiritual body. He is the origin of all, He has no other origin, and He is the prime cause of all causes.”

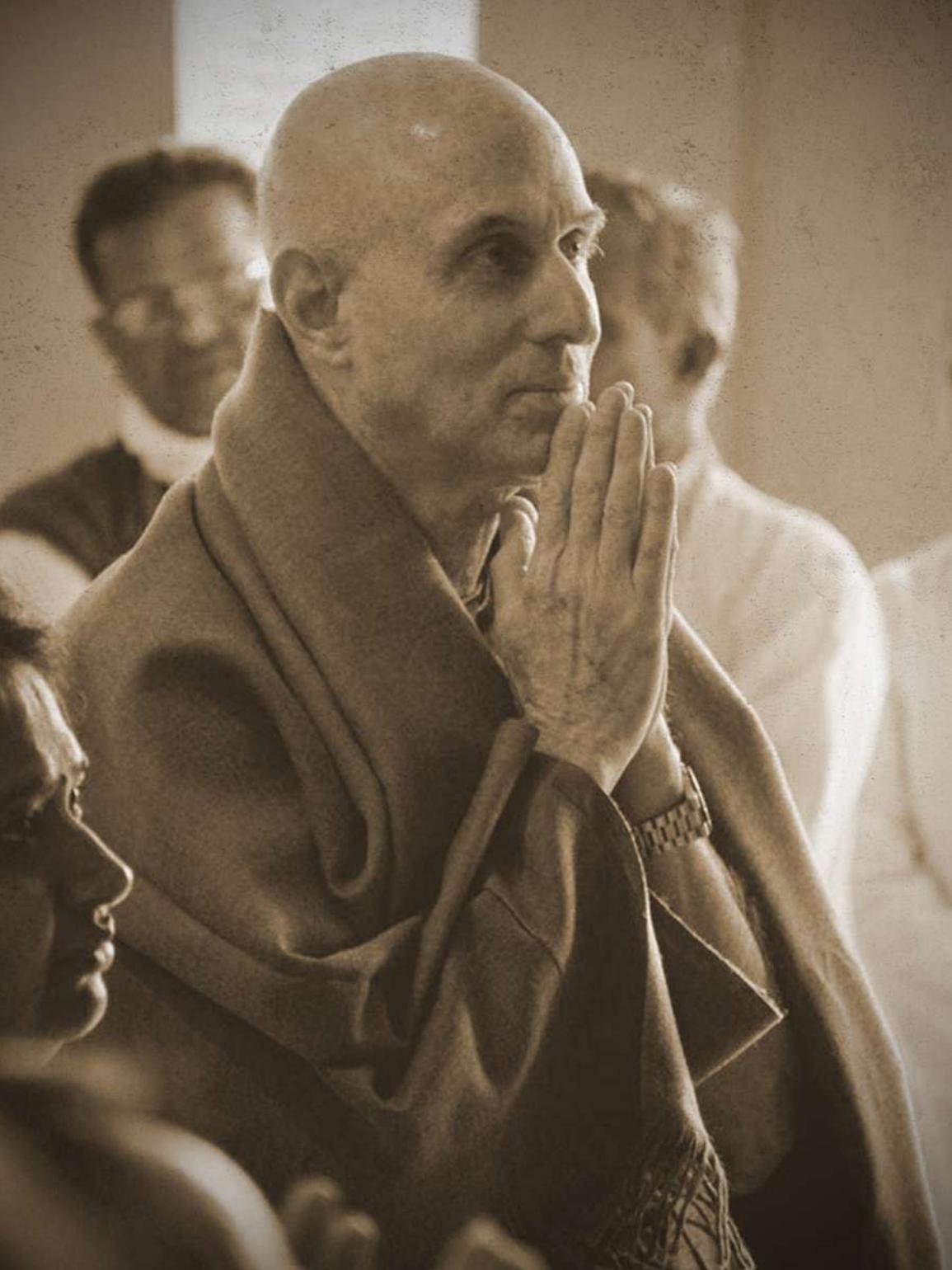


Personally, I have no hope for any direct service for the coming crores of births of the sojourn of my life, but I am confident that some day or other I shall be delivered from this mire of delusion in which I am at present so deeply sunk. Therefore let me with all my earnestness pray at the lotus feet of my divine master to allow me to suffer the lot for which I am destined due to my past misdoings, but to let me have this power of recollection: that I am nothing but a tiny servant of the Almighty Absolute Godhead, realized through the unflinching mercy of my divine master. Let me therefore bow down at his lotus feet with all the humility at my command.

ABHAY CHARAN DAS

For Members, Śrī Gauḍīya Maṭha, Bombay





# Vyasa-puja Offering

to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāminn iti nāmine  
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe  
nirviṣeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Disciples should understand their position: they are nothing without the grace of their guru. It is abundantly clear to me that without your mercy I have absolutely no hope for becoming Kṛṣṇa conscious. This is as true today as it was when I first met you. As you said of your spiritual master, “He saved me.” Śrīla Prabhupāda, you saved all of us and when we reflect on how we were pulled out of maya we can barely understand how it happened or how it was possible. Your disciples are living examples of your mercy and I, a lame man, have been gifted by you with the potential to climb mountains.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am just an ordinary person, but if I am ever able to do any service for you it is only because of the power of your instructions and service. In fact, you once wrote that by following your instructions our chanting of saṅkīrtana will have the same effect on people as the chanting of Lord Nityananda had on the people who heard him.



And isn't this a fact? Young devotees, knowing little about Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇavism, were able to turn others into devotees who then were able to make others devotees. This happened because of their faith in your instructions, You are a powerhouse of mercy and if we are connected to that powerhouse we can, in spite of our deficiencies, light the life of others.

When you went to New York your chanting acted on the hearts of people in miraculous ways. You were empowered by Nityananda Prabhu to such a degree that the results you achieved were no less than the results that Nityananda Prabhu would have achieved if he personally went to New York in 1965. He worked through you and you offer that same empowerment to us. This gives me hope. If I follow your instructions I am confident that my words and chanting will act on others, not because of me, but because your power and potency will come through me.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am an example of how anyone who takes shelter of you, even though useless, can become useful. So many ordinary persons have become extraordinary by contact with you or your devotees. I pray that you make me extraordinary so that I can also make other ordinary persons extraordinary. Certainly this is possible by your mercy, and I am confident that so many wonderful things will manifest in the future if we follow your simple instructions to rise early, chant purely, associate respectfully with devotees, hear Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, worship the Deities and dedicate our lives to sharing this process with others.

My greatest desire is to be an example of what you teach and to share that desire with others. I beg your mercy to be able to do this.

Your ordinary servant praying for your eternal shelter and service,  
Mahatma Das





OFFERINGS BY YOUR

# Disciples



## *Kamala Sundari Devi Dasi*



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Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Happy birthday Guru Maharaj! I would like to start the offering writing THANK YOU!!!

Thank you for your precious time, since you are always there to listen and guide us.

Thank you for dedicating your life to spread Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, making videos, conferences, talks, for many hours a day.

Thank you for your effort to travel around the world performing so many austerities.

Thank you for your father's love, unconditional and forever.

Thank you for your songs, that remind us of Kṛṣṇa and bring us to the celestial.

Thank you for rescuing me from the ocean.

Thank you for saving me every day.

Thank you for giving me a beautiful and huge family around the world, where I am always at home.

Thank you for approaching Śrīla Prabhupāda.

My debt to you is eternal and I'm just an ignorant fool with little words to appreciate and praise your greatness.

Who tries to serve you.

Kamala Sundari Devi Dasi



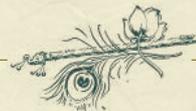
## *Amrita Radhika Devi Dasi*



Dearest Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances, and all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and Yourself on this auspicious day of your Vyāsa-pūjā.

When thinking about writing this year's homage to you, I had a few realisations on how my life has changed over the past year since I last saw you. Even though material life circumstances change constantly, the thing that remains the same is the relationship I have with You. The ongoing and everlasting gratitude towards You and the mercy you constantly give to me is something that no material circumstance will ever change. And that is how I know that this relationship is the most precious gift I will ever know.



When I think about, serving my deities, reading Śrīla Prabhupāda's books, listening to your daily quotes and lectures online, trying to chant my japa attentively with sincerity and also trying to serve your mission through the Mantra Project. None of this would happen without Your causeless Mercy.

As my years go by in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness I realise more each day, how nothing I attempt to do in my devotional life is without thinking of You first. And then only by the strength I get from that one single thought of my Guru Maharaja am I able to do anything. That is the power of Your mercy.

So Gurudev, with gratitude overflowing from my heart. I want to sincerely thank you for the inundated amount of causeless Mercy I receive from You. Because without it, I would honestly be nothing.

I am forever indebted to You, always grateful to You, and will always cherish your causeless mercy.

Your undeserving servant,  
Amrita Radhika Devi Dasi



## Sundari Radha Devi Dasi



Hare Kṛṣṇa dear Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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Another year has passed, and with every year that passes that I have been under your guidance my gratitude toward you grows.

It does not matter what I have faced in my life, the mistakes I have made you have been there for me, you have shown compassion, support, understanding and guidance so that I can become a better person and a better mother, by your mercy you have pulled me out of the deepest and darkest holes when I felt like could not help myself.

You have shown by example to have faith in the holy name in your personal guidance and in your lectures. This year you taught me about the power of prayer, when I needed the reminder and instruction most. You taught me how not to hold onto resentment and to forgive, again by personal instruction and your incredible workshops on forgiveness. You taught me to expect healing with such faith. This changed everything for me.

This year I watched you face some obstacles with such grace, compassion, tolerance, patience and total devotion to serving the devotees that their needs still came first, you sacrificed beyond measure in ways I can't begin to imagine, and lead by setting a perfect example, I wish one day to have one drop of your tolerance and faith. Your faith in Kṛṣṇa's plan is unwavering and so clearly demonstrated in our conversations and how you managed such obstacles.

Wherever I go, devotees express to me how much you have helped them and how they feel they can so easily approach you and seek your guidance and direction. Wherever you go, you touch the heart of everyone you meet. You have also changed the lives of my clients who have also grown to love and appreciate you on their own path to Kṛṣṇa, you gave me a foundation to work with them on Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, without your mercy none of this



is possible. You have taught me by your example, the importance of what it means to be inspired in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. I see that you don't think small for Kṛṣṇa, your vision is a true inspiration on every level. I pray every day that I become capable to keep serving you in your vision in serving Śrīla Prabhupāda and your projects become fully realised. I will never give up. Some projects have had setbacks, and difficulties and you patiently guided and tolerated my emotions with my obsession in achieving the result and instead guiding me to keep trying to develop a pleasing service attitude towards you. This has helped me in my spiritual life, my business and as a mother.

I also want to express my sincere gratitude to your family who have sacrificed so much for your disciples and all the devotees. They are selfless, giving, tolerant women who I have truly grown to appreciate.

Gurudev, you are the father I never had, and the spiritual father that I don't deserve. I remain indebted to you lifetime after lifetime.

Your aspiring servant,  
Sundari Rādhā Devi Dasi



## *Kṛṣṇa Jivani Devi Dasi*



Hare Kṛṣṇa Guru Maharaj,

Please Recieve my humble Obeisances. All Glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda All.  
Glories to Śrī Gaurāṅga.

FELIZ FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS Guru Maharaja, even if I write 103,093,984 words I would never be able to describe how blessed and happy my heart feels to have the gift of being one of your disciples. Your words when I got initiated are still fresh in my mind. And I really wish I could live that precious moment again and again.

This year has been a very special and interesting year in my life, full of turns and surprises along the way .. some of them happy and some of them sad...



but it was thanks to your guidance that I could go through them and see them from a different perspective. Your daily teachings have also been crucial in helping me built a more sincere relationship with Kṛṣṇa, other devotees and also with myself. The knowledge and wisdom you share with us through your daily videos, your broadcast on Facebook and lectures are without a doubt the reason why we can have a better understanding of how to lead a life in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. Thank you for always inspire us to be better day by day. Than you for taking the time to read all our letters and emails, also for going on Japa walks with us in Māyāpur even when your schedule is full. Also for letting me serve you when you were in Taipei, and for giving me the chance to cook for you once when you were in Guanzhou. I still replay that moment in my mind a lot of times. I hope my food was good, and not too flavourless (I hope ...)

I also want to take the chance to formally thank you for giving both my husband and I, your blessings, mercy and advice. These have been the pillars and the base of our marriage and it has helped both of us in incredible ways. Your sacred union series is a treasure for both of us.

Thank you so much, Guru Maharaj, Feliz Feliz Vyāsa-pūjā and please forgive me if this Vyāsa-pūjā letter does not go according to the guidelines. I am just a mercy case trying to be sincere and trying to improve.

Your servant and Disciple  
Kṛṣṇa Jivani Devi Dasi from GT



## Lilarani Devi Dasi



My most respected and dearest Guru maharaja,

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tattva-prakāśaya bhaktānāṃ tat-parāya ca*

Please accept my reverent obeisances under your lotus feet!

When I first met Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, I felt that my life had meaning, I'm very grateful to Śrīla Prabhupāda for his coming and giving all this precious knowledge to us fallen souls. When I met you and then you took me into Sampradaya, I felt so lucky and sacred.



In the past year, your articles, books and videos have accompanied me, which gives me a lot of opportunities to remember you. For me, Kṛṣṇa is far far away, Śrīla Prabhupāda has left this world, and you are the real and lively example of Bhakti life. Through you, I gradually understand the meaning of “Personality”. I began to believe that Kṛṣṇa also has His likes and dislikes, and He also has His emotions.

When I was asked about my Guru Maharaj, I was always be proud to introduce he is His Grace Mahatma Prabhu. You are not only called His Grace, but you are the embodiment of grace. you show the beauty and power of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness to everyone who get the chance to contact you. I deeply appreciate your coming to China despite all kinds of difficulties to help the people here. You accepted our offensive services with great compassion and mercy, you were suffering because our karma, but you bear all of it in order to purify us.

China is facing novel coronavirus pneumonia disaster at this moment. Many people began to reflect life and death. But without the enlightenment of real knowledge, without a bona fide teacher, one can hardly find a way out. You are like a lighthouse in the dark ocean, you light up the hope of hopeless and ignorant persons.

Once in a lecture, you said, “Don't go back to the spiritual world alone.” I was shocked by it, you push everyone in front of Śrīla Prabhupāda and offer them to Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet. You have been helping and cultivating many seeds of bhakti.

I see that the color of your eyebrows has changed from black to gray, which means time is working on you relentlessly. But time can't prevent the transcendent brilliance from you. I pray that Kṛṣṇa will give you endless



energy and health. All you have given me and taught me will be the eternal treasure of my life. I'm very honorable that I could be one of the tiny dusts under your feet!

Your unqualified servant  
Lilarani Devi Dasi



## Sita Devi Devi Dasi

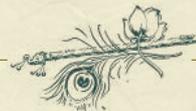


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My dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Thank you so much for coming to China again and offering so many wonderful, excellent and unique courses for us. All these courses and workshops condense your love, expectation, and your boundless mercy! Every time I see you explain every point of the course, you are always so focused, and you are



quite concerned about whether we understand it. I am deeply inspired by your example, I look forward to loving others as you do! To enlighten others with the light of truth! You always give your disciples utmost care and attention to detail. Seeing that you are trying your best to remember the names of every your Chinese disciples, even though these Chinese are hard to remember, I realize your love for your disciples, It makes me feel extra warm and moved!

Thanks for Kṛṣṇa's mercy and let me be your disciple. I sincerely pray for your blessing. Please bless me to follow your instructions and serve you better, please bless me to be your and Śrīla Prabhupāda's eternal servant!

Your insignificant servant.

Sita Devi Devi Dasi



## Barsana Devi Dasi



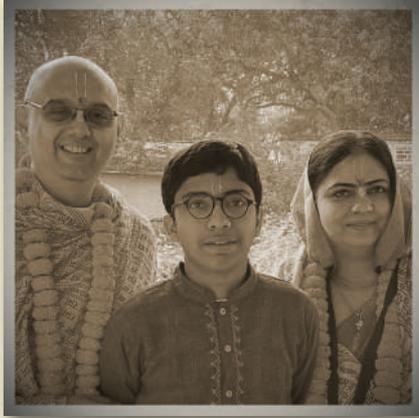
Hare Kṛṣṇa Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my obeisance millions of times unto your lotus feet in this life time I am very grateful that you accepted me as your disciple by accepting me as your disciple you have fulfilled the purpose of my human life since you are only can show me the path of Kṛṣṇa I am trying to follow up the instructions given by you you only can deliver me from this fallen condition on your appearance day I pray Rādhā Kṛṣṇa to keep you in good health again accept my obeisance millions of time

Your insignificant servant  
Barsana Devi Dasi



## Dinanatha Dasa & Manjari Devi Dasi



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Jai Śrīla Prabhupāda!

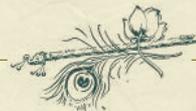
Please accept our humble obeisances at Your Lotus Feet dear Gurudev!

Wish you a very blessed and happy appearance day ! On this auspicious day of Your Vyas Puja, we pray to Lord Kṛṣṇa and Rādhārāṇī for your long and healthy life and that all your projects, retreats, seminars may be extremely successful so that fallen souls like us can benefit from them.

Our joy knew no bounds when you so mercifully accepted to Initiate us in the Brahma Mādhava Gauḍīya sampradāya in Māyāpur in Feb'20 and gave us a new birth! We had waited for many years for this occasion, rather, as you said – we had waited not for many years but for many lifetimes, and we are so very grateful to You for fulfilling our desire in this lifetime. No words are enough to thank you for accepting us – unworthy as we are, as Your disciples. As You mentioned, Initiation is only the beginning, we pray and seek your blessings that we can serve the vaishnavas and be able to render service to You in Your various activities in the mission of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

While our first interaction with you was in the year 2017 during a Japa workshop in Chennai, and we started following your teachings since, our life took a different turn when you mercifully accepted us in Your shelter last year. Listening to your lectures, your soulful, melodious kirtans, attending the retreats, helped us in improving both, our spiritual life as well as personal life. The retreats have been a amazing experience, with lots of introspection and realizations – realizations of how full of faults we are, and what a long way we have to go even for a slightest improvement.

Gurudev, your truly lead by example. Your lectures always have references and quotes of Śrīla Prabhupāda, which so wonderfully depict Your love, affection



and dedication towards him. You have spent 50 glorious years in tirelessly serving the mission of Śrīla Prabhupāda and with Your selfless service, are a great inspiration for us.

We are not at all qualified to honour and glorify You. In case we have committed any offenses we beg Your forgiveness.

With gratitude  
Your most insignificant servants,

Dinanatha Das & Manjari Devi Dasi  
*Chennai, India*



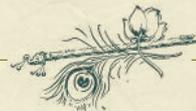
## *Divyanama Prema Dasa*



My Dearest Mahatma Prabhu Gurumaharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your Lotus feet.  
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, our savior.

On this occasion of your holy appearance day, I want to offer some words to purify my consciousness. You are truly an ocean of mercy, and your words are just like torrents of rain that can extinguish the fire of desires. Your blessings are like the full moon, which nourish the heart of devotion, your instructions are just like the bright sun which removes ignorance and mental speculation, thus making one eligible to reach the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa



Guru maharaja, there is no end to your divine qualities. You are so attached, fixed and punctual in your preaching, no matter how tired or sick you are. You always perform different programs, online & offline, no matter wherever you are, in any part of the world. Your sadhana has inspired so many devotees. Guru maharaja, you always speak from Śrīla Prabhupāda's mood. I have seen you move thousands of people to laughter within a second. You respond to the most cutting questions and challenges with grace. You transform hearts. You have transformed my life by accepting me as your servant.

On this holiest and very very special day, O beloved Guru Maharaja, I pray to the Lord that you live a very very long and healthy life and may Lord Narasimhadeva protect you from all types of dangers.

Guru maharaja, you take so much care of each and every devotee spiritually and also materially. I remember once when we met you in Śrī Dhāma Māyāpur, a long time back, you asked us everything in detail, about where we are staying, do we have the proper facility, if yes, then do we have all the things to maintain, etc.

I pray that I will be able to follow your example. I pray that I may tune in to your and Śrīla Prabhupāda's values and instructions. Please keep me in the shelter of your lotus feet always.

Your eternal servant,  
Divyanama Prema Dasa



## Gurunistha Devi Dasi



Ever dearest Guru Maharaj,

Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and your ever enthusiastic service at his lotus feet. All glories to your ever forgiving and merciful grace, which is the mercy manifestation of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, the āhlādinī shakti of Śrī Kṛṣṇa.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
śrīmate mahatma prabhu iti nāmine  
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe  
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*



*mūkaṁ karoti vācālarṁ paṅgurṁ laṅghayate girim  
yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande śrī-gurum dina-tāraṇam*

I don't feel I have the qualification to wish you on this auspicious day .

Thank you for being born Guru Maharaj, without you I can't even begin to imagine my life and what I would have made of it. You have taught me the true meaning of Surrender. Especially in the 2 years you have shown me with your example how we depend upon Guru and Kṛṣṇa. You have given me the faith of falling down a cliff and still have faith that Kṛṣṇa will catch me. (Twice)

I know for a fact that without your precious guidance I would not have made it through.

I beg for your mercy to have better health so that I can serve you.

I beg for your mercy to have more of your association.

I beg for your mercy for you to chastise me and help me.

I beg for your mercy to not give up on me.

I beg for your mercy to always stay in your shelter otherwise I am lost.

I beg for your mercy so that I can make more effort.

I beg for your mercy to be able to chant better rounds.

I beg for your mercy to become your worthy disciple.

My life would be fruitful the day you would feel that YES I followed your instructions the way you had wished a disciple would.

I beg for your mercy so that you could forget the past one year in my life and service as a glitch that has been corrected now.

I beg for your mercy to be able to cook as per your liking.



I beg for your mercy to have the taste for reading Śrīla Prabhupāda's books like you do.

I beg for your mercy to have Bhakti in my heart.

I beg for your mercy to remove all duplicity in my life.

I have been working on this, on being REAL and it's not so easy.

Once you had said that if humility is a gem stone then the road to Kṛṣṇa is paved with that Gem stone. Even though every time I have prayed for humility Kṛṣṇa hand delivers it to me through some one . But if that means walking that road to Kṛṣṇa with you... it is absolutely worth it. I pray to you for giving me that humility. I remember when I told you about this, you laughed and said "Wow, Kṛṣṇa doesn't kid around with you".

Once in Mumbai while having lunch I was telling you about how I miss my mother and the effect it has on me and you just looked up and said "I have been trying to teach you all this time that you are not this body. She is gone you have to let her go". I took your instruction to heart that day and have been trying to follow it.

You have taught me with your example how to forgive forget and move on. You have a magnanimous heart. From which I can only hope to learn and follow.

You have shown me with example how some things are not worth pondering over. Your words "IT'S INTRESTING" have taught me a lot and keep on teaching me.

My wish is to serve you till my last breath and to know an instruction even before you give it, so that it could save your precious time.



I feel so emotional writing this and beg your forgiveness if i couldn't write is as nicely as it should have been written.

Thank you for reading this and the hundreds of emails I write to you in my mind every day. I could give my life for you Guru Maharaj. But giving up life would be easy. Living is the challenging part. So I will do my best to live according to your instructions and in your service.

Thank you for giving me the attachment to my deities that I have, it is all because of you.

I promise to try my best to be a better disciple in your service.

I pray I can faithfully serve you all my life like you serve Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Your ever grateful servant  
Gurunistha Devi Dasi



## *Rati-Keli Devi Dasi*

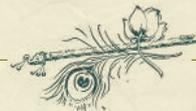


Hare Kṛṣṇa Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to you.

I will be forever in debt to you for kindly accepting me as your disciple and connecting me to Śrīla Prabhupāda's big family. I feel so fortunate and unworthy to get your mercy and precious association. I will never have enough words to thank you for being the lighthouse of my life. You are helping me in so many different ways to be Kṛṣṇa conscious.

For years I was wondering what should I do with the high philosophical ideas I listened to in classes. It wasn't clear to me how it is relevant to my daily life.



Sometimes I thought I have no chance to actually be a devotee and that I'm simply stupid. Until I met you, Gurudev. Time after time you show me how Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is a simple process ("so simple we can miss it") and how it can be joyfully performed.

When you talk it is like the rising sun and I can see clearly.

When you sing my heart opens up and melts.

When you smile I feel everything is possible.

When you dance I want the kirtan to continue forever.

I look at you and see your deep dedication to Śrīla Prabhupāda, to ISKCON and to the devotees. I see your desire to help, to connect people to Kṛṣṇa, to teach, to influence, to touch people's hearts. Above all, I see your sincerity: you are what you teach. It is so easy to talk to you and share even the most embarrassing things because you accept and understand. Always see the positive in everyone and always ready to help. You are deep but relevant, very advanced but accessible to all and frequently talk about the real challenges of a devotee. There is so much to learn from you, Gurudev.

Thank you for sharing your extensive experience and priceless knowledge. I just want to be close to you and serve you. Help your desires come true. Learn from and adopt the unique and beautiful example that you set.

I'm praying to always please you, Gurudev.

Your daughter  
Rati-Keli Devi Dasi



## Satyarupa Devi Dasi



*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhūtale  
gurave citti-ceṣṭābhyāṃ mahātma-prabhave sadā  
tat-prabhu-bhāva-rūpāya kīrtana-hlāda-dāyine namas  
tattva-prakāśāya bhaktānāṃ tat-parāya ca*

Dear Guru Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and yourself.

Happy Vyāsa-pūjā Gurudev :)



I'm seeing more and more how Kṛṣṇa listens more to the guru than to us! Definitely you are kṛṣṇapresthaya bhutale because when you ask me to do something to help myself, Kṛṣṇa makes it happen despite my resistance. You wanted me to see someone to help make a decision but I was reluctant, so Kṛṣṇa tricked me and got me to see someone who answered exactly what we needed to know without my even asking anything. And of course he told the same things, even about my past life, that you always said.

Similarly, service is so purifying that I don't ever have to ask if you are pleased with my service. I just try to serve, even though imperfectly, still by your grace Kṛṣṇa gives instant results! And I remember last year when I was in Vrindavan with a lot of chest pain and I wrote to you that I can't even take darshan properly, the next day you replied to my queries but didn't say anything about my health, but after that my chest pain was miraculously gone and I could chant with ease.

I hope Kṛṣṇa helps me to serve you better in your service to Prabhupāda. I was once speaking to one of your godbrothers who said I'm very fortunate to have you as my guru because there are very few devotees who are as personal in their dealings as you are. It's so true! Thank you so much for personally helping me and so many devotees even in little things in life. I pray that Kṛṣṇa makes all your preaching projects and endeavors flourish and grow very smoothly. And I pray that Kṛṣṇa gives you excellent health so can continue bringing more devotees at His lotus feet.

As always, please use me in your service and forgive me for all my foolishness and offenses.

Your fallen servant,  
Satyarupa Devi Dasi



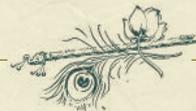
## Sureshwar Dasa



Hare Kṛṣṇa, dandavat, Guru Maharaj.

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. I am not qualify to glorify you how much ever I appreciate you is not in my approach on your appearance day the qualities you are having is that prescribed by our previous acharya and prabhpad you always in your classes you mention about previous acharya and your preaching is as per the requirement of present time place and circumstances even though I am that fallen I am not following up your instructions sincerely I seek your blessings that I follow as your guidance I seek Rādhā Mādhava narsimhdev to keep your good health so you show the path to fallen souls which you are doing

Your servant  
Sureshwar Dasa



## Urindavani Devi Dasi



*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya  
jñānāñjana-śalākayā  
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena  
tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

Dear Gurumaharaj,

Please accept my most humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to you. A very Happy Kṛṣṇa Conscious Birthday to you. On this auspicious day, I beg and pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda and Radheshyam to fulfill your earnest desire to make the whole world Kṛṣṇa conscious and further the mission of Śrīla Prabhupāda.



Gurumaharaj, I'm indebted to you for your teaching and guidance which has made a huge difference, in a good way, to my life. Your phrase "Everything is Krsna's arrangement" works miraculously in calming me in all adverse situations. You helped me to connect to Śrīla Prabhupāda and under his shelter and his mercy I remain in bliss. In the absolute mercy of Radheshyam and Śrīla Prabhupāda I'm forever in the mode of happiness and bliss in Vrindavan, my home, my comfort zone. Every time I attend your lecture I gain something new, Isn't that amazing.

This time in January 2020, you came to India and I heard you were going to come to Delhi. I was wishing Radheshyam that you would come to visit Vrindavan before going any further. As you very well know Vrindavan is Chintamani dham where all desires are fulfilled, well you came, I was very happy, then I was sure that you will come out of all these tensions, because Radharani is very merciful. You were successful in hiding your tensions but your anxious face was haunting me for days. I spoke to you on the phone which calmed me down a bit, but now that I see you giving class in a relaxed state I'm very happy. Touch Wood! I hope and pray you remain in this mood forever. Jay Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Gurumaharaj, I have a few desires:

1. I want to do pure devotional service to Radheshyam.
2. I want both my kids to make friendship with Krsna with chanting so that they can follow the Krsna consciousness path which is the only path to achieve happiness and bliss in this material world.
3. I want to be a part of Radheshyam's raslila dance in Golok Vrindavan.
4. I want to leave my body in Vrindavan, my home.



Please I beg for your mercy and please bless me that I can preach Krsna consciousness in whatever little capacity I can, to please Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Words cannot describe my gratitude to Śrīla Prabhupāda and You. I will always remain indebted to You in guiding me to this path of Krsna Consciousness which is pure bliss.

Please forgive me for mistakes knowingly or unknowingly committed by me.

Your humble servant,  
Vrindavani Devi Dasi



## *Yamuna Devi Dasi*



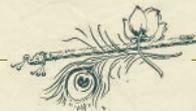
Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Your lotus feet.

Happy Appearance day! I hope you have a wonderful day.

Praying you are well.

The past few months haven't been easy. I haven't been busy trying to plan my days around your projects, services and it's been awkward to not do that. I never thought a time would come when I will go through a phase like this, and it's just made me realise even more something I have said to you a gazillion



times – Your service really is my life. I wouldn't be who, how, where I am if you hadn't allowed me to serve you. From tolerating every inconvenience that my person struggles caused to helping me to face my demons; from teaching me how to be more cooperative and accepting to validating me time and again that I could do more in the service of Śrīla Prabhupāda; from giving me the nicknames that remind me of the lessons I still need to learn to giving me so many opportunities to become a better disciple and a better person, and a hundred more from's and to's – you've really done so much to and for me, and I'll be forever grateful to you for that.

You've helped me in the ways I never thought I could be helped, and on all fronts. It's only because of you that I've become an emotionally not-so-volatile person. It's only because of your faith and encouragement that I've learnt to not doubt the skills Kṛṣṇa's blessed me with. It's only and only because of the services you had engaged me in and the things you had made me explore that I crossed paths with people that I dearly love, cherish, learn so much from. It's only because of you that I've learnt to be more forgiving towards others and myself. It's only because of your guidance and instructions that I'm able to remember Kṛṣṇa's plans are always better than mine. You, the services you've engaged me in, the avenues you've made me explore, the lessons you've taught me, the love you've showered me with and everything in between has really transformed in some unimaginable ways, and I continue to aspire to be able to reciprocate in some way.

The break was needed, even though it didn't happen in the best of ways. It has allowed me to focus more on myself, figure out the things I need to work on, realise the people I should and shouldn't associate with, understand the lessons I need to learn but most importantly, it has allowed me to appreciate you, your guidance, your realisations, the services, and my relationship with you. Thank you for doing everything that you have done and everything

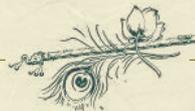


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that may continue to do for me. Thank you for accepting me as your disciple and for connecting me to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Thank you for tolerating the inconveniences I've caused. I hope and pray to be able to reciprocate with you for everything you've done and to apologise and rectify the mistakes I've made along the way.

Praying for your good health and to see you soon.

With love, gratitude and more gratitude,  
Forever your servant,  
Jamuna



## Krishangi Devi Dasi



Hare Kṛṣṇa dear Maharaji,

All the glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Please accept my humble obeisances.

Tomorrow for your big mercy I'll receive my first initiation. Last year I've been in Māyāpur for the first time, here I prayed so much to be able to recognize who would be my Guru Maharaja. I was praying a lot and asking in special way to Tamal Kṛṣṇa Gosvāmī.

I don't know exactly why, but I knew that he would already know about. He is the spiritual master of Kṛṣṇaloka. Trai Das Prabhu was his personal servant, and they are married because he gave the instruction to Kṛṣṇaloka.



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So if I'm in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is also because him. I fell him as an important part of our family.

When I went to your apartment for the pizza service, I saw his picture on your altar and I was very surprised, I didn't know that Guru Maharaja is so related with Tamal Kṛṣṇa Gosvāmī.

This year I went to his Samādhi to tell him 'Thank You', because he showed me my Guru. And now I understand even better why I needed to ask him so much, because I had to meet expecially you Guru Maharaja.

I'm not nervous for tomorrow, I feel like the most beautiful part of my life is coming to start, so I'm excited and super happy. Not scared, I feel Prabhupāda so near and every day more and more dear. He is taking care of you, I will do my part as a simple, little, humble (try to be), happy disciple.

Thank you for your infinite mercy, thank you to give me more and more relationships with, my self, the others, Prabhupāda and Kṛṣṇa.

Your little Italian servant,  
Chiara



## Amrita Keli Devi Dasi



*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāminn iti nāmine  
namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe  
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhūtale  
gurave citti-ceṣṭābhyāṃ mahātma-prabhava sadā  
tat-prabhu-bhāva-rūpāya kīrtana-hlāda-dāyine namas  
tattva-prakāśaya bhaktānāṃ tat-parāya ca*



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Beloved Gurudeva, I am immensely grateful with Kṛṣṇa for having you in this life.

I pray to Kṛṣṇa for your health and wellbeing and that Kṛṣṇa always protects you, that Kṛṣṇa's love and the love of all your disciples, to be a shield for your protection wherever you are.

Beloved Gurudeva, the compassion and great love you have, allow my soul to see one light in this material world. This inspires me at every moment to make my way back to Godhead full of faith and strength. This material world and this Mexico is really scary, but when I think about you, when I see your unstoppable service everyday, your preaching strengths me and inspires me to go on. Thank you for the compassion you have with me and my family, for all the love you give us, for your trust and protection. Thank you for making a space in your schedule and visiting us wherever we are. Please don't let us alone, my faith and love are eternally with you.

Your servant,  
Amrita Keli Devi Dasi



## Ananda Moya Dasa



*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāminn iti nāmine  
namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe  
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tat-prabhu-bhāva-rūpāya kīrtana-hlāda-dāyine namas  
tattva-prakāśaya bhaktānāṃ tat-parāya ca*



All the Glories to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's Sankirtan movement.

All the Glories to his chief commander Śrīla Prabhupāda and all the Glories to his beloved devotees.

All the Glories to the glorious Vyasapuja of His Grace Mahatma Das.

My beloved Gurudeva, I do not want to let pass the opportunity of glorifying you, because by doing so, we are also glorifying all the disciple succession, because you are an important part in His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda's service.

I want to thank you for everything you do for me, even though my fallen position, your compassion is bigger and the love you have for all the living entities are a manifestation of your limitless goodness. This gives you the position of a bonafide guru. Because just as the sacred scriptures say, such a great soul is difficult to find. So I am very fortunate you are my spiritual master. My beloved Gurudeva, you have gone through so many experiences in this life that with any doubt you have taught me that no matter what the circumstances are, one mustn't stop chanting the holy names, even in the most baffling situations this world offers us.

You know? Sometimes I feel really bad, because when adversity knocks at my door, I have failed in my sadhana and inevitably I fall deeper. I realise I am not attached to the Holy name. How can I even say that you are my spiritual master? Sometimes I feel ashamed of myself. Please forgive me, the fear, the pride and the apathy take hold of me and do not allow me to chant. I think I am not a good student and I feel really uncomfortable with all the misery of this material world. At the end, there's only you and Kṛṣṇa.



On the other hand, I want to highlight all your good qualities which I would like to learn from you. Your goodness, compassion, discipline, firmness but over all your limitless love that you have for Śrīla Prabhupāda and his teachings in the last 50 years. I am faithfully convinced that His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda must feel very satisfied with your service.

I thank Kṛṣṇa for allowing me to meet you, I pray to the Lord Nrisimha for your protection and thank you for being here.

Your servant,  
Ananda Moya Dasa



## Ananda Svarupa Dasa



*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhūtale  
gurave citti-ceṣṭābhyāṃ mahātma-prabhava sadā  
tat-prabhu-bhāva-rūpāya kīrtana-hlāda-dāyine namas  
tattva-prakāśaya bhaktānāṃ tat-parāya ca*

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to your lotus feet.

Dear Gurudeva,

there are not enough words to express how blessed I feel by being your disciple. You are such a great soul who has the power to uplift a whole audience with a single word, with your smile and with your peaceful voice.



It has been demonstrated in your wonderful concerts, in your invaluable conferences, in your useful Daily videos, in every single and extraordinary class you give.

I remember once you said that we must take advantage of all the knowledge you and your God siblings have, because you have a lot of experience in Kishna Consciousness, when you all joined the movement, there were not senior devotees to learn from. When I think about that I also remember you saying "Don't do anything I wouldn't do". This has saved my life several times and I have also regretted not remembering this at the right time.

Definitely, your wisdom is transcendental and it would be very dangerous not taking advantage of this. I pray to Kṛṣṇa to clean my blind mind so I can fully follow your instructions and serve you in the best way.

Before finishing, one day in our mornings walks in Alachua, we started walking in a field that had not a way marked, that morning was wonderful, I was following you, and I could see in the background a perfect sunrise, the trees, the clouds, I could see you as a shining form and the picture was so beautiful. That memory is only in my mind and helps me to overcome any difficult situation just by saying to myself "Follow him and there is not opportunity for failure".

I hope one day I can be worth of your unconditional love.

Your servant,  
Ananda Svarupa Das



## Anuradha Devi Dasi



*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhūtale  
gurave citti-ceṣṭābhyāṃ mahātma-prabhava sadā  
tat-prabhu-bhāva-rūpāya kīrtana-hlāda-dāyine namas  
tattva-prakāśāya bhaktānāṃ tat-parāya ca*

Obeisances to His Grace Mahātma Prabhu, who is dearest to Kṛṣṇa, and who teaches both through his realizations and his actions.

Obeisance to him who is the embodiment of the mood of his master Prabhupāda, who awards the joy of kīrtana, who reveals the truth of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, and who is affectionately concerned for the devotees.



Beloved Gurudev:

Once more I am happily writing this offering to you, because of your amazing presence in my life. It is impossible not to cry when I write to you, as all your blessings have made my life almost perfect. You are creating this wonderful God family for all of us, these values, and guidelines of exemplary behavior. A way of being real on this spiritual path. The world is hungry to see a real example of a pure devotee and you... you truly are. You are the hope of thousands of people around the world, they trust you, and they want to be as you are, because you inspire them. You are the light of many poor souls wondering in grief. Your causeless mercy is so attractive that even the most hurtful soul trusts you. Your preaching is having an amazing impact in the world today, and maybe we are not seeing how far it will go, but time will show us.

I feel proud of being your disciple but also I feel a lot of responsibility for the same reason. You are an amazing leader, full of compassion and kindness, but also very strict and determined. So I need to FOLLOW you in all senses.

Thank you for being my greatest inspiration everyday.  
I will never be able to repay you for the love you've shown.

Anuradha Devi Dasi



## Karunika Devi Dasi



*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāminn iti nāmine  
namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāñī-pracāriṇe  
nirviṣeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

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tattva-prakāśaya bhaktānāṃ tat-parāya ca*



Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances and these sincere words I offer you with all my heart.

In a world full of confusion I imagined myself as if I was walking through a fuggy place where I couldn't see and understand what was happening and I would walk in fear. I would call out to God looking for answers and that answer came through finding you. You brought a light with you, a light that removed the fuggy road and under your light I realized the purpose of my existence.

You've illuminated me and transformed me little by little through understanding more and more your teachings which are now indispensable for me. They are what I always was looking for.

You came all the way here to me and took me by the hand. Since that blessed day of meeting you, you have accepted to guide me in my way back to Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa has been so merciful and I am forever in debt with you.

Infinite thanks to Kṛṣṇa and you for your mercy.

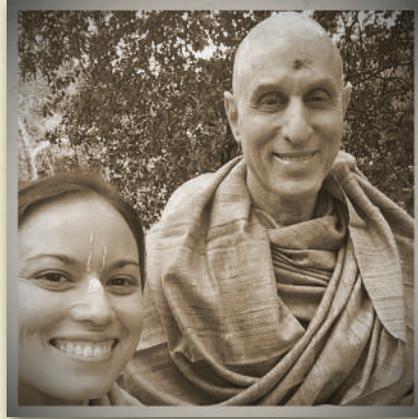
I beg you to please never let go of my hand.

Congratulations in this auspicious and special day.

Your humble disciple,  
Karunika



## Kṛṣṇa Priya Devī Dāsī



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tattva-prakāśāya bhaktānāṃ tat-parāya ca*

I offer my obeisances to His Grace Mahātma Prabhū, who is dearest to Kṛṣṇa, and who teaches both through his realizations and his actions.

Obeisance to him who is the embodiment of the mood of his master Prabhupāda, who awards the joy of kīrtana, who reveals the truth of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, and who is affectionately concerned for the devotees.



With his love and devotion he is always taking care He is always taking care of the spiritual life of the devotees, helping souls to purify themselves by teaching selfless love and the purity of forgiveness that transforms afflicted hearts. He teaches how to free oneself from the contamination of hate, resentment and the misfortune of living in suffering, pulling with his delicate instructions to a resurrection path. With his guidance one can take off the band of false ego and understand the nature of pure love, giving us the opportunity to practice it through instructions in our duties, in family relationships and please Kṛṣṇa. Just by listening to it, one can learn to love one's neighbor, husband, and even those who offend us, understand conditioned nature and form strong families in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. He compassionately understands the limitations of this era and with his mercy, patiently guides us returning to Govinda. He masterfully reveals how to overcome the obstacles of anger, envy, hypocrisy, lust, identification and other bad qualities that disturb and impede the advancement of spiritual life. His instructions are translated in so many ways that they are accessible to the impatient and immature minds of this era so, any soul can benefit from the nectar. He converts the highest and most confidential knowledge into easy-to-digest love capsules and makes it accessible even to the most fallen of the ignorant. He is the perfect personification of the instructions of Śrīla Prabhupāda and the Bhagavad Gita. He shows with his steps the perfect duty of the devotee, to teach the science of pure devotional service to conditioned souls.

Thank you dear Gurudeva for saving my life. I'll never be able to pay you everything you give me. I just want to be able to serve you for the rest of my existence.

Your servant,  
Kṛṣṇa Priya Devi Dasi



## Laksmi Priya Devi Dasi



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namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe  
nirviṣeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*



Hare Kṛṣṇa!!

Please accept my humble obeisance.

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!

All glories to you, Gurudeva!

Dear Gurudeva,

Sometimes we have a thousand words to say, sometimes our feelings are beyond words. The last one is my case. You know I am often overwhelmed by my emotions, but this is my chance to express how much I appreciate you and appreciate all what you do for all of us! You are so patient and caring and I do not know how you manage to do so much every day! I guess It is Kṛṣṇa's trick because you are fully committed to Him.

Every time I watch my initiation video it seems surreal! It is like a dream with so much power in the atmosphere. It was so beautiful and all the words you said seemed like they were carefully picked to give us a very powerful message. Your words are always so precise and powerful, and the message of your talks are filled with so much love and wisdom that penetrate your audience's hearts.

You decided to give me your mercy, to take the huge weight off my shoulders and show me the path to transcendental happiness. For that, you cannot imagine how grateful I am, and my appreciation and gratitude keep growing every day with all the amazing work you do to help us advance in our spiritual life and to overcome our material problems.



I feel very honored to be your disciple and you are a true blessing to all of us! I can understand how much you love Śrīla Prabhupāda because that is the way we love you, but of course we are beginners in the devotional service so we can never be compared to you but at least we have a wonderful example to follow.

Thank you for everything Gurudeva! May Kṛṣṇa bless you a million times and allow me to use all the few skills He granted me to serve you.

Your eternal servant,  
Laksmi Priya Devi Dasi



## Omkara Dasa



All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

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Dear Gurudev, please accept my humble obeisances.

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you and for all the good things you bring to our lives, and for your great humility and kindness for sharing your knowledge and realizations with us.

You are a soul full of divine qualities, my great role model. I feel immensely happy and proud to continue on the path and to be your disciple.

This year of my life I have learned many things, my heart has softened a little more, and I have learned to accept the word of God and his designs. I have faced difficult situations such as my mother's health, but inside, strength prevails thanks to your words and the moments I have shared with you.

The last retreat in Monterrey was wonderful for me. I had a lump of emotions in my throat and I was on the verge of crying, but I disconnected from all that and gave myself to Kṛṣṇa putting myself at your service, and it worked. I experienced wonderful moments where I learned a little more about you. And it reaffirmed essential points of my spirituality and my mission in this world.

You are my inspiration, my strength, the person who reminds me of the beauty of serving, the greatness of knowledge, how good God is with all of us and how important and transcendent is the chant of His Holy Name.

With all this I want to tell you how important you are for me, how important you are for us and I will do everything in my power to be of service at the time you request it. I am very happy to know that you are in good health and that, at present, you are doing well.



I always think that I want to be there with you to help you in whatever you need, to cook for you, etc., but undoubtedly Śrī Kṛṣṇa surrounds you with souls full of great qualities to be at your service.

I wish for you this year much health and may Our beloved Supreme Lord keep you strong and full of vitality to continue your preaching mission. That every morning when you chant the Holy Name, you receive directly from our Lord the transcendental pleasure of the chant and thus love and harmony prevail in your life as it has been until now.

Your aspiring servant,  
Omkara Dasa  
México



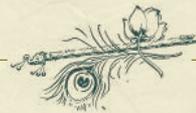
## Prem Kishore Dasa



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Dear Gurudeva. Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to you on this auspicious day of your vyasapuja.

I am sending this offering from Mexico City. This past year has been wonderful for us because we have established a very nice center with Bhagavad Gita classes, Meditation classes, cooking classes, and a general Bhakti program. Alaksya and Rasika's cooking is always delicious and Anuradha is getting quite good at leading kirtan. It is a Kṛṣṇa West center organized by devotees



from that project and the Mantra Project. It is wonderful to see what can get done in Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission when values such as teamwork are put above any selfish consideration (one of the Codes of Honor). We have a small, but strong community that is slowly growing. People do what they can to help by cleaning or bringing flowers for our altar.

Part of my offering is a letter from one of the new devotees who has been attending our Bhagavad Gita classes for a year and a half. She's a psychologist and gives teacher trainings at the local university here in Mexico City and has been making lots of advancement in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. When we finished the full Bhagavad Gita over a span of almost a year, we asked those who attended to write down their realizations. Part of what she wrote is translated below my offering. To me there is nothing more beautiful in this world than to see someone take to Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. I offer her letter to you because by simply following your instructions we have been able to reach out and create an environment where she has come to know Śrīla Prabhupāda and Kṛṣṇa. She is not the only one, there are at least 5 others here at our center who are just like her who are dedicated (chanting regularly and following principles) as well as many others who are becoming more involved.

This past year it has become more apparent to me the need of focusing on the culture of our center, making sure it is conducive for building faith in the spiritual science of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. It does not mean there won't be issues. Every family has issues and obstacles they must overcome. The main difference between a healthy family and an unhealthy family is that the healthy family is dedicated to making it work, because they put the quality of their relationships with one another above any personal motivation or petty resentments. I've heard you say this before and it's becoming clearer to me each day. I am trying to get the 10 day online forgiveness intro up on the Spanish Sattva site and quickly as possible. I feel the course will do very well



and will be the beginning of something nice in terms of online preaching and looking forward to updating you of the results in a couple of months.

Your vision provides a lifetime of service and helps me build my faith in Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission. I am eternally grateful and am trying with whatever talents I have to do something in your service.

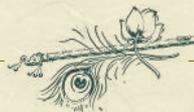
Your servant,  
Prem Kishore Dasa

Letter from new devotee:

Who is God? Who am I and who am I in relation to God? Who is God for me? What is the purpose of life? What is the position of God in terms of the evil we see in the world? Why, after having everything to be happy, we humans feel empty and unhappy?

These questions, along with others, agitated my mind for many years. I looked for answers in many different places, none of which satisfied me, and I always thought there must be something more. One day the Mahā-mantra came into my life and I experienced Its loving and guiding energy as well as an intense desire to know more about Kṛṣṇa. I dreamed that I was chanting the Holy Names, and when I woke up, my first thought was Hare Kṛṣṇa and I didn't want to go back to the monotony of material life and instead look for knowledge about Kṛṣṇa.

Then one day in a park, there were three people who looked happy and peaceful on a stage teaching people how to meditate, using the Mahā-mantra. I sat and listened and was so surprised because they were using my



mantra, the Kṛṣṇa mantra. That's how I met the Mantra Project and arrived to Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

Studying the Bhagavad Gita these months has really fed my hunger for learning about Kṛṣṇa. I treasure its content because I have found the answers to my questions and who I am, eternally, why I am here and what my purpose is.

Now I understand why although having a nice life superficially, there was an emptiness in my existence. I know that I'm not the body nor the mind; that I have a body and mind and that they are the interface with which I interact in this world.

I am a soul, and part of the energy of Kṛṣṇa from which everything emanates. I know that the natural object of love and source of transcendental happiness is Kṛṣṇa, and because I didn't know this before I felt lost and confused by the material energy, always trying to fill that emptiness with temporary things.

I know that my transcendental mission is to remember and live with surrender from a state of pure love and service to Kṛṣṇa, so that I can become liberated and go back with Him.

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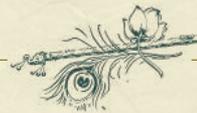


## Rasika Devi Dasi



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Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances and love.

Thank you so much Gurudeva for all your guidance and care. I'm truly blessed to be your disciple. You are an inspiration in my life and the perfect example on how to serve Prabhupāda. Thank you for your beautiful kirtans that have transported me to the spiritual world. Thank you for allowing me to serve you and translate for you. It has been an honor and a great source of happiness.

Today is a very special day in which Kṛṣṇa brought you here and into the lives of all of us. Kṛṣṇa is so merciful He made the arrangement of our encounter and I'm extremely grateful for it. You are such an amazing soul full of so many wonderful qualities. You are complete surrender to Kṛṣṇa and Prabhupāda's mission and completely committed in doing everything you can to reach much more people in a way they can appreciate this message. You've touched the hearts of so many of us and inspired us to go further in our spiritual life.

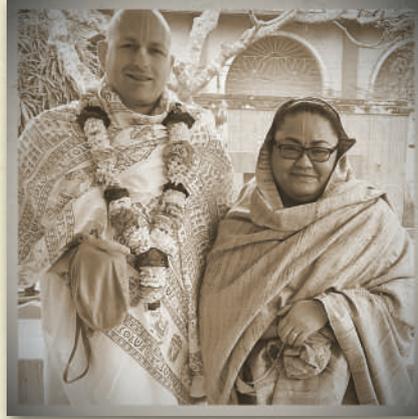
Thank you for all your mercy, teachings and for inspiring me in serving Prabhupāda's mission. Please give me your blessings so I can really serve Prabhupāda's mission of giving Kṛṣṇa Consciousness to all. I want to give my best to serve you and him in serving Kṛṣṇa and others.

Please forgive me for my offenses and for not giving you the service you deserve.

Your servant in training,  
Rasika Devi Dasi

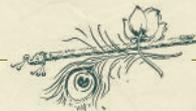


## Jayasri Devi Dasi & Tosana Kṛṣṇa Dasa



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Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept our humble obeisances.  
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and to You.

We sincerely wish you a happy Vyāsa-pūjā. We celebrate and give our offerings to you because you are dear to us. We look to you for shelter and you kindly give us guidance which we greatly appreciate. We will try our best to follow your instructions and serve you the best we can to help fulfill Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission.

We feel really blessed to spend those weeks together when you were here in Amsterdam. And of course also the wonderful time we had in Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma. The beautiful Japa walks, the super kīrtanas, the amazing retreat & classes but most of all your kind and sweet association. We are really happy that you gave us the instruction to visit Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma, because it was an amazing experience.

Thank you so much dear Guru Mahārāja for what you do for all of us.

Hare Kṛṣṇa

Your servants,  
Jayaśrī Devī Dāsī & Toṣaṇa Kṛṣṇa Dāsa



## Trilokesa Dasa



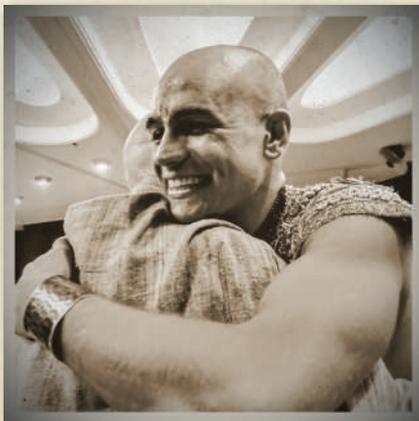
Dearest Gurumaharaja

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

I would like to take this opportunity to relay to you how much your classes and daily videos help me in my Kṛṣṇa conscious path. Also your association when you visited Karuna Bhavan in November, fantastic! Spending time with you during your visit in November has helped my Kṛṣṇa Consciousness leaps and bounds! Dear Gurumaharaja, I am humbly at your service...



## *Karuna Avatara Dasa*



Hare Kṛṣṇa dear Gurudeva!

All Glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and our illustrious sampradāya!

Please accept my repeated obeisances, sincere respects, and indescribable gratitude...

I'm overwhelmed, because I feel completely unworthy of your shelter.

But you accepted me...

You accepted me despite everything that I am and everything that I am not.

You accepted me despite my insufficient surrender.

You accepted me...



Perhaps you did so because of your implicit and unshakeable faith in the power of Bhakti. Perhaps you sensed a sand grain of sincerity in me. I guess you can believe in me because Śrīla Prabhupāda believed in all of you.

So I have received the greatest blessing of eternal indebtedness to you and all that you represent.

You have given me infinite impetus to push on; to keep fighting the daily fight against my lower nature.

I pray that I may see the world as you do and that I may feel that ultimate benevolence cradled in your heart within mine. I pray that I may imbibe your instructions to the core of my being.

May we be together forever!

Your servant,  
Karunā Avatāra Dāsa



## Devananda Dasa



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nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*



Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my sincerest obeisances. All glories to your lotus feet on this most auspicious day of your Vyāsa-pūjā! All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!

This year marks the 50th anniversary of your initiation from Śrīla Prabhupāda into the glorious, unbroken chain of disciplic succession going all the way back to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu; and ultimately Lord Kṛṣṇa. The hallmark of the spotless Vaiṣṇavas in this parampara is lifelong devotion and unparalleled compassion for those souls struggling to find shelter in this material world. Your lifetime of uninterrupted service to Śrīla Prabhupāda and his movement – which fulfilled the prediction foretold by Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu that one day every town and village would be chanting the holy names of Kṛṣṇa – is the highest example of dedication and pure devotion. From the ecstatic early days of the movement to the difficult years following Śrīla Prabhupāda's departure, and through the growth of our institution into the new millennium; you have been a leader, a beloved kirtaniya, a reformer, a spiritual master, and so much more.

Today you are impacting the lives of more fortunate souls than ever before though your tireless travels, your books, workshops, and daily outreach that connects us all to your vision to see that every one of your disciples – and indeed every person you touch – has the means and mercy to become fully liberated souls in surrender to Lord Kṛṣṇa in this lifetime. Emphasizing the practical integration of bhakti into our lives through sincere chanting of the holy names while connecting us all to Śrīla Prabhupāda through your direct experience of unwavering service to his lotus feet, we are all given freely the mercy that we so desperately need to make advancement in our spiritual lives and finally attain the highest perfection of life; pure love for Kṛṣṇa.



This year I recognize more than ever that while you are giving endlessly of yourself to save so many of us, I have fallen so terribly short of giving myself over fully to your teachings and valuable instruction. How I daily squander so many opportunities to hear your voice, see your classes, read your books, and apply all that you have so generously awarded to me. I realize that I have not come to a level where I can fully appreciate your loving, causeless mercy and that is difficult to admit. But this reflection also brings tremendous hope. The blazing fire of the torchlight of your mercy illuminates exactly where I need to grow and that brings determination that one day I can truly experience sincere gratitude toward your lotus feet and do something great in your name to honor your legacy of pure, selfless service to the entire world. With all of the love and appreciation my heart can possibly express on the glorious occasion of your appearance day...

Your eternally grateful servant,  
Devananda Dasa



## *Gaura Mani Devi Dasi*



Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances and all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmīn iti nāmine*

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śrīmate mahatma prabhu iti nāmine*

*namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe  
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*



*śrī-kṛṣṇa-caitanya prabhu-nityānanda*  
*śrī-advaita gadādhara śrīvāsādi-gaura-bhakta-vṛnda*

My deepest pranams to you Gurudev, you are the entry gate to all mercy, and I'm so fortunate to have you to guide me and show me the path, correct me when I am straying or questioning. My deep respects to you for all that you have done in service of your beloved spiritual master, spreading the Holy Names in countless towns and villages and neighbourhoods around the world. Sankirtan, temple leadership, guiding souls through relationships, helping guide souls gently back to their true love, their relationship with Śrī Kṛṣṇa. I am so grateful that I had the fortune to attend your forgiveness workshop in Vancouver in 2013, this workshop is the reason my heart really started to open to Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa has truly been merciful to me to grant me such a personal relationship with you my spiritual master. Thank you for being so kind and available. I hope that I can someday reciprocate what you have given to me, my spiritual life. May Śrī Śrī Rādhā Kṛṣṇa and Śrī Nrsimadev bless you with lakhs of mercy and protection as you lead this movement into more and more towns and villages around the world.

Your aspiring servant,  
 Gaura Mani Devi Dasi

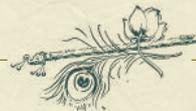


## Jaya Gopala Dasa



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nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*



Please accept my humble obeisances

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Through self-reflection and honesty I opened up to you about my personal demons. This was an intense and humbling experience in my life yet very therapeutic and changed me forever.

I am sick, self-seeking, full of lust, fears, anger and resentment. But you have guided me toward the light in best and practical way to battle my anarthas. I don't know what I'd do or be without your care but be a shallow, on the surface devotee. Because of you I am diving deep into my self and surrendering more and more to Kṛṣṇa.

I believe and trust 100% in you Gurudeva. I am so grateful to you. I know you truly desire what is best for me.

I aim to elevate myself higher and hope to please you.

Your servant,  
Jaya Gopala Dasa



## Radhapriya Devi Dasi



Hare Kṛṣṇa dear Gurumaharaj!

Accept my humble obeissances! All Glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!

70 years! Wow! 50 years in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness! Wow, wow, wow! What a great and wonderful example you are!

You do not know how happy I feel to be a your disciple, it is impressive how all the devotees I meet and I talk to them about you have a wonderful anecdote about you, your music, your books, your teachings, your videos...

I have two favorite anecdotes, one is when I met Hridayananda Maharaj, I told him that I am your disciple and his smile was even bigger than he always has,



he told me about your character, as you are always calm all the time. Maharaj affirms that you were born with that, because from your first days in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness you were always like that... he not only loves you very much but he admires you and says that he is very happy to see that “a little brother” is doing things so big.

The second anecdote is when I met a good friend of yours from Gainesville, a great school teacher, he told me that they have always had as cross encounters throughout life and without proposing it they end up living in the same places, he reminds you as a Brilliant disciple of Śrīla Prabhupāda, very attached to his japa and giving very successful advice.

What more pride for a daughter, what to see as ISKCON recognizes you as one of Śrīla Prabhupāda's great disciples, as one of the most humble and of those who is always very attentive to the situation of devotees.

How great is my happiness to see your smile that travels the world transmitting peace, hope and the message of Śrīla Prabhupāda in places so far from your land, following in the footsteps of your Master, despite how exhausting this may become.

There is little I can really do for you, however I have a purpose in my life and make you smile... and I will do everything in my power (and what not too) to achieve it, with my innumerable defects and weaknesses... but I have a deep faith in Kṛṣṇa, that I know that everything controls everything, and your mercy that I will achieve it.

My life has no purpose without your presence, only your instructions feed my soul day by day. Every difficulty I have had in recent years has been overcome and overcome thanks to your wonderful advice. May Kṛṣṇa grant us many

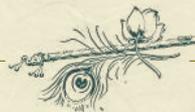


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more years of your great presence among us... may it be at least 108 years that we can celebrate in the service of Kṛṣṇa.

Happy birthday Gurumaharaj.

Your crazy and eternal disciple,  
Radhapriya Devi Dasi



## Sri Radha Devi Dasi



Hare Kṛṣṇa Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances and all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Happy Vyāsa-pūjā!

Yesterday by the devotees mercy here in Denver I gave Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam class for the third time. This time on verse 3.31.43. The translation says 'Due to his particular type of body, the materialistic living entity wanders from one planet to another, following fruitive activities. In this way, he involves himself in fruitive activities and enjoys the result incessantly.' In the purport Śrīla Prabhupāda states, '...if by some chance or by pious activities they get in touch with a bona fide spiritual master, by the grace of Kṛṣṇa, then they



get the seed of devotional service’ and ‘Unless one gets the opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master by the grace of the Lord, there is no possibility of one’s liberation from the cycle of birth and death...’. Śrīla Prabhupāda also explains in the purport the process of growth of the seed of devotional service planted in the heart. He states, ‘After getting this seed, if one sows it within his heart and pours water on it by hearing and chanting, the seed grows into a big plant, and there are fruits and flowers which the living entity can enjoy, even in this material world.’

Getting this verse was a great way of hearing from Kṛṣṇa, ‘get started on that Vyāsa-pūjā letter’. I see my tendency that when I want something to be perfect I keep putting the item off till a perfect time comes along and go on to do other things that aren’t as daunting. I am putting aside my perfectionist tendency to realize that I just need to write from the heart, because I can never repay you no matter what I do or what I write. I can just express to you as best I can that I am extremely grateful for all that you and Jahnava Mataji do for others and myself.

Your classes are incredible. Whenever I am in search of an answer for something I listen to one of your classes and you give me the answer. I love that you do the daily quote videos. They are direct and to the point of how I can grow each day. Your communication of emailing back when a disciple has a predicament is extremely fast. I potently feel your dedication to having a close relationship with us. I love that you say, ‘I am not disturbed when you write to me with your problems, rather I am disturbed if your problems persist and you don’t write/allow me to help you’.

From the SB verse above, for the part talking about the fruits and flowers enjoyed even in this material world, our SB class group talked about these fruits and flowers being the qualities we cultivate from our dedication and



determination in practicing devotional service. Such as the qualities from BG 16.1-3; 'The Supreme Personality of Godhead said: Fearlessness; purification of one's existence; cultivation of spiritual knowledge; charity; self-control; performance of sacrifice; study of the Vedas; austerity; simplicity; nonviolence; truthfulness; freedom from anger; renunciation; tranquillity; aversion to faultfinding; compassion for all living entities; freedom from covetousness; gentleness; modesty; steady determination; vigor; forgiveness; fortitude; cleanliness; and freedom from envy and from the passion for honor – these transcendental qualities, O son of Bharata, belong to godly men endowed with divine nature.'

I see myself gradually growing in these characteristics by your mercy and by the association of the devotees in Denver. Your classes and overall teachings in all aspects help me to get out of the mode of ignorance and passion and elevate me to goodness and further a solid Kṛṣṇa Consciousness state. Whenever I am feeling confused or upset, I listen to one of your classes and it revives my Bhakti creeper to overcome the modes, be a better person and keep on determined to serve better and more.

In the purport of verse 4.34 in BG Śrīla Prabhupāda states, 'Satisfaction of the self-realized spiritual master is the secret of advancement in spiritual life.' I strive to understand this statement continuously deeper and practice this consistently as I grow in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

Thank you for accepting me and letting me take shelter of your lotus feet.

Your grateful servant,  
Śrī Radha Devi Dasi





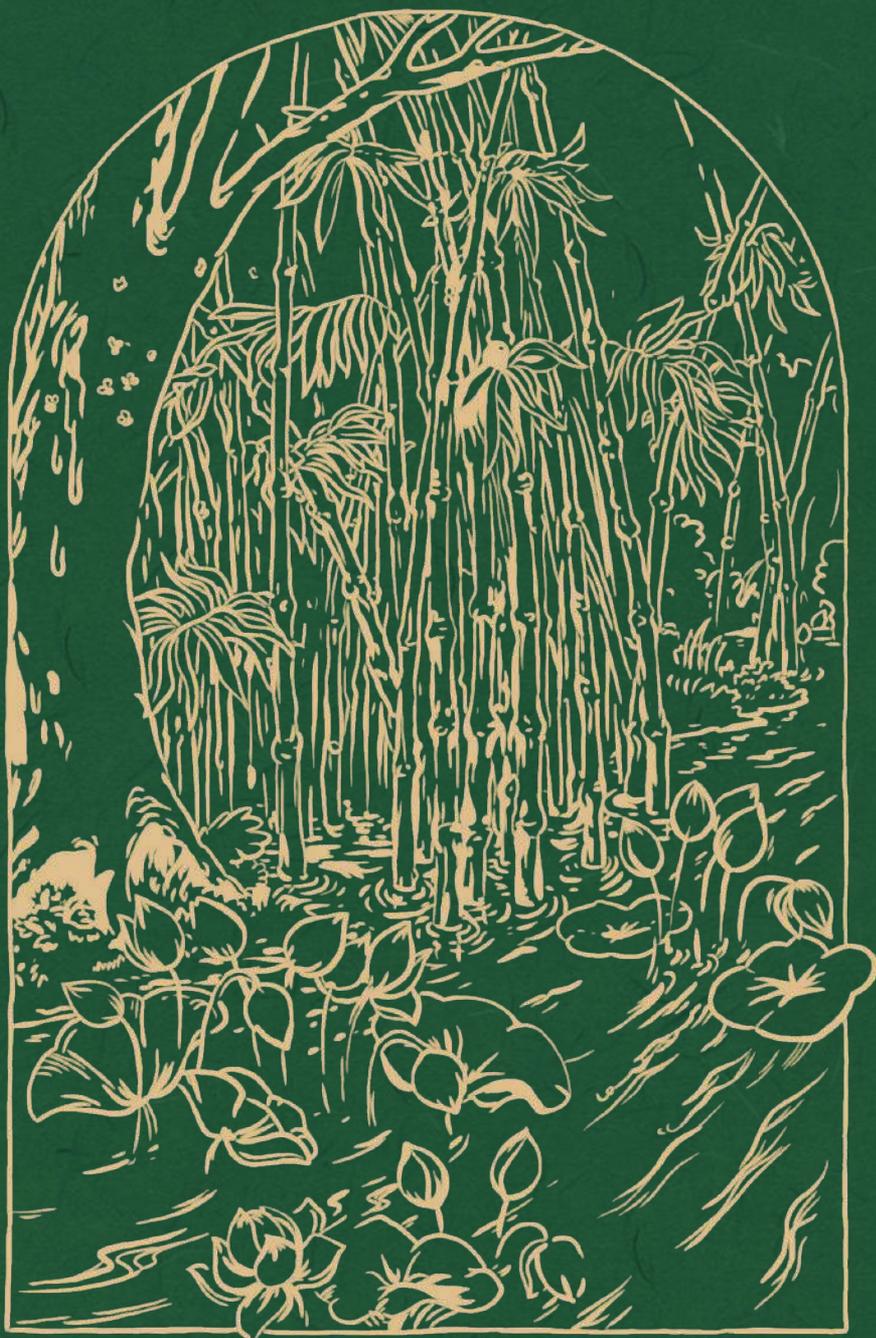




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## Marcelo



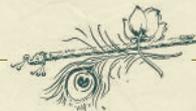
Hare Kṛṣṇa Maharaja,

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, please accept my humble obeisances.

I want to say thank you so much for make my life totally different last time here in Argentina. I felt so blessed with your presence, so happy I have no words enough to thank you.

Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Your servant,  
Marcelo Prabhu



*Maximo*



Hare Kṛṣṇa Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble and respectful obeisances!!! All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and All glories at his lotus feet!!!

On this occasion, I wanted to express to you with great affection of heart for being a great source of inspiration for me in this wonderful process of bhakti yoga. I also wanted to tell you that the desire for the search for a spiritual master had never arisen in me so that through his mercy, the scriptures and Kṛṣṇa, one can have a true understanding of the science of God and thus be able to end everything. this suffering of material existence and therefore of the cycle of repeated births and deaths. This desire awakened when through the blessing of a devotee who approached you material from courses, lessons



and classes on the channel of you tube immediately I felt a deep feeling from the heart and connection without knowing it and that made me have no doubt in having found that Spiritual Master. I have great admiration for him and I greatly appreciate his preaching and the way he carries it out day by day and seeing the love, devotion and dedication with which he manifests the message. I also had the mercy of Krsna and the devout Prema Rupa who gave me the great opportunity to have been able to share with you Maharaja last year the trip to Mar del Plata and to have lived an incredible experience in which also Mother Kamala Sundari allowed me to serve it alongside her.

I wish you on this day a Happy Vyāsa-pūjā!!!

Your aspiring disciple and servant,  
Bhakta Maximo



## Paula Gayarre



All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, please accept my humble obeisances.

Kṛṣṇa is very merciful in giving me the opportunity in this life to meet you. Thank you for your grace, that rejoices in the heart of the devotees. And thank you because through you I feel the closeness of Śrīla Prabhupāda. I only understand a little what you felt being close to such a blessed soul.

Last year was my first Vyāsa-pūjā. I was blessed to see you twice last year and I feel very fortunate that you are part of my life. Many words from your lecture's have helped me to try to modify bad attitudes I have.

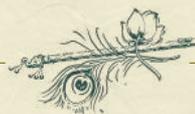


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Last year's kirtan at the Ganges river will remain in my mind and heart. I felt connected with the devotees and with you.

I hope to see you soon and pray to continue serving you.

Your servant,  
Paula Gayarre



## Amber Jazzini



Dearest Guru Maharaj,

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhūtale  
gurave citti-ceṣṭābhyāṃ mahātma-prabhava sadā  
tat-prabhu-bhāva-rūpāya kīrtana-hlāda-dāyine namas  
tattva-prakāśaya bhaktānāṃ tat-parāya ca*

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to you! All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!

I pray your Vyāsa-pūjā is a wonderful celebration this year Guru Maharaj, and I pray to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī for many happy returns on this auspicious day. Thank you for inspiring me to serve Śrīla Prabhupāda so sweetly and steadily.



This year I was fortunate to spend time with you in Māyāpur. A wonderful memory I have of this time were the Japa walks we took together through the misty trails of Māyāpur. As we walked, I would listen to you chant the holy names, and for a moment I thought I was in the spiritual world. Guru Maharaj, I would follow you anywhere. Wherever you are I wish to be, following your lead and walking in your footsteps.

Before meeting you in Śrī Māyāpur Dham, I was feeling the effects of the material world. However, after the first day of being in your company and sitting in your Kirtan, I experienced my heart open and soften once again. How I wish I could always be near you, listening to your realisations, and chanting with you. I thank Kṛṣṇa everyday that you have accepted me as your disciple. Please Guru-Maharaj, instil in my heart a drop of your sincerity, faith and selfless devotion.

Thank you for allowing me to personally experience your unlimited service to your disciples. You look after so many devotees in need, they flock to you as you welcome them with open arms. I can never actually express to you how much I appreciate you and all that you teach me. Please allow me to stay close to you, where I feel safe.

Your humble servant,  
Amber Jazzini  
Australia



## Clinton Brennan



Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

I feel so humbled and blessed to have this privilege to offer my respects.

I felt so blessed and honoured when you held my beads in Sydney. It had only been a few weeks when I had been introduced to japa. I had joined many kirtans and felt the internal potency Within every cell.

Though I had never met Guru that carried such unflinching faith and truth in the power of the holiest of names:



HARE KṚṢṆA HARE KṚṢṆA  
KṚṢṆA KṚṢṆA HARE HARE  
HARE RĀMA HARE RĀMA  
RĀMA RĀMA HARE HARE

Is truly my first thought every morning I awake.

Please accept my most humble service.

Jai Hare Kṛṣṇa!



## David Jazzini



Hare Kṛṣṇa Guru Maharaja,

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhūtale  
gurave citti-ceṣṭābhyāṃ mahātma-prabhava sadā  
tat-prabhu-bhāva-rūpāya kīrtana-hlāda-dāyine namas  
tattva-prakāśaya bhaktānāṃ tat-parāya ca*

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Mahatma Prabhu on your Vyāsa-pūjā.

Guru Maharaja, thank you for accepting me as your aspiring disciple. When you were in Sydney in 2019, I was very fortunate to spend some wonderful days with you. During this time, I got to witness your warmth, love and



compassion you had for everyone. What attracted me most to you was your humour and wisdom to make Kṛṣṇa Consciousness accessible to the fallen souls like me.

I feel blessed to have you as my spiritual master, to help me develop my Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. Your instructions during our days together transformed my heart, and your lectures and Kirtans continue to be a part of my development. I would also like to thank you for the precious time and care you show to all devotees. I pray to Lord Kṛṣṇa and Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī to keep you in good health so that you can continue to inspire enthusiastic spiritual seekers.

All glories to you, Guru Maharaja!

Your aspiring servant,  
David Jazzini  
*Sydney, Australia*



## Kruti Hawkins



Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

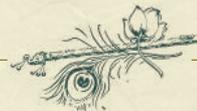
Of your many, innumerable glorious qualities, your ability to dig deep and help us evaluate our values, commitments and habits is paramount. Being in your presence and listening to your lectures I feel my internal commitment to humility, tolerance, and sincerity is strengthened ten-fold. You always remind us how important it is to raise our standards for ourselves and practice implementing the qualities of an aspiring devotee.



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Thank you very, very much for being my daily inspiration and my spiritual strength in this crazy world. Looking forward to your personal association, which is hopefully soon.

Your servant,  
Kruti



## Alejandra Hurtado



*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhūtale  
gurave citti-ceṣṭābhyāṃ mahātma-prabhava sadā  
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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāminn iti nāmine  
namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe  
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*



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Hare Kṛṣṇa Gurudeva. Jaya Sṛīla Prabhupāda. Please, receive my reverences.

Dear Guru Maharāja. I hope you are in good health and your days are being beautiful in the company of Sṛī Kṛṣṇa.

The memories of seeing you are still very present to me and I hope that not much time passes without being able to have your holy association again. Please know that I am always very grateful to have your shelter. It is a total blessing to meet you in this life and be able to feel inspired by your enormous service, by your attitude towards life, and by your way of teaching from love. I must apologize for my absence. I am working on my fallen condition to be able to be better and improve my service.

I'll seize this opportunity to wish you blessings and congratulations on your Vyāsa-pūjā. Please continue to bless me and my spiritual brothers with your presence and your unique classes.

The devotees from Bolivia are eager to meet you and we dream that at some point you'll be able to visit us. We can listen to your nectareous bhajans and together serve Sṛī Sṛī Gaura-Nitāi.

I proceeded to ask to help with the translation of this offering. Please excuse any offense. I'm sending you a very affectionate greeting and my humble reverences, dear Gurudeva. May Krishna keep you forever inspired and in peace.

Gaurāṅga! Haribol!

Aspiring at your service,  
Alejandra Hurtado



## Gopinath



I was very eager to see you the first time that I heard about you, I had just returned to Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and I was feeling that energy of love and tenderness going to the temple. Everyone was talking about you, of how the group of Ananda Shyam struggle to bring you, and that you were a Grihastha, and that you were a musician, and this and that. When you arrived at the temple I saw a simple man, with a lot of shakti, caring about the well-being of devotees, talking a lot about Śrīla Prabhupāda, about being good humans, healthy humans, healthy devotees. Then you mentioned that you were a surfer, and my eyes were like WOOOW! And you talk about the bus/temple, about preaching in foreign countries. And I really like your energy. The thing that I liked the most was your determination, the way you say the things searching construction, not criticizing. And of course the Halava analogy.



“The only way to do a thing is to do it!”

I really like that you always say examples of T-shirts like “Bad japa give me this body” – ahahahha is funny. Maybe we should have a T-shirt factory, and give them away on every of your classes.

Thank you!! Thank you for your patience, your chastises, your smiles, the japa walks, everything.

And then it was Māyāpur. Oh man!! If I could trade a couple of weeks here with a fraction of a second there, with you, with your associates, helping you in what I can, opening my heart to you, I really see you as an example and I'm very fond of you, Maharaj.

I remember that in one class you said something like: “... eating granola with your buddies, it was best!” And that really get me like, man! Granola is the best! You really make me wish to leave everything (car, debts, girlfriend) to follow you wherever you are.

I'm just a simple soul that is trying to be Kṛṣṇa conscious, please accept my humble obeisances, please keep working to fulfill Śrīla Prabhupāda's desires, please don't stop giving us the nectar of your company, please, please, please let us help you in your mission.

“Kirtan! Kirtan! Kirtan!” Gaurāṅga!!!

Your servant,  
Gopinath



## Vivienne (Wang Jing)



*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāminn iti nāmine  
namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe  
nirviṣeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances to your lotus feet!

How grateful I am for meeting you in my life! I often feel that I am part of you, also a part of Kṛṣṇa, which makes me feel very familiar. Although I just met you three months ago. You are so kind, just like my father.



Every time I chant or meditate, I feel great joy as long as I can feel you. I try to stay as clean as I can, because I know you'll be happy if I keep practicing. I think this is the only way I can please you and honor you. In the future, I will study hard and make myself better and better. Thank you for your instruction!

Your servant,  
Vivienne (Wang Jing)  
*March 5, 2020*



## Diana



*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāminn iti nāmine  
namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe  
nirviṣeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

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nirviṣeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*



Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

This is my first Vyāsa-pūjā and on this special occasion I wish the best for you that Kṛṣṇa gives you much health and happiness. I cannot express in words how greatly grateful I am for giving me your loving refuge. There is much joy in my heart, knowing that I am not alone that you will guide in my spiritual life and I am happy to serve you. I thank Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda for you, who inspires me with their great service and preaches and mercy with us. Happy Vyāsa-pūjā dear Gurudev.

PD: Maharishi Das / Martín says I love you happy birthday and thanks for giving me your happiness!!

My sincere gratitude,  
Your aspiring servant,  
Diana María and Maharishi Dasa / José Martín



## Jessica Marcela



Dear Guru Maharaja,

All the glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Please accept my humble obeisances.

Guru Maharaj, thank you very much for accepting me as an aspiring disciple. The mercy of your shelter is the strength that encourages and maintains me in this beautiful path of being an apprentice servant. Your noble, practical and enthusiastic thoughts on how we can do our best in the service to Kṛṣṇa, in our relationships and occupations, soften the agitation of my mind and help me discover some sweetness in my heart, which is so dusty and stubborn.

Your loving, sincere and simple orientation has helped me to mature my character a little more, now I can better recognize the bad qualities and I



propose to work on them, as well as I recognize skills that are favorable to serve.

I sincerely feel very useless in serving, so my aspiration is to become a more useful servant, probably if I act with greater discipline in following your instructions so it will be, because you expand love, you are like an archaeologist cleaning the dirt that covers our hearts with your thoughts and chanting, I can say that since I met you, little by little I discovered a better version of me, I deeply thank you.

I beg Gaura-Nitāi to help me to cleanse my heart by serving you, the Vaiṣṇavas and the Sankirtan movement of Lord Caitanya.

Thanks for your lovely shelter

Happy appearance day.  
My sincere affection and gratitude.

Your aspiring servant  
Bhaktin Jessica Marcela  
*Cali, Colombia*



## Analiz Alvear



Dear Guru Maharaj ,

You are my strength every day. Remembering your words is all I need to find determination to fight this material world with devotion and make it an offering to you. Your teachings have purified my existence in many ways and for that I'm eternally grateful. Every time I take a look to the past I just feel I wasted millions of lives before finding this sweet shelter under your lotus feet.

I pray Kṛṣṇa that my heart never stops dancing when it hears you chant.

Your servant,  
Analiz



## Nitay Arz



Dear Gurudev.

In this life I thought that I would not find my spiritual master, but Kṛṣṇa made me understand that the relationship with the guru and the disciple is eternal, and you came into my life at the exact moment.

You preach with love, it motivates me to be better every day. I feel Kṛṣṇa's love flow in your words.

Your actions of traveling and preaching all over the world motivates me to continue in my service of the Sankirtan.



I feel that in this life I will not be able to thank you for everything you have given me, because if you have saved my life, by giving direction, by helping me cleanse my heart of all the impurities that I have accumulated for life after life.

Now in this, your Vyāsa-pūjā, I know that Kṛṣṇa will give you all the blessings, so that you continue to execute your preaching service that makes you so happy, for many more years, that you will achieve all your preaching goals that is to satisfy Śrīla Prabhupāda and Śrī Kṛṣṇa.

May you always be full of health and well-being. Please accept my humblest and respectful obeisances.

Your servant,  
Nitay Arz



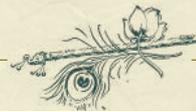
## Janina



Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances to Your lotus feet on the glorious day of your Vyāsa-pūjā. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and to you.

I want to awkwardly express my gratitude for your inspiring example of sincerity in service to Śrīla Prabhupāda and his mission. Thank you for your life of devotion exemplifying Prabhupāda's teachings, for conveying his message in your own very special and relatable way, for opening up different facets of his personality to us, and for your genuine kindness, compassion and concern for us.



I am very grateful to Kṛṣṇa and Prabhupāda for having a chance to meet you and I hope to always remain in the shelter of your lotus feet.

Your aspiring servant,  
Janina



## *Ashalata Icchamati*



Dear Guru Maharaj,

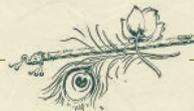
Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!

All glories to your service! Wishing you very happy Vyāsa-pūjā day!

The occasion of your Vyāsa-pūjā is always time to remember back 9 years ago, how I was googling the word "forgiveness" and how you came into my life that summer and now 9 years later, wow! What a journey so far.



I am so grateful that Kṛṣṇa brought you into my life and saved me that day. Because of you I could heal my heart. Because of you I could develop faith in this path.

Thank you for your tolerance, acceptance, support, and appreciation over all these years... Thank you for your advice for reading my reports and thank you for all the valuable classes and the beautiful kirtans! Thank you for your honesty. Thank you for letting me serve you, I am grateful for every service you gave me and the little time I could be in your association was such a gift.

By your mercy, I could make progress and by your mercy, I could awake my lost relationship with Kṛṣṇa. Everything what I am today I am because of you.

I pray for your good health and well being and hope there will be many more years of learning from you and serving you and hopefully many more times in your association.

With love and gratitude.

Your servant,

Ashalata



## Nadine Lukesch



*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhūtale  
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*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-salākayā  
cakṣur unmilitaṃ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and to you.



Lately I was writing with one of my godsisters and she wrote that she prepare the offering for your Vyāsa-pūjā a whole year. At first I was shocked and felt guilty. I mean, January is almost over and I haven't written a single word yet. But then I realized that I prefer to write intuitively.

Last year I faced some big and small challenges. And I felt like you were always by my side. Thanks to your books, lectures, workshops, videos, etc., your words sound very often in me. I used to be very wayward, stubborn and temperamental. Uhm well, to be honest I still am today. I have a lot of energy in me. But even if you are not aware of it, you always steer them in the right direction with your words. If I stray from the path, I "suddenly" see your daily video or read one of your quotes. And then I get the feeling that you are standing right next to me and watching me. Of course, my mind doesn't like everything you want to teach me. But according to "Vaiṣṇava Ke" I run after him with a stick.

All in all, I want to thank you for helping me get to know myself better. Thanks to your lectures, I was also able to discover my deep relationship with Śrīla Prabhupāda. Without you that would never have been possible. Without you, I would never be the person I am today. You encourage me to improve every day. You encourage me to try the impossible. You encourage me to chase rhinos (well, maybe smaller ones first). So I want to thank you again for always being by my side – in whatever way. I will never be able to pay my debt. Still, I will do my best to serve you and support your, Śrīla Prabhupāda's and Mahāprabhu's mission.

I'm wishing you very happy Vyāsa-pūjā day!

Your aspiring servant,  
Nadine

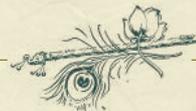


## Dipak Naskar



I glimpse you now and then Why not forever more? Why do clouds engulf my heart? Not letting me see The clouds of illusion blind me Not letting me see In a sliver of light in the blink of an eye When I catch a glimpse of you I am ever fearful of losing you Only to lose you in a flash I lose you before my hopes are met I lose you before I can blink my eye I lose you before my heart is soothed I lose you in a flash Tell me how to attain you To keep you within my sight Where will I find so much love O Lord? To give you place in my heart Can I dare to? If you are not kind who can dare? If you do not come yourself Who can keep you in their heart? None else will I look up to If you command, I will this very moment With all my heart and soul Surrender my passions and possessions I will surrender at your feet I will surrender without hesitation I will surrender to you my passions and possessions.

Dipak Naskar



## Kingshuk Das Gupta



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namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe  
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*



Dearest Gurudev,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Śrīlā Prabhupāda, Guru Gaurāṅga, and all Vaiṣṇavas.

I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to write to you on the auspicious day of your appearance. I am very fortunate first of all you entered my life and heart. You touch so many people by your empowered preaching.

You are such an amazing preacher Guru Mahārāja, each time I hear you speak I am amazed at how you are able to say exactly what I need to hear. I remember your instructions every day, they are my inspiration.

You show such compassion to the living entities who are in a state of forgetfulness of Kṛṣṇa, by constantly preaching and giving so much of your time, guidance and care.

You are so merciful that you have given such a fallen soul like me this opportunity of devotional service. You gave me so much of your time, guidance and care, always making sure that I understand things in right direction.

Thank you for your austere and sacrificial life.  
Thank you for your dedication to follow your spiritual master's footsteps.

Kṛṣṇa says in Śrīmad Bhāgavatam (10.80.34):

"I, the soul of all beings, am not as satisfied by ritual worship, brahminical initiation, penances or self-discipline as I am by faithful service rendered to one's spiritual master."



How dear you must be to Kṛṣṇa for your faithful service to Śrīlā Prabhupāda. You are always absorbed in your service to your spiritual master, setting such an exalted example for all your disciples to follow.

Thanks for everything Gurudeva.

Your aspiring servant,  
Kingshuk



## Pooja Goyal



*śrī-kṛṣṇa-caitanya prabhu-nityānanda  
śrī-advaita gadādhara śrīvāsādi-gaura-bhakta-vṛnda*

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa  
Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare  
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma  
Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Guru Maharaj.

My Vyāsa-pūjā offering always have one thing in common and I am glad that I always have that in my offerings. Kṛṣṇa is full of miracles and so is Guru Maharaj. He is always there when I want him and that too without any delay



of even a second. I have to think of a question in my mind and pat comes the answer from nowhere through him. Let it be any situation, any circumstance the thoughts I receive always help me to calm down and face the situation in a right way. I can't thank Guru Maharaj enough for always being there and how.

For my miraculous guru,

Your aspiring disciple,  
Pooja

Hare Kṛṣṇa.



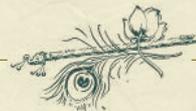
## Poornima



Guru Praṇati and Śrīla Prabhupāda Praṇati,  
kindly accept my humble obeisances.

On this auspicious occasion I would like to thank you for the most amazing videos messages and seminars. It's been really inspiring when I am going through my tough situation and I tried to implement in my real life situations. I even study books of Śrīla Prabhupāda. I am grateful to follow a guru parampara. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and you. Kindly accept my small offering. Hoping to see you in India.

Your servant,  
Poornima



## Dr. Vijayalakshmi Patel



*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya  
jñānāñjana-śalākayā  
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena  
tasmai śrī-guruve namaḥ*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmīn iti nāmīne  
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāñī-pracāriṇe  
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*



I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa, having taken shelter at His Lotus feet. Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Sarasvati Gosvami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanya and delivering the western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
Mahatma das Prabhu iti nāmine*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto my Guru Maharaj, Mahatma Das Prabhu, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

*namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe  
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

My respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Śrīla Prabhupāda. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanya and delivering the countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

*vāñchā-kalpatarubhyaś ca  
kṛpā-sindhubhya eva ca  
patitānām pāvanebhyo  
vaiṣṇavebhyo namo namaḥ*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto all the Vaiṣṇava devotees of the Lord. They are just like desire trees who can fulfill the desires of everyone, and they are full of compassion for the fallen conditioned souls.



Dear Guru Maharaj,

Hare Kṛṣṇa.

I would like to wish you a very happy Vyāsa-pūjā, dated 5th May 2020. May their Lordships shower you with abundant blessings of good health, wealth and further spiritual advancement and ultimately, Kṛṣṇa prema.

I would like to apologize for any mistakes committed on my part, knowingly or unknowingly. I know it has been a long time. I had that spiritual block. But am I not glad that I am back in your shelter!

I am very grateful to you for having revived my taste for chanting. I had frozen in time. But your words brought me back to life. You said that if I love Kṛṣṇa then I must follow what he says. And, love is a verb, an action. Just saying I love Kṛṣṇa is not adequate. I have to show it in action that I love Him. That was a razor-edged statement that cut my spiritual lethargy into pieces. That was a "Jai moment"! Now I am chanting regularly with enthusiasm, determination and sincerity.

I have been deeply hurt by a devotee years ago and had misconceptions about the spiritual approach to this problem until I started attending your online classes on face book where you dealt with the subject of criticism so deeply and effectively. Thank you, Guru Maharaj. I am healed.

You truly are a blessing for this world. The comprehensive and crystal-clear explanations of the sastras relevant to our times is truly awesome. You are so kind and compassionate and are very gentle and extremely tolerant. Your daughter is very lucky to have you as her siksa guru at such close proximity. They say the goodness of the spiritual master rubs off on you. What a



fortunate soul! You are transparent and honest and follow the teachings of Śrīla Prabhupāda to the T. I can trust your teachings implicitly. You follow the guru parampara system. What more can I ask for! And you are so funny. It is a pleasure to attend your classes. They are never boring. So full of fun and teachings. I never miss the take away message from your teachings. Thank you for sustaining my interest in spirituality.

I thank you very much once again and this appreciation comes from the bottom of my heart.

May Lord Krsna bless you again and again.

In yours and Śrīla Prabhupāda's service with a grateful heart from  
Dr. Vijayalakshmi Patel



## *Adriana Palacios*



Please accept my sincere reverences, All the glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, all the glories to His Grace Mahatma Prabhu.

It is a great fortune and blessing having you here with us and have the opportunity to learn from you, so we can try to live our lives in a good mood, both, spiritually and materially.

Thank you very much for your teachings, your inspiration to go on besides difficulties you can face.

I wish with all my heart that Kṛṣṇa blesses you and takes care of you and protects in every moment.



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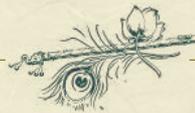
You are always in my mind and heart and pray to serve.

Happy Birthday!  
Vanca Kalpa dear Gurudeva.

With love and admiration,

Your aspiring servant,  
Adriana Palacios

Hare Kṛṣṇa



## Fabioso



My dear Gurudeva,

I offer my most sincere obeisances bowing down to you.

I thought about writing this offering because I'm very bad at writing and even worst at expressing my feelings. But I Will try to explain in the simplest of ways the way I feel.

As you already know I'm not the best devotee, even more I don't know if I could be called that. It is said that the Spiritual Master knows what we do and what's in our hearts and that makes me ashamed (because I'm terrible in my spiritual life) but you can't imagine the beautiful feeling I get knowing someone can love you unconditionally despite your mistakes, character,



limitations and defects. For me It's incredible when they tell me you ask about me or you will be happy hearing from me, makes me feel special and loved.

I remember when you told me to have my own bakery or that I cook well. Your words made me feel confident and happy doing something I love, the way you comfort others is very sweet, sincere. The desire to support and help others to heal is admirable. I would like to help you in your mission one day.

I feel completely thankful to Kṛṣṇa because in His endless love He has put in my life wonderful people and a wonderful, kind and great soul that is you. I apologize if I don't write often or send reports but I feel ashamed. My sadhana is horrible and I always write sad things. I will improve these (because they go hand by hand).

That's all I wanted to share.

I hope Kṛṣṇa allows us to serve you many more years.

With so much love,  
Fabioso



## Om Shanti



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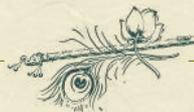
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Hare Rāma Hare Rāma  
Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

My beloved Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my obeisances hundreds and hundreds of times.

This is a very special day for all of us Your disciples, well-wishers and followers, because with only one word that comes from your lotus mouth you can release us from suffering of this material world. Even if Kali wants to keep up us away from Sri Kṛṣṇa, the energy and consciousness of Your great soul are so strong and wonderful that they enlighten us and purify all of our conditioned souls, with only Your presence, or with a kirtan, or even by just seeing your wonderful smile, it is enough to feel that liberation can be achieved.... To thank you forever wouldn't be enough in time or space, to express how important your association is to me, my God sisters and God brothers, and all of devotees; but most of all to thank that you truthfully carry on with Śrīla Prabhupāda's teachings, like the honorable Parampara from immemorial times; sharing with great devotion and honesty your love of God, using your intelligence and all of your senses to carry it out with all of your heart. Thank you!!!! I pray to Lord Nrisimha so he can protect you at all times and you always be happy in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness; and hopefully you'll be happy with my service.

Aspiring to the eternal devotional service,  
Om Shanti



## Paulina Figueroa López



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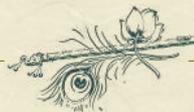
Accept my obeisances dear Gurudeva,

Today in the day of your Vyasapuja I want to tell you that I am very thankful to you for giving me shelter. I know I'm just beginning my spiritual path. You are the person that inspires me the most to continue going forward even despite the circumstances that come in this material life. You always have the right phrase to help us connect to the truth from the heart.

I haven't learnt English yet. However, I still listen to your classes and my heart understands that true love to Kṛṣṇa which makes pronounce wise words. I wish with all my heart to fulfill the service you've given me: to use my voice in the meditations for Mantra Project and doing service in a creative way to be able to do my bit in the loving service to Prabhupāda. I wish to be happier and a better human being each day to be able to be more Kṛṣṇa conscious and by following your instructions I know it will be that way.

"As a soft wind that dispels the dark clouds of my thoughts  
It's your voice chanting the holy name,  
The greatest mercy,  
The greatest gift I've received in this Earth".

Your aspiring disciple,  
Paulina Figueroa López



## Stephanie Gómez



*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā  
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Dear Maharaja, Mahatma prabhu, please accept my respectful obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!

I would say that this last year I could feel and live the importance of the topics that you preach to help us to improve in our lives trying to follow Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions.

I read the Vyasapuja offering from HH Indradyumna Swami and He describes You perfectly as "spiritual master, a life coach, a transcendental psychologist, a best friend and well-wisher of so many of us".

And yes you are a personification of surrender, you can take any place just to serve devotees and Śrīla Prabhupāda's movement. I can see how everything you do, every person you take care of, every project; you put all heart in that.

Thank you because probably this last year you did more than I did to encourage me to survive in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. Thank you for your time, your education, your patience, your example in character and your love. Sometimes I feel that obstacles are bigger than me, and bigger than my hope to be Kṛṣṇa conscious, but I know that they are never bigger than you, than your love or your desire to everyone can approach to Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda mercy.

I have in you a perfect example of practice and preach. So fortunate to have a spiritual father as you, even when I cannot appreciate it at all.

Thank you for your teachings, I hope to increase my understanding in this relationship and realise more and more the fortunate of your company.



I don't have words to thank you for being in my life and also, I would like to ask you to let me stay close to you.

Sometimes when I want to give up, I just remember that Mangala Artik that I was full in my heart that I realized that I will never give up, and I wrote it to you. (Haha is like a commitment). And also your advise to take maha prasadam in times of confusion.

Your aspiring servant,  
Stephanie



## Susanne Trejo Macias



His Grace Mahatma Das

Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, jaya!

Your classes and your kirtan clean my heart, thank you very much. It has been very difficult for me to find peace, but Śrī Kṛṣṇa has been very generous to me in guiding me through his classes and kirtan. They are like water in the desert.

Sometimes I am sorry to speak correctly with you, for being a great teacher. But I want to express a big thank you for your work so beautiful that you share us.



Anuradha, Rasika, Alaksya and Prem are very generous with me and with the community of Kṛṣṇa West. It is impressive and beautiful Kṛṣṇa West. Thank you.

Sincerely  
Your servant,  
Susanna



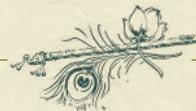
## John



**M**aster! O Master! You are  
**A**ttentive, devoted and true.  
**H**umility, mercy and compassion  
**A**re your virtues, as you  
**T**each the glories of Krsna to the world.  
**M**aster of this ignorant foll, who is  
**A**lways a beggar at your lotus feet.

Hare Krsna.

Your aspiring servant,  
John



## Vance Dawooky



*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
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Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvāmī. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanya and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.



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I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my eyes, blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge.

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. All Glories to Jagad Guru, Śrīla Prabhupad and all glories to your loving divine grace.

I wish you a very happy Vyāsa-pūjā and pray to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī for many happy returns of this auspicious day. Guru Maharaj, thank you for being in my life and having your mercy. I also thank Lord Kṛṣṇa for sending you as my master and saviour, that first darshan of your divine grace is still afresh to my vision. I hope some day, I will be in your personal association to celebrate this day and directly get the nectar of your association.

This is my first Vyāsa-pūjā offerings to you and if I made mistake during writings or saying something, please forgive my spiritual master.

Your aspiring servant,  
Bhaktin Vanee



## Esleyter Tello Fernández



*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
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I told myself that Prabhupāda appeared to me through his books. Similarly, by acquiring your books, it caused great joy when reading them, as when Prabhupāda appeared to me. So I said, Mahatma Prabhu will be my master. If the Lord decides, the Master will tell me. Humbled reverencias at your Lotus feet dear Maharaja.

Thank you for having arrived in the form of my greatest pleasures, books.



I will tell you something: "It's been a long time since my enthusiasm veho vanishes." First I met the devotees in November 2017 at a fair here in Tarapoto-Peru. Then they taught me to sing the Mahā-mantra. In 2018, the first of January I decided to fulfill all the principles and continue singing, naturally at first it seemed great to me. Upon passing the time he was taking my enthusiasm, my qualifications at the University went down, stopped importing the results, I started taking very different roads, to adjust the situation to family mode, from Echo all jumped on me.

I wanted to thank you so much Maharaja for your japa instructions. Now every affirmation is like my inspiration before I start singing the rounds. I also wanted to thank you for your sweet disciples that go after you. The steps of them encourage me to desire your company one day. I would like you to be one day the one who push me on the bicycle of spiritual life. I pray a lot for the day to achieve that mercy. But above all I think it's time to start the trip back home.

I have many plans, that I would like them so linked and a service to my teacher, Mr. Kṛṣṇa wanted me to put me into the civil engineering branch; I would like to adapt everything in relation to expanding Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. I know that with effort you get some money, but I would like so much return everything that is given to me for the good of the devotees and those who come back. Well, maybe still my vision does not have it very fixed, but I think that if the instructions of your divine grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda do not fail, that the spiritual master is somehow necessary in the lives of each person, is perhaps the only ingredient needed to carry out my greatest ambitions for ISKCON. Hare Kṛṣṇa!

His humble aspirant to take refuge on his lotus feet, Esleyter Tello Fernández, 22 years old, Peru.



## Agnieszka Wojtkowiak



Dear Gurudeva,

I often wonder how I deserved my Guru? I am very lucky that he would accept me under his wing. Last year, I truly felt what it meant to love my spiritual master. Feel not only respect, gratitude, but just give affection. I think that's what our Guru felt about Prabhupāda. No words of joy when you can be with him, every moment is priceless. When I got home after meeting him, which I went to practically the whole country, just to be able to see him for two hours, I felt how much he meant to me. All it took was a few moments, and by His grace I felt Kṛṣṇa's closeness. Gurudev is a unique being, to be able to look at Kṛṣṇa through his eyes is a great grace. I am aware that I am far from a good student, but I am 100% sure that there is no better teacher. Thinking about him, I see truthfulness, honesty, warmth and understanding. I cannot always



make good choices, but the decision to follow Kṛṣṇa with Gurudev is my best choice.

Your servant,  
Agnieszka Wojtkowiak



## Jakub (Kuvera)



Dearest Gurudev!

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!

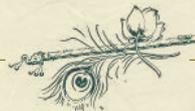
Kali-yuga is affecting us all and doing it all the time. We all like being affected by it and by māyā and if not by the mercy of a pure devotee, we all would have been lost, we would never see that what we like is just illusion. You are the light in these dark hours. You are the goodness in this time of ignorance. You are the wisdom in this time of stupidity. You teach us how to be perfectly humble, understanding, forgiving, You teach us how to be human first. Prabhupāda said that a human life form makes it possible to make an advancement in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. We all have human bodies, but we still lack the human qualities. Thank you beloved Gurudev for showing us those



qualities, teaching us by perfect example. Only by your mercy we can begin to understand that we want to be real devotees. Only by your mercy, we are able to do any devotional service. Only by your mercy we are able to please Kṛṣṇa. Your patience and love toward us – fallen souls, is almost inconceivable, one can only understand it if one accepts that You are fulfilling your own Guru Maharaj will, of which you are the best of the disciples. The power of Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy emerges from you, from every word of yours, every sung note. It is the greatest luck to be able to see You. It is unimaginable luck to be able to listen to You preach. It is beyond all reason luck to be able to have You as a spiritual master.

Thank you for everything.

Forever grateful, never grateful enough, your humble servant.  
Hopefully some day to be Kuvera das



## Natalia Wójcinska



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Dear Mahatma Prabhu, Dear Guru Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda! All glories to you!

I am glad that this is the next year in which I can write an offering for your birthday. Last year I could share it during a Vyāsa-pūjā organized in Poland. This year I am writing it, hoping that maybe this year I will be able to participate in your Vyāsa-pūjā by the grace of Kṛṣṇa.

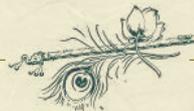
Every day I experience the importance of the spiritual master's guidance. Opening myself to this lead and following your teachings I feel cared for on the path of spiritual development. I have the impression that just listening to your bhajans allows you to take the next steps. Moreover the Daily Quotes are often the answer to many questions arising in my head that day. These brief considerations are very valuable to me. Thank you Kṛṣṇa for the effort you put into their preparation.

I am glad that it is possible to use social media. Especially recently (I am writing this offering on 5/03/2020) many devotees have reported from Māyāpur. I was not there, but thanks to photos and movies, every day I felt like I was taking part in your lectures, bhajans, and above all JAPA WALKS organized by you! I can't explain it. I was in India with all my heart.

It is not easy for me to describe feelings. I am grateful that you are. Thank you for your teaching and care. For your gentleness and understanding.

Happy Birthday, Gurudeva. Thank you for everything. All glories to you.

Your aspiring servant,  
Natalia



## Marina Lazareva



Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda! All glories to your service!

On this wonderful day of your Vyāsa-pūjā, I am very happy to have the opportunity to thank you and glorify your qualities. Dear Guru Maharaj, I see in you such a unique and rare quality as freedom. Freedom from believes and intricacies of the mind, from constantly changing conditions of life, from unstable senses. This is a consequence of the strong intelligence and Kṛṣṇa Consciousness that Śrīla Prabhupāda teaches us. Guru Maharaj, thank you very much for your example!



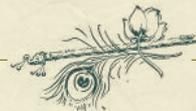
Thank you very much for your contribution to the lives of many people, to my life personally. Your daily videos on maha substantial topics help me and my friends.

Thank you very much for your trust in me and for the opportunity to be involved in your mission. I am grateful for your guidance and for the support you are giving me!

Thank you very much for your help on a difficult spiritual path! We are eagerly waiting for you in Russia!

Desiring to obtain at least a drop of the same qualities as you have,

Your humble servant,  
Bhaktin Marina



## Vera Moskovskaya



Hare Krsna, dear Mahatma Prabhu, Guru Maharaja!

Please accept my obeisances.  
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!

Let me express my deep gratitude and appreciation for all Your priceless service and contribution to the Mission of Śrīla Prabhupāda and ISKCON, and to the individual development of devotees, including me.

I'm very inspired by Your attitude to Śrīla Prabhupāda, to His teachings, and how much You are attached to Him. Practical aspect of knowledge that You give is applicable in every field that You cover. You represent the very essence.



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Thank You so much for these short videos on a specific topic that You make for us. They give answers to many questions and help us change.

Thank You for stating everything very clearly and usefully in audio, video and printed materials. And this is not just a theory, but a practice in both spiritual and material life. They teach, make me think, and contribute to internal changes.

Thank You for real Krsna Consciousness!

Special thanks for broadcasting online, it's very valuable and important!

I'm looking forward to publishing Your new book as soon as possible.

Let me wish You a happy Appearance Day! Please accept my wishes for health and long life in preaching and service of Śrīla Prabhupāda's Mission!

Thanks Lord that You are with us!

With deep respect and reverence,

Your insignificant servant,  
Vera Moskovskaya



## Lusibalwethu Sesanti



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Hare Kṛṣṇa Gurudev

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your Lotus Feet. All Glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

For some time I have been meditating on the relationship between Guru and the disciple, in hopes that I may be of better service to you. I am, more often than not, in a state of lamentation because I feel I don't do enough to show my gratitude to you for your love and compassion. As I shared this with my mom, she asked me to think about what it is you have given me in this life, that makes me feel this incredible amount of love and gratitude for you, especially considering that most of the time, we are a thousand kilometers away from each other.

You show me time and time again that your heart is with me every step of the way. 22 days ago (February 13), my sister was murdered. I remember feeling an indescribable sense of confusion and hurt, and I wrote to you to let you know and also apologize in advance if my services to you may become delayed. Your reply was brief and short, but I'm those words, I felt more compassion, solace and comfort than I deserve. I wanted so much to try and put the blame on Kṛṣṇa for everything (though my heart knew I would be lying), but in your message, You brought me straight back to His Divine Lotus Frey before I could even think of turning my back.

You have always been able to make me appreciate my purpose on this journey of life. You enable me to seek out the lessons in all the situations I have faced and will face. I live in gratitude to you each day I wake up, because I wake up realizing that I am given another day to right my wrongs, another day to seek out my true identity as a spirit soul, another day to spread to glory of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and another day to serve you. Serving Śrīla Prabhupāda under



your care and guidance gives my life meaning and joy. I do not wish to make this a lengthy offering, because words will dilute the truth of my heart's song to you Gurudev. Rather, I shall take a page out of the books of the acharyas, whose words encompass what you mean to me. What Śrīla Prabhupāda means to me.

Verse 5 of the Śrī Gurv-aṣṭaka:

"The spiritual master is always eager to hear and chant about the unlimited conjugal pastimes of Rādhika and Mādhava, and Their qualities, names, and forms. The spiritual master aspires to relish these at every moment. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master."

I know I say this to you so many times, but thank you, Gurudev. Thank you for the gift that is your Love for Śrīla Prabhupāda, the Guru Parampara and Śrī Śrī Rādhā Kṛṣṇa. It is infectious. It will change the world.

HG Gaura Vani prabhu puts it beautifully in the lyrics from his song "Surrender"; "I pray to be a bow, upon my life affix an arrow – a dazzling tool of your desire. Like the Poet says, let these strings that sing be mine, as a simple tool of Your desire".

Please allow this undeserving fool to be but an instrument in your mission to grow Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's mission. This Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is my only constant. Please continue nurturing my relationship with the Divine Couple so that we may all go Home soon.

May my life in service to you please you.

Your servant always,  
Bhaktin Lusibalwethu Sesanti



## Rishen Roopchand



Hare Kṛṣṇa dear Guru Maharaja,

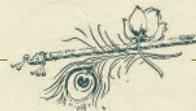
Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

All glories to your elevated self.

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Dear Guru Maharaja,

The one thing that comes to mind when I think about you is mercy. My understanding of mercy is some kind of benediction that is given freely to all those that seek it – without any consideration for how deserving the recipient may be. When I think about myself, I know that I am probably not the most deserving of your mercy. This can be in the form of your time, energy and genuine concern.

I have a tendency to withdraw from the world whenever I find myself in some kind of intolerable difficulty. During these time frames, I go off on a mission to try and re-establish an equilibrium in my life, failing to realise that this is like trying to go against the nature of this material world. But each time I write back to you, you always accept my letters with so much love and concern. I am ever so grateful for this.

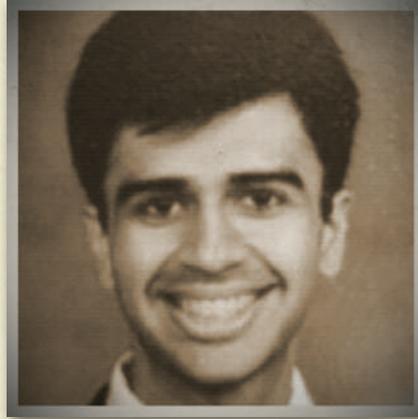
You truly act in the mood of Śrīla Prabhupāda in delivering parcels of mercy to the fallen souls of this material world. I am always amazed at how you are able to handle everything with such grace and always having a transcendental smile upon your lotus face. Even though I know I don't deserve your time or energy, I appreciate it and you so much. I pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda that I may at some point try to follow you back home, in the true sense of being your disciple.

Always praying for your protection.

Aspiring to be of service to you,  
Rishen



## *Lavin Hiranandani*



Hare Kṛṣṇa Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to you. All glories to this most auspicious day of your Vyāsa-pūjā!

Over the past year I have tried my best to ensure I can be more receptive of your mercy and all I can say is wow, it's a lot of mercy. I am eternally grateful for the shelter you are giving me. Each lecture I hear from you becomes more and more involving, as you distribute the mercy of Prabhupāda and the glories of Lord Chaitanya. Your instruction is so powerful I feel it has completely changed the way I think, feel, and act. I pray I can assist in your preaching mission.



One of the most important things you have helped me realize is that we are not the mind. For time immemorial we have identified with the mind and all it has done is send us into relentless trying for material gratification, while reaping no happiness. Your instruction and lectures have helped me realize just how different we are from the mind. Any emotion that isn't dovetailed to Kṛṣṇa is basically useless, and I've come to the understanding that it takes a lot of time and energy to realize this but it's so important for our individual growth. I am eternally grateful.

Your words of encouragement, understanding, compassion, and intelligence have helped me feel secure in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, and has helped me gain insight on how to view this world, my life, and the importance of service. As such, I pray that I can be of use to your lotus feet.

Though I am a fallen soul I have faith that by following you I can be successful in life and can assist others. I pray that I can be a useful instrument in distributing your mercy.

Your (aspiring to be useful) servant,  
Lavin



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Hare Kṛṣṇa Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.  
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

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Words are not enough to express my gratitude. Thank you Gurudeva for giving me guidance to practice Sādhanā more devotionally. Your mercy made me understand that I have a “mask” and also it is not easy to take all these masks off...

For more than three years I have been following the sadhana standard. I used to rigorously set many Sādhanā rules and strictly practice it for half a year. As I encountered so many difficulties, I gave up Sādhanā practice for more than two months without letting you know, please accept my sincere apologies.

Thank you for being such an essential part in my life again, your presence made me understand that my three years’ Sādhanā practice was just for satisfying my imagination instead of actually practicing step by step in accordance with your instructions.

Thanks for Kṛṣṇa’s arrangement and Gurudeva’s blessings that I got the chance to meet you at Nityananda Trayodasi Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma in February this year.

As what you said in a course in Taipei that Śrīla Prabhupāda hopes all the devotees come to Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma every year. This is my first time to Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma and I definitely felt the warmth of “going back home”. Thank you for inviting Xiaofang doing translation service and helping me understand the course “Your Three Relationships”. I haven’t been receiving authentic love for a long time, Xiaofang’s pure & selfless service giving me the will to communicate with everyone sincerely and affectionately during this trip.

Gurudeva, thank you for advising me to listen to Śrīla Prabhupāda’s lecture, so that I can truly understand the importance of Parampara. Without Śrīla



Prabhupāda, how I can study devotion service in ISKCON, Taipei the past nine years? How I can meet you, my Gurudeva? How I can receive your teachings and instructions together with the Chinese god-siblings through wechat? And how I can get the chance to chant the holy names and do services? That kind of communication with pure love all comes from the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Thank you for always being so kind to accept my inadequate service, and serving the devotees.

As your disciple, my only service is to actually practice what you have taught me and sincerely serve every soul.

May I be more stable in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and offer better serves to you and devotees.

Your insignificant servant,

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*Taiwan*



## Atrisha Ragoonanansingh



Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

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I remember that I wrote my first letter to you almost 7 years ago, a few years after joining ISKCON. I had only known you through your Youtube videos and I loved the way you presented Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. I didn't have a spiritual



mentor and had very little devotee association. I felt very alone in my spiritual life and even though, I had not personally met you, I felt that Kṛṣṇa within my heart was telling me to write you and to seek your guidance and shelter. Somehow I had faith that I could be real and honest and still be accepted. Your compassion, empathy and kindness led me to write you during one of the darkest times of my life. Receiving your letter made me feel 'seen' and 'heard'. It made me feel accepted and it gave me the courage to accept myself. Throughout this journey, I feel so grateful for your letters, your guidance and instructions. Thank you for giving me your time. Thank you for your Facebook classes, your daily quotes and your online courses. Thank you for your articles, books and for sharing your memories of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Thank you for accepting me as an aspiring disciple. Thank you for giving me hope and inspiration. Thank you for 'helping me to help myself' and to 'feel what I feel'. I am eternally indebted to you.

Your servant,  
Atrisha Ragoonanansingh  
*Trinidad*



## Jenny Yue



Hare Kṛṣṇa Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Like the blink of an eye, a year has passed and the glorious and wonderful occasion of your Vyāsa-pūjā has arrived. Every year, I hope the offering can truly express what an extraordinary soul you are and the numerous wonderful qualities you have. I pray that this year the offering will capture the heartfelt reasons why you are so dear to me.

I am often amazed at how much compassion you have for us fallen souls; your compassion and desire to help others knows no bounds. This is often my motivation to continue trying to help others – if you can continue to do so



despite all the obstacles and difficulties, despite all the distress and offences, despite all the problems and issues, how can I even think about giving up? I often wonder how you find this motivation to continue doing so, and why you never give up. I once asked you how do you remain strong and fixed despite helping others with so many difficulties. You instructed me that if we are strong in our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, other people's problems will merely be like a drop of water in a cup of mango juice – you will not feel it if you are fixed in your devotion to Kṛṣṇa. This serves as a reminder to me that everything is dependent on devotional service.

I truly learn the meanings of the words compassion and selflessness when I see how you take care of others. You care so deeply for others, no matter how many years have passed or what circumstances have occurred. You truly care about the wellbeing of others – often sacrificing your time/health to look after them. You are never too busy for anyone, no matter who they are. You touch the hearts of so many people, everywhere you go.

I am often reminded that whatever I am experiencing, you have experienced that and worse, but you do not use that as an excuse to not be Kṛṣṇa Conscious. On the contrary, it is a chance to grow and to choose to be Kṛṣṇa Conscious. Every moment is a moment to be Kṛṣṇa Conscious – no matter what. I have truly seen this example in you, and use this to remind myself everyday of what I must strive for and what I must aspire for. You show us so perfectly that no moment is ever wasted, every moment is spent thinking of Kṛṣṇa, or how to follow the instructions of your spiritual master, or how we can spread Kṛṣṇa Consciousness to other fallen souls.

Your loyalty and sincerity to Śrīla Prabhupāda is always a stark reminder for me that without Prabhupāda, I would have nothing. I dread to picture my life without Prabhupāda, aimlessly floating through life, suffering the pangs



of material existence, closing my eyes, waiting for the next day, only for the same cycle to occur again.

One of my most treasured memories will always be doing kirtan with you. Guru Maharaj, when you sing, you captivate the audience. I feel the sincerity, love and longing for Kṛṣṇa. Wherever you go, no matter the audience, no matter the number, no matter the event – kirtan must go on.

Guru Maharaj, thank you for your everything. No words will truly ever be able to express what you have given to me and how I can never, ever re-pay even a fraction of this. Thank you for giving endlessly, loving unconditionally, forgiving fully and encouraging eternally. Thank you for reminding us to always be grateful to Prabhupāda and to continue reading his books, listening to his lectures and serving him. Thank you for leading by example, for being a living and breathing example of all that you teach. It is a constant reminder that our best tool for preaching is to be an example of what we teach.

On this auspicious and glorious occasion of your Vyāsa-pūjā, I pray that you are always in good health, that you may be able to continue serving your spiritual master and that you may be able to continue touching the hearts of others. Please forgive me for offences that I have committed knowingly or unknowingly, and please always remain as my guide in spiritual life. I pray to always be engaged in your service, to always be able to serve you and to always be able to assist you to serve your spiritual master. This is my only hope and desire in spiritual life.

Your aspiring servant,  
Jenny



## Kamal Panchal



Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

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nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*



For the longest time and for the majority of my adult life, I saw myself as a victim. After facing many difficulties growing up including prejudice, abuse and neglect, I had become a resentful man. As such, when life would not work out the way I would want it, as so often it does, I would fall into this default of blaming everyone and anything but myself, bathing in self pity. After coming to Kṛṣṇa Consciousness I began to question this mindset but old habits die hard. After hearing from you in 2015, I began reading all the articles of yours I could find and went through everything on your website. Through some mercy, whilst living in the temple in 2017, I was given the opportunity to serve you and jumped at the chance. Even more mercy flowed as I was given the opportunity to speak with you. You gave me your precious time but being completely honest, I did not make the most of the opportunity at all. Old habits die hard. There was so much I could have asked you, so many meaningful questions I could have posed that would have helped me improve. But instead I fell into old ways and chose to foolishly chose to waste both my time and yours complaining about aspects of my life and how badly I had been treated by others.

But at that very moment something very miraculous happened. When talking to others, they would often cut in and offer advice and solutions making me feel like my issues were insignificant and easily surmountable. However, you listened intently to my negative words and despite my ignorance, continued to listen. Three words you spoke on that day will stay with me for the rest of this life “change you story”. It was a light bulb moment for me and something that just had to change within me. Since then slowly but surely I began to see all my struggles as blessings and events that I could learn and grow from. I still have such a long way to go and so much to learn. Often I feel like pure bhakti and real Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is something unfathomable, distant and unrealistic for someone such as myself. But your teachings and mercy have been like a life line, pulling me towards Kṛṣṇa and pulling my mind



out of ignorance. Your explanations have also brought new meaning and understanding of the words of His Divine Grace A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda to me, deepening my connection to him. On this auspicious occasion of your Vyāsa-pūjā, I wished to express my heartfelt gratitude for the kindness you have shown this fool who through your kindness has become a little less foolish.

Your servant,  
Kamal



## *Katerina Uddin*



Hare Kṛṣṇa Gurudeva,

Please accept my obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

My offering is a song that I wrote.

There's a smile that shines the brightest from all the smiles around the world.  
There's a heart that loves the warmest and warms my heart filled with cold  
From all those Gurus, you're the best one I could ever have and I offer my  
heart to your Lotus feet my Gurudev.

You travel the whole world, spreading the Names of God and continue the  
mission of Śrīla Prabhupāda.



Your melodious kirtan fills my heart with peace and just within a moment all my suffering ease.

From all those singers you're the best one I could ever hear and I pray to hear your kirtan when my time to go is near.

Thank you for all the time that you've given me.

Thank you for your books and lectures because they saved me. Thank you for all your mercy that guides me day and night.

Thank you for teaching me how to do things right.

From all those teachers you're the one watering the seeds, you help me to develop sattvic qualities.

Cleaning the Holy Dhāma and serving the devotees, spreading Bhakti Devi north, south, west and east. Dancing in front of the Deities during arati kirtan, chanting lovingly names of Kṛṣṇa, Rādhika and Rāma. Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare

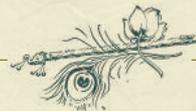
This offering is simple, simplest that one could ever be. How could I return the love and care you've given me? I was all alone in this world and all changed suddenly, you restored my faith in a father completely.

From all those fathers, you're the best one that came to me and I am ever grateful for having my family.

Happy Vyāsa-pūjā Gurudeva.

Your servant,

Katy



## Nikhil Limbachia



*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā  
cakṣur unmilitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

*mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim  
yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande śrī-guruṁ dina-tāraṇam*

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhūtale  
gurave citti-ceṣṭābhyāṁ mahātma-prabhava sadā  
tat-prabhu-bhāva-rūpāya kīrtana-hlāda-dāyine namas  
tattva-prakāśaya bhaktānāṁ tat-parāya ca*

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmīn iti nāmīne*



*namas te s̄arasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe  
nirviṣeṣa-s̄ūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

To my dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my most humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories unto the dust of your lotus feet on the most auspicious occasion of your Vyāsa-pūjā.

You are one with many qualities and I am so fortunate that I have you in my life. Today I would like to focus on 7 of such qualities which are inspiring to me.

You are:

Merciful. Despite my disqualification, you still allow me to be an aspiring disciple. You do so much to help others help themselves whether that be through your daily videos, the sadhana reports, your lectures, articles or responding in detail to the thousands of emails you receive.

Articulate. Many times I have written paragraphs and paragraphs to you pouring my heart out and sometimes you have replied with just one paragraph. However, that one paragraph hits the nail on the head and is exactly what I needed to hear at that particular time. Each one of your words carry so much weight that it touches the heart of anyone who reads them.

Humble. Because of your humility we are able to feel Prabhupāda's mercy flowing directly through you. You take no credit for your work but pass it all on to your spiritual master, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Any adversities that take place in your life you see it all as Kṛṣṇa's mercy and see none of your own hand in any of your success.



Auspicious. Wherever you go, you radiate an auspicious aura and attract many devotees. Whether that be in Māyāpur, Alachua, Mexico or China. Your glories are known in all the continents of the world. Also our first conversation happened at the foothills of Govardhan in Kartik 2016 on Indradyumna Maharaj's parikrama. What more of an auspicious start could this be for a guru disciple relationship.

Truthful. No matter what the situation, you will always speak the truth, even if it appears to be a little controversial and will ruffle a few feathers in our society. You speak about things that most devotees don't really discuss but is becoming more and more prevalent in the world such as depression, anxiety, the importance of self-love, sexual purity, healthy relationships and so much more.

Motivating. No matter how many times I fall, you have always been there by my side encouraging me and motivating me to do better. I have even let you down on several occasions, but you have always been there inspiring me to do better.

Affectionate. Despite our scriptures mentioning that only peers should embrace, your affection sees over that and you greet us all so lovingly. You genuinely see us all as your spiritual sons and daughters and I can say that without you and your guidance, I would be lost.

In the past few years in my offering I have said that 'I promise you that through this coming year I will endeavour to act only as you would want'. However, I must confess that I have failed to do that. Over the past year I feel as though I have acted in some ways that most definitely would not have pleased you. I have spoken ill of devotees, been harsh in my behaviour and worst of all, I



have doubted you as my Guru. Externally I dress like a devotee and seem like a sincere practitioner of the process. However, internally I am a great sinner who has many lusty propensities. I know that you know this because only you can see straight through me and see what is the real desire within my heart. I am nothing but a mithyacara, a pretender, who makes a show of devotional service and really has nothing considerable to offer.

Although in the past I have said that 'I want to be a puppet in your hands so make me dance, make me dance as you like', this prayer is not heart deep. It is only lip deep. My dearest Guru Maharaj, you are patita-pāvana, the most merciful, and therefore, although I have no qualification, I beg for your mercy more than ever before. Please help me help myself.

On this day please bless me that I am able to surrender and be a puppet in your hands and can actually do something substantial in my life to please you.

Forever praying for your mercy and guidance.

Your most fallen servant,  
Nikhil Limbachia



## Priya Taylor



*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhūtale  
gurave citti-ceṣṭābhyāṃ mahātma-prabhava sadā  
tat-prabhu-bhāva-rūpāya kīrtana-hlāda-dāyine namas  
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namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe  
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*



Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda

On this auspicious day of your Vyāsa-pūjā, I wish to say thank you to you for being my shelter and for always knowing my heart. This past year has been challenging, however I've really felt your love, care and affection. This has helped me tremendously to grow through these difficulties and reflect more deeply on this sweet and sacred guru disciple relationship. I've realised the need for me to develop more deep-rooted faith in you and Śrīla Prabhupāda and to ultimately take more shelter in your instructions and service.

A devotee was recently saying how the guru's instructions are an expression of his love and they act as a protective shield. When I look through all the instructions you have given to me personally, I see how you've always cared so much by guiding me in the right direction and emphasising what I need to work on. You've always said that when we receive an instruction that we find too difficult, we should pray to our guru for strength. So I pray from the bottom of my heart that I can be sincere and make the effort to always follow your instructions despite any internal or external difficulties.

I can never quite put into words how much you mean to me. I hold you very close to my heart and you are ever so dear to me. I truly treasure this guru disciple relationship we have and the moments where I can open up my heart to you, hear from you and serve you. I've always felt that you can understand my heart and how I feel, without me even saying. You are always able to understand the root of my issues and I've never felt judged by you but only accepted. You've always focussed and encouraged the good in me despite my many faults and various mistakes.



Thank you for giving my life purpose and meaning. Thank you for showing me what I am capable of and for uncovering the skills and gifts Kṛṣṇa has given me. Thank you for always encouraging me and providing me with opportunities to use these gifts in service. Thank you for teaching me through your example what it means to be tolerant, kind and compassionate to all despite what they say or do. Thank you for always taking the time out to read my emails and reply to me. Thank you for your sweet classes and kirtan that fill my heart with so much joy and deep satisfaction. Thank you for showing and teaching me what it means to really listen to others. Thank you for being so affectionate and caring. Thank you for always believing in me.

I pray that this year and every year I can dedicate this life to serving you with all my heart and truly be happy as a service to you.

Your aspiring servant,  
Priya



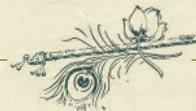
## Sunita Tailor



Dearest Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!

This is my first Vyāsa-pūjā offering, which I am very honoured and excited to be writing to you. Guru Maharaja, I have not yet met you in person (and I cannot wait to!), but over the years I have listened to so, so many of your inspiring and mind-blowing lectures. They have moved, inspired and transformed me in ways I didn't think possible. Not only me but your instructions have enabled me to help others too so from the deepest part of me, I thank you with the utmost gratitude and appreciation. As a result, it feels as though I now know you personally! In fact, I know it's a funny thing to say, but it feels as though I have been waiting my whole life to write to you/meet you. I think



possibly billions of lifetimes. I cannot describe the love that I have for you and it is only growing, because, what have you not done for me, Guru Maharaja? What have you not done or are not doing for all the souls that your beloved spiritual master, Śrīla Prabhupāda would have wanted you to help and save? You have wholeheartedly accepted this task in order to continue the mission just to please and fulfil his desires. Your endeavours are incessant just as Śrīla Prabhupāda's was in his relentlessness to fulfil his Guru Maharaj's desires and instructions. You are doing so many commendable things, to say the least, for both the devotee community and non-devotees by reaching out through your creative and innovative ways, yet never failing to lead by his example. As such, you are both the ideal disciple and guru and this is just one of the reasons why you are so dear to my heart, and I feel it is my greatest fortune to be at the receiving end of hearing your divine lectures and instructions. They are no less than life jackets, oxygen and for me, the road map home!

Your enthusiasm, your determination, your compassion, your proactiveness, your personable approach to helping others, your wit, your thought process, your attention to detail, your amazing stories and the way you tell them, your most impressive ability to explain and simplify Śrīla Prabhupāda's teachings, so that no soul on this earth has to go deprived of this priceless wisdom – the list is endless – but these are just some of your qualities that I greatly admire, that speak to me deeply and inspire me to rise up to and also follow in your footsteps. You are just so beautiful! Thank you for being so wonderfully you.

Guru Maharaja, for all the service that you have provided me alone, makes me your greatest debtor and I want to spend the rest of my remaining breaths in loving devotional service to you and Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission. It's been too many lifetimes, and enough is enough. No more chewing the chewed. No more drinking poison just because it tastes sweet! There is no time like this moment to surrender. So here I am, a surrendered soul waving my white flag,



eagerly waiting to serve and dance to your enlivening instructions. I really want to please you, Guru Maharaja! Please bless me so that I may be attached, not to the outcome or success of devotional activities but to the efforts that are required in executing these activities and instructions. Please may you bless me that I may do this human life form justice by lovingly giving Kṛṣṇa Consciousness to others? It's all I want to do because it lights up my soul and I pray that by doing so, it will make you smile too :)

Lastly, something which has been etched into my heart recently is a message from one of your daily videos that you did recently, I believe it was 'Do it because it's difficult'. I took away a message, which I can never forget and has become a mantra for my life. The message is: 'If this mission is the only thing that can save the world, at the deepest level, how can anything be too hard to do?' THIS right here is the biggest motivator and life saver. You summed up the essence of Śrīla Prabhupāda's movement for me and my purpose in this sentence. THANK YOU once again for your endless mercy and as ever, your timely guidance. You mean the world to me.

A very, very happy and blissful Vyāsa-pūjā to you!

Super excited to meet you in the UK!! I hope you will come soon.

Your eternal servant,  
Sunita Tailor



## Timea



Dear Gurudeva,

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
gurave citti-ceṣṭābhyāṃ mahātma-prabhava sadā  
tat-prabhu-bhāva-rūpāya kīrtana-hlāda-dāyine  
namas tattva-prakāśaya bhaktānāṃ tat-parāya ca*

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
srimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine  
namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇi-prachāriṇe  
nirviṣeṣa-shunyavādi-pāshchātya-desha-tāriṇe*



Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.  
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and all glories to you!

It seems the past year I have not had much of your association but you are on my mind and in my heart dear Gurudeva, every single day. I listen to your lectures and I am trying to follow your instructions, and many times as I am listening, I know in my heart how much I am lacking. Lacking love, lacking devotion, lacking discipline. Still you give me hope and help me through the struggles of every day life, bringing me closer to Krsna.

Through your lectures you helped me come to the realisation how much I depend on you and on the mercy of the devotees. Of course you are so merciful and kind to everyone, even to someone like me. You have given me your shelter which I am very grateful for but I often forget how fortunate I am. The mercy is there, somehow I still could not take full advantage of it - for this I sincerely apologise. There are times when I miss you very much and the feeling can be overwhelming, in such moments as this when I am writing these words to you - those moments make me realise how fallen I am, how fortunate I am and how much I need your mercy and take Krsna consciousness seriously.

I understand now that the greatest gift anyone can give is the gift of knowledge of Krsna and helping others to awaken their love for Him. You do this every day. Waking up sleeping souls all around the world.

I pray that some day I will have the kind of love you have for the devotees and non-devotees, for Śrīla Prabhupāda and for Krsna. I pray that I will be as strong and fearless as you are and that I will be a disciple of yours who have full conviction and spreads Krsna consciousness as you thought us to do. Following you in your footsteps.



The way you talk about and remember Śrīla Prabhupāda very much inspires me and the more I learn about Śrīla Prabhupāda, the more I see Him in You and it makes me even more attracted to Him. Thank you for this.

Thank you for sharing your wisdom, realisations, experiences, memories of Śrīla Prabhupāda, your wonderful kirtans and your love for Kṛṣṇa with all of us.

I apologise for all my offences and shortcomings. I pray that I can always take shelter at your lotus feet and never forget about the gifts you have given me.

Your aspiring disciple,  
Timea

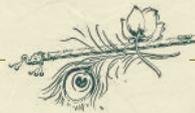


## Harley Lindt



*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāminn iti nāmine  
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāñī-pracāriṇe  
nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhūtale  
gurave citti-ceṣṭābhyāṃ mahātma-prabhava sadā  
tat-prabhu-bhāva-rūpāya kīrtana-hlāda-dāyine namas  
tattva-prakāśaya bhaktānāṃ tat-parāya ca*



Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my respectful obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

My words can only fall short when faced with the task of glorifying you, and expressing my appreciation and gratitude for you. But in my perpetual campaign to try to make use of and give back for what you have given me, I make this humble offering.

In a lecture on Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam (7.6.4, Toronto, 1976) Śrīla Prabhupāda states "...this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement is trying to create at least one section of first class men so that people may see, 'Oh, here are ideal men.' ...people will appreciate, and they will try to follow." He also defines a first class man: "Truthful, very peaceful, full of knowledge, very simple, tolerant, and a believer in the śāstra." Śrīla Prabhupāda came as a first-class man, and you attentively followed in his footsteps. You are the embodiment of these qualities, and a very dear servant of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Connected with you, I naturally feel so much closer to Prabhupāda. For this I am so grateful.

You are a soul, full-heartedly devoted and completely sold to the instructions of your spiritual master. By observing you, I can come to understand how unwavering faith and surrender manifest in the lives of those, like you, who have implicit faith in Guru and Gaurāṅga. You are incessantly engaged in profound service to the sankirtan mission, and you are creating so many ways to engage the conditioned souls in the service of Kṛṣṇa. It's awe inspiring.

I'll never stop being impressed and humbled by your displays of affection for the Lord's parts and parcels. I would be so much further away from Kṛṣṇa and the path of devotional service without your instructions and guidance. When facing tribulation and confusion, I turn to you, and find nothing but



affection and direction. Anyone in your association can experience this too. It's like being surrounded and carried by the momentum of your bhakti. In the mission statement on your website, you state that your goal is to give devotees the best weapons, battle training, and strategies in order to win the war against māvā. You are an expert general, and I feel safe and reassured under your command, and in the association of those whom you have trained so nicely. With close attention to your instructions, I can undoubtedly become a strong servant-soldier of the sankirtan mission. I cannot claim to be a good devotee. By your example, you are teaching me how to walk. I pray that I may be able to follow in your footsteps Gurudeva, which are leading the way back to Kṛṣṇa at a full sprint.

I have no qualifications, nor noteworthy abilities. I pray that my words don't just remain sentimental, but that I am able to, by your mercy, perform some service that would be greatly pleasing to you and Śrīla Prabhupāda. For that is my innermost desire, and the highest goal of my life.

*mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim  
yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande śrī-guruṁ dīna-tāraṇam*

I'm grateful to offer this, my first Vyāsa-pūjā offering to you. Having this opportunity to glorify a great Vaiṣṇava, I consider myself a recipient of great fortune. My deepest thanks. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, and all glories to you on this divine day of your Vyāsa-pūjā.

Your aspiring servant,  
Bhakta Harley



## Jacqueline Smith



Hare Kṛṣṇa

All Glories to Śrīlā Prabhupāda.

Although I know that as an aspiring devotee I have not been very active but I did want to say that I am always with you I carry you in my heart always. I listen to your lectures daily. I never miss your daily quotes. I have read all of your books also. I also read Śrīlā Prabhupāda's books and listen to his lectures. Oh and you I love your laugh it always makes me laugh too, thank you.

I just want you to know how much you are in my life. I have learned so, so much from you, even though I have been going to temple for more than 20 years. I love the way you present life's stories and the way you always include



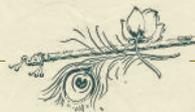
Śrīlā Prabhupāda in your teachings and lectures. I know you are making Him very happy, I can just see Him smiling at you.

Please accept my most humble obedience,

Your struggling devotee who will not stop fighting (I don't like losing either),

Mother Jackie

*Las Vegas, NV USA*











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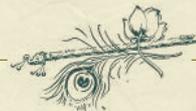


Dear Mahatma Prabhu,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīlā Prabhupāda

Happy Vyāsa-pūjā! Thank you for accepting me as your śikṣā disciple and for taking the time to reply to my emails. As I come to learn about all that you do, I realise how busy you must be. You are doing so much to spread Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and please Śrīlā Prabhupāda yet you take the time to respond to me and give me śikṣā. You take the time to be kind to anybody and everybody and it is so inspiring to see. I hope I can develop this quality.

Hearing from you reminds me of what is important in life and it keeps me grounded during difficult times. I am very confused about what the purpose



of my life is and how I can use what abilities I have in Kṛṣṇa's and Śrīlā Prabhupāda's service. I don't even know what I have or what I can give. But I pray that in some way I can help you with helping other devotees. Listening to you keeps me inspired as does serving you (although I don't do very much and aspire to do more.) If I was not engaged in this way, I know I would be much less inspired in my Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and so I am very grateful that you are a part of my life.

I pray that I can contribute towards your vision more and more, serve you nicely, follow your instructions and spend more time with you in Māyāpur and when you come to Perth.

Your Servant.

Kṛṣṇa-Priya



## Gaura Dasa



Dear Mahatma Prabhu,

Please accept my respectful obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Thank you to your well-trained students who kindly invited me to express my gratitude to you.

You have been a genuine friend to me for many years. You have given me much practical and valuable advice so that I can move ahead in my Kṛṣṇa Consciousness development and in my attempt to repay my debt to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Please bless me to assimilate it and finally “get it”.



I have always relished your association, whether we were doing kirtan in Columbus, Ohio, when you came to visit me in London, Ontario, or more recently when I attended your four day workshop in Mâyāpur and your Ganga River Boat kīrtanas. You are of great help to me and many others because you have gone deep and worked on yourself. You realize that you cannot give to others what you do not give to yourself.

I expressed to you that sometimes I feel the solidarity amongst godbrothers is not what I thought it would or could be, how when you are struggling or going through a difficult time, that someone would be there for you and you told me that you never depended on this but always just depended on the inspiration you received from reading Śrīla Prabhupāda's books. That makes a lot of sense because Śrīla Prabhupāda is truly infallible and he is always there for us as long as we are there for him. Even if we are not there for him, he is there for us. You have developed the same quality.

Śrīla Prabhupāda initiated roughly 5000 disciples, yet we see that there are only a few hundred that are serving fully in mainstream ISKCON. After Śrīla Prabhupāda left, there was so much chaos, and many became discouraged to serve in a situation where the new dikṣā gurus became everything and the śikṣā gurus that helped to train the prospective candidates for initiation were forgotten and minimized. You passed all the tests and didn't allow any circumstance to be a roadblock to you.

You take great pride in refining your service to Śrīla Prabhupāda. You do everything with finesse, whether it is your meditative kirtans or your talks where you inspire us to reflect deeply on our current situation and what is the next step in our lives to come closer to Kṛṣṇa. Thanks so much for being there for me and so many of us. I was impressed to see how many dikṣā disciples of our godbrothers also regard you as their śikṣā guru and take shelter of your



guidance. It is all very positive to see and be a part of this new age in ISKCON where there is greater maturity, love and care developing amongst devotees. Thank you for being at the forefront on this type of inspiring leadership in ISKCON.

I beg to remain in your association and go deeper into Kṛṣṇa Consciousness with your inspiration,

Your grateful aspiring servant,  
Gaura Dasa



## Aldo Esteban Opazo Zambelli



Hare Krsna Maharaj, please accept my obeisances.

All glories to Sri Sri Gaura Nitai who came into this world pouring out their eternal mercy.

All glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, who took refuge at the lotus feet of Sri Krsna and with unwavering determination, gave his life to spread the word of our beloved lord throughout the world.

All glories to Maharaj Mahatma Das, who with his everlasting compassion has led and guided devotees throughout the world, that his mercy and forgiveness have crossed borders, relieving and healing souls in the 5 continents.



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I accept and acknowledge him as my teacher in my heart, and I look forward to the day to be part of his flock. His gaze changed my life, I see where I did not see before, and my being bows to his service as bees bow to the sweet nectar of honey.

A soul that longs for its guidance,  
Aldo Esteban Opazo Zambelli  
At your service



## *Kishori Mani Devi Dasi*



Dear Mahatma Prabhu,

Please accept my obeisances. All glories to you. All glories to our beloved Śrīlā Prabhupāda!

I will try to explain and express with this humble letter my gratitude, for all that you have helped me. You are an exemplary gentleman, a loving father, a worried and close spiritual uncle. Your equanimous and liberal vision of spiritual knowledge impacts and amazes me, the way in which you put everything in perspective and above all, the maturity of your practice and your advice, has helped me in unpayable ways. The debt to the spiritual master is never really paid, and I am undoubtedly over indebted to my dikṣā Guru and to you now.



Thank you for not judging me when I was at my worst, and although you knew, you know, I am totally imperfect in my service and my devotion, you welcome me and take care of me. Without people like you, I would have lost myself in the warm arms of m̄yā. Thank you for being there, when others couldn't. You are certainly a blessing in my life.

Thank you for being genuine, considerate, open, sincere, respectful and humble. Your vision and application of spiritual life is what I aspire to become one day. You give me hope and with that my faith came back.

I see you close, honest and so Kṛṣṇa conscious, and that makes me feel very lucky. I ask you, please don't give up on me. May Rādhe Shyam give you a lot of health and energy so that we can always have your association. So sorry for all the fault on my part.

I hope to serve you in some way.

From distant lands, trying to serve.  
Kishori Mani Dasi



## Lulu



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namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe  
nirviṣeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Hare Kṛṣṇa Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and ever merciful Guru Maharaja.

Please allow me to send you my best wishes on your birthday: I wish you good health, on the road of preaching comes smooth sailing, win by flying the flag, achieve success by horse, achieve everything as you wish, and achieve



everything you want! I feel very lucky to be able to get your close fellowship at the end of 2019, which I thought impossible at all at the beginning, there was a lot of resistance, from work, family, or from some devotees, but with the arrangement of Kṛṣṇa and your mercies, all these obstacles were overcome to allow my wishes to achieve. Although I was caught off guard by the loss of my job, I was able to fulfill several wishes. It also made me feel the power of chanting and praying, and the mysterious arrangement of Kṛṣṇa.

During the friendship with you, I have gained a better understanding of the development of ISKCON in China. I really appreciate that you have developed this business from a more practical and broader perspective, especially from business and family, two fields that are closely related to the people, rather than just in the traditional way. When I look at the traditional way of getting people to abandon or de-emphasize the pursuit of material success in order to immerse themselves in the spread of the cause, I feel that this is facing a great challenge. While this may be true, it is as hard as heaven to influence today's "successful business people" if the communicator is not materially successful and spiritually pure enough. I know, of course, that this "down to earth" spreading may be accused of being "impersonal" or, because it is fee-based, of being "too materialistic" and less pure.

I really appreciate your courage to break the shackles of these thoughts and keep trying, and the practical essence of testing whether your attempts are effective. In my opinion, this is incomparable elegant demeanor! And I also believe that this path will attract more and more people gradually to Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

I think you may also be aware of my hesitation. In Guangzhou in December, I still clearly remember the instructions you gave me when I left: Stay in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness; and we need professional translators. I know I still have some



work to do. I am also ashamed that so far, I just did very limited and tiny service for you. Even between the time I left you in December and now, my chanting has declined. And for a few short months, I will be still busy with the study of some automation technology to catch up, and temporarily weaken the classical study. When I find a new and stable job, I hope to set out again to do more for you. I also hope to receive your blessing. The new work will make me more of an example and provide help and support for spreading Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

Thank you for your kindness and love! Hare Kṛṣṇa! Thank you for your instruction!

Your most humble servant,  
Bhaktin Lulu



## *Dhara Devi Dasi*



Hare Kṛṣṇa dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīlā Prabhupāda!

Thank you for being here in this world and that I had again the chance to meet you in person. This time we met 2 times, one time in Amsterdam where you were very merciful and gave me some good advice and second time we met in Māyāpur, which is always so special-nice and instructive.

I was so happy that my son also liked your teachings, he read the "Uplift Yourself" book in a short time and also liked the morning walk with you, even when he got stuck in the holy mud... You give everyone the right dose to get closer to Kṛṣṇa, you are such an expert preacher and it is obvious, that you



only teach what you yourself have realized. One moment with a pure devotee can change one's life completely.

Śrīla Prabhupāda made so many wonderful devotees like you, and I can feel his presence in your teachings. You have the ability to combine our "modern life" (with all its defects and crisis) with the essence of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness: love of God. All your teachings make sense and help us, to get to "common sense" in life, so that we can understand Kṛṣṇa/Śrīlā Prabhupāda.

I bow down to your lotus feet and pray, that you will stay healthy and be with us for a long time more. Hare Kṛṣṇa!

Your servant,  
Dhara Devi Dasi



## Aditi Devi Dasi



My very dear Gurudeva!

Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. All glories to Śrīlā Prabhupāda. All glories to your wonderful services to Śrīlā Prabhupāda.

*nāma-śreṣṭhaṁ manum api śacī-putram atra svarūpaṁ  
rūpaṁ tasyāgrajam uru-purīm māthurīm goṣṭhavātim  
rādhā-kuṇḍaṁ giri-varam aho rādhikā-mādhavāśāṁ  
prāpto yasya prathita-kṛpayā śrī-guruṁ taṁ nato 'smi*

“I bow down to the beautiful lotus feet of my spiritual master, by whose causeless mercy I have obtained the supreme holy name, the divine mantra, the service of the son of Sacimata, the association of Śrīlā Svarupa Damodara,



Rupa Gosvāmī and his older brother Sanatana Gosvāmī, the supreme abode of Mathura, the blissful abode of Vrindavan, the divine Rādhā Kunda and Govardhan Hill and the desire within my heart for the loving service of Śrī Rādhika and Mādhava in Vrindavan.”

*(Śrīla Raghunatha Dasa Gosvāmī, Śrī Mukta Carita)*

You are the most amazing personality I met in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. You are preaching tirelessly, never refusing an invitation for classes or kirtan. You are so available for your disciples and well-wishers, answering their questions, giving advice, helping us to make progress, making us become aware of our shortcomings and still accepting us, as we are. Never judging anybody and just trying to help others. Your Kirtans and songs are really beautiful and inspiring, leading us through all kinds of mellows.

Gurudeva, when will I be able to take your mercy to the fullest extent? I am longing to become your real servant.

In our ISKCON world there should be many more devotees like you, back to earth, straight forward, looking for solutions and not for problems. I am always struck with wonder when I see you time schedule, your preaching activities and still you are caring for your family. You are never wasting any time. For me, you are my hero and role-model, when will I be able to follow in your footsteps?

Thank you so much for giving me shelter at your divine lotus feet.

With lots of appreciation and love,  
Your aspiring daughter,  
Aditi dāsi  
Māyāpur



## Bharat Behl

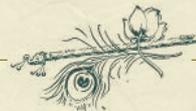


Hare Kṛṣṇa Prabhu,

Please Accept My Humble Obeisances

Prabhuji, your lectures on your YouTube channel are extremely helpful and inspiring, watching your lectures seems to have like your personal association, I had certain problem regarding which I mailed you personally and you replied, getting out time from your busy schedule really touched my heart. It's very rare to have association of a Prabhupāda Disciple so easily.

Thanks for being there and even though I have never met you, yet your reply to my issue was "Still if you are facing trouble, please let me know". Your merciful behavior and such personal touch in your approach really helps me



think how Prabhupāda was very personal and caring in nature even at that time when there was no social media and yet all his letters would be read by everyone in the temple – that reflected his personal touch in his approach.

Your surrender to Prabhupāda and your constant endeavor, hard work and sacrifice in uploading lectures on extremely relevant topics to all inspires me to dedicate myself to Prabhupāda like you.

Please give your blessings Prabhu ji so that I may develop a tinge of such qualities and become just an instrument to serve Guru and Gaurāṅga.

Your Servant,  
Bharat



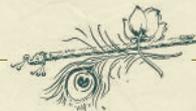
## Bhawna



Hare Kṛṣṇa,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

I offer my respectful obeisances on this most auspicious day of your appearance. It is certainly difficult for a conditioned soul like me to glorify a pure devotee. But this is just a humble offering – my gratitude unto your lotus feet. I am really grateful for all your videos and lectures on YouTube. They really help me a lot in all times of my Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, especially whenever I feel low. Your videos give me correct understanding of philosophy and how to practically apply it in my life as a practicing devotee.



Thank you so much. Please bless us with more of your association. Please accept my humble obeisances

Your aspiring servant,  
Bhawna



## Ekta Batra



Dear Prabhuji,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your Lotus Feet.

Only by the grace of the spiritual master, we achieve the grace of Kṛṣṇa. And by the grace of Kṛṣṇa, we receive our spiritual master.

I am truly blessed by Śrīla Prabhupāda and by Their Lordships, Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinathji to have received you in my life. By your personal example and your words you have truly changed my life. I feel more Kṛṣṇa Conscious in your presence. You made me see Kṛṣṇa Consciousness as being broad minded and not limited. You address topics that go unaddressed.



Thank you for inspiring me, encouraging me, giving me hope, making me feel loved, accepted and capable.

Please bless me to be of service to you always.

With gratitude,  
In your service,  
Ekta



## *Kṛṣṇakāntā Gopālinī Devī Dāsī*

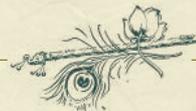


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nirviṣeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

In this very auspicious day, allow me to express my gratitude. I feel very fortunate to have met such an elevated soul like you, Guru Maharaja.



As I get to know you more, I have a chance to have a glimpse of your unlimited qualities. It's so beautiful your love and affection to Śrīlā Prabhupāda and your attachment for the lotus feet of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa, your sweetness and kindness towards everybody, every living entity, your love for the cows and for the dogs, for the Holy Dhāma, for Ganga. Your genuine taste for chanting the holy name. It's so lovely to be close to someone so tolerant, so humble and so merciful.

One of the things that impresses me the most is your amazing ability to make philosophy so easy to understand and how you give us the proper way to interpret and apply it in our lives so we can become Kṛṣṇa conscious. Your classes always have such a nice atmosphere, very joyful and serious at the same time, with so many interesting stories and very unique sense of humor. You're so merciful to me, allowing me to serve you even without any qualifications. I wanted to thank you for working so hard to give us so much nectar from the sastras in the form of classes, japa walks, parikramas, workshops, books, kirtans, songs and instructions . I wish I could offer you more than just a few words of appreciation.

By the mercy of Mahāprabhu I have the opportunity to reside in Māyāpur and one of the best part of it is that I get to see you every year and hear from you, you happiness is very contagious, everyone feels so good around you. Please forgive me for my offenses and lack of vaisnava etiquette. Thank you for giving me means to improve my spiritual life and become a better devotee. Thank you for so much inspiration. I really enjoy distributing your books specially because I get the opportunity to hear more devotees glorifying you. It's amazing to see how you can touch people's hearts in so many different ways.

Yours in service,  
KK Gopalini Devi Dasi



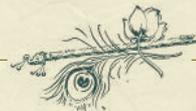
## Nanditha Chawla



Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet

I feel very fortunate to get this wonderful opportunity to glorify you. I feel totally indebted to you for always providing me your wonderful guidance. Thank you very much for always keeping yourself so accessible despite your hectic schedule. You have helped all of us in many ways and specially by creating an environment in which we can comfortably express our shame and guilt to you. Because of this we can continue our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. You are so so so merciful that despite our anarthas and faults, you do not judge us but continue inspiring us to serve Śrīlā Prabhupāda and his glorious movement. No matter how gross our mistakes are, you help us come out of



it and make us realize where we go wrong. Thank you so much. You indeed help devotees help themselves.

Lastly I ask for forgiveness for any offences that I have committed at your lotus feet. I beg you to forgive me. Also I try to stay connected to you by watching your daily videos and also try to share them with others. As a minimal service unto your lotus feet, I try to do Tulasī Parikrama every day for your good health and long life so you can fulfill all your projects successfully which are all to please our dear Śrīlā Prabhupāda.

Thank you for everything Guru Mahārāja!

Your insignificant servant,  
Nanditha Chawla



## Sitalangi

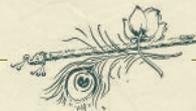


Please accept my humble obeisances.

### "Because you are unique"

Strong as thunderbolt,  
Yet your modesty never makes you revolt.  
Intervened by my anarthas when I feel weak and want to halt,  
Your unparalleled example helps me fairly mould.

Constantly hearing and knowing we have to become offenseless,  
Whenever this desire arises I feel hopeless.  
Turning to your living example leaves me surprised and motionless,  
You again give us a hope and this way your glories are endless.



Your teachings are deep and give us insight,  
In spite of giving us brightness of sunlight  
And coolness of moonlight  
I regret that I fail in my attempts to give you some delight.

You are not only indescribable but also unimaginable,  
Cannot understand anything but only know you are the one who is reliable.  
Praying to you and the Lord that your mercy on us is unwithdrawable.

I wonder how did they all know about you?  
When you yourself never spoke a word about you.  
Certainly, your unlimited qualities have created a field of view,  
That's the reason you are glorified by all waiting in queue.

By the mercy of Lord, I desire to serve you and realise someday that you are  
my only treasure!

Thank you.

Your eternal servant,  
Sitalangi



## Subita

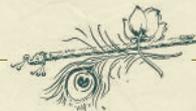


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nirviṣeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Dear Guru Mahārāj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your feet. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīlā Prabhupāda.

Guru Mahārāj, it's the mercy of Kṛṣṇa that I'm having you as guru. Otherwise it would have never been possible.



As a fallen soul like me, I am grateful to Kṛṣṇa what he has given me. I'm also fortunate to be able to follow your classes despite being so far and show the right path toward Kṛṣṇa.

To our dearest guru Mahārāj, wish you a very happy Vyāsa-pūjā Guru Mahārāj.

Your aspiring servant  
Bhaktin Subita



## Alaksya Devi Dasi



*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhūtale  
gurave citti-ceṣṭābhyāṃ mahātma-prabhave sadā  
tat-prabhu-bhāva-rūpāya kīrtana-hlāda-dāyine namas  
tattva-prakāśaya bhaktānāṃ tat-parāya ca*

Obeisances to His Grace Mahātmā Prabhu, who is dearest to Kṛṣṇa, and who teaches both through his realizations and his actions.

Obeisance to him who is the embodiment of the mood of his master Prabhupāda, who awards the joy of kīrtana, who reveals the truth of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, and who is affectionately concerned for the devotees.



Dear Gurudeva,

How can I express in words all the gratitude I feel towards you? Since the first time I met you I started to see life differently. You helped me discover things in the world as they really are. Your sweetness and intelligence helped me overcome different challenges in life, and also helped me discover the way through find the best version of myself to serve Kṛṣṇa and Prabhupāda. I always remember the time we spent together while you were in Mexico, I can't wait to see you here again and make all those plans to please Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are definitely one of my biggest inspiration in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. I know I don't deserve so much mercy, but I am willing to do anything to reciprocate in any way possible. I thank Kṛṣṇa to have put me on your way, and thank you for give me your shelter as a loving father, I hope to see you soon and keep serving your mission.

With love and devotion, I hope you accept my humble offering on your Vyāsa-pūjā's day.

Your eternal servant,  
Alaksya Devi Dasi  
*Mexico City, Kṛṣṇa West Center*



## Sanatani Devi Dasi



Dear Mahārāj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā  
cakṣur unmilitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

*śrī-caitanya-mano-'bhīṣṭaṁ sthāpitaṁ yena bhū-tale  
svayaṁ rūpaḥ kadā mahyaṁ dadāti sva-padāntikam*

A bit more than one year ago was the first time I had the chance to meet you and join your lectures in Māyāpur.



I had known of the music of Mahatma Das for many years, but I never knew who he was.

After the first lecture I was really transformed. The way you presented Kṛṣṇa Consciousness shook my world and I went through a lot of purification and forgiveness. Both to myself and others. I am deeply grateful for that.

I became kind of addicted to listen to your short videos every day when I drive to work, and your kirtans makes me dance! I felt a deep connection to the way you preach and also much gratitude to your wonderful wife who is helping me and so many other devotees. You two are great role models in my life.

Earlier this year you came to Norway and I had such a wonderful time with you, it was so inspiring to see how the Norwegian yatra benefited from your visit. I pray to Radhe Shyam that you will come back soon, hopefully with your wife also.

This year in Māyāpur I was so fortunate to be a part of your relationship retreat, and from this course I made many new friends. Thank you.

Thank you for all the inspiration you share around you, thank you for accepting me as your śikṣā disciple. Hoping to please you with my service in Oslo, Norway.

Your servant,  
Sanatani Devi Dasi



## *Kṛṣṇa Karsani Devi Dasi*

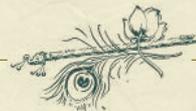


Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

On the auspicious day of your Vyāsa-pūjā, I would like to express my love and gratitude to you.

I often used to have doubts whether or not Kṛṣṇa really loves me, whether or not He cares about me, or whether or not He really wants me back. But since I met you, my doubts have almost disappeared. For me, you are a proof that Kṛṣṇa loves me and cares for me. Since I met you, I am more and more convinced that going back to the spiritual world is possible for me (indeed, it is possible for all of us), even in this lifetime – if we desire so. Of course, not



only is a strong desire required, but the other essential factor in going back to Kṛṣṇa is the mercy of the spiritual master. Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura said: "Your mercy is all I am made of."

Guru Maharaja, your mercy is all I am made of. I have no good qualifications, but I am grateful that you have accepted me as your disciple and that you are letting me serve you. I consider my service to you to be a great privilege. Serving you is my most precious treasure.

I am grateful to Kṛṣṇa that He sent you into my life. I pray to Him to make me a useful instrument in your preaching work.

Guru Maharaja, thank you for sacrificing yourself and visiting Poland twice last year. Your visits were a great honor for both my husband and me. I am so happy that I was able to please you by publishing two books of yours into Polish as well as by organizing your Vyāsa-pūjā celebration and japa retreat.

I must admit that serving you constitutes a source of great happiness for me. Publishing your books, organizing your Vyāsa-pūjā, organizing programs for non-devotees (or retreats for devotees) is often very stressful for me. However, I love this stress because this stress is for you; it is for a person that I love very much. In fact, this stress is a source of my happiness. I am eternally indebted to you, and I will never be able to pay you back. Therefore please continue engaging me in your service. In this way, you will be providing me with an opportunity to at least try to repay my debt to you.

Guru Maharaja, thank you for being my spiritual master, and even more than that, for being my best friend who I fully trust and to whom I can tell everything. I am sure that you will never judge me, and that you will accept me the way I am, always encouraging me to become the best version of



myself. Yes, Guru Maharaja, I want to become the best version of myself in order to be an instrument in your preaching mission.

Guru Maharaja, thank you for the time we spent together in Māyāpur this year. Those days were more than amazing. I did not deserve to go to the holy Dhāma, but my going to Māyāpur happened, again, by your mercy. I am grateful that we had a chance to see the Dhāma through your eyes – the eyes of our spiritual master.

Thank you for all the time and the care that you are giving me. Please be sure that I never take that for granted.

My husband and I are anxiously waiting for other opportunities to render more service to you by expanding your preaching in Poland.

With love,  
Your disciple,  
Kṛṣṇa Karsani Dasi



## Lydia



Dear Mahatma Prabhu!

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet! All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!

My name is Lydia. I am from Russia. I listen your classes and daily quotes for nearly 1 year.

I am forever grateful to Kṛṣṇa and so fortunate to have association with you through your classes and daily quotes. I have learned a lot of valuable and important aspects of bhakti from you. You have helped so much to understand better spiritual life. Your japa workshops help me deepen my relationship with the Holy Name.



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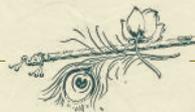
You are always teaching me with your words, sharing your experience of spiritual life. This is very important for me. Your vision of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is different. You are teaching me how to practice Kṛṣṇa Consciousness with enthusiasm, regardless of time, circumstances and place. You have helped me to look at this world from another side that I have never seen before. You are giving me right direction and guidance in spiritual life, in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

Sometimes when I meet with problems, your daily quotes inspire me to go on and not to stop, to be closer to Kṛṣṇa.

I can say that I don't have enough to glorify you. I very rarely write in English, I listen more.

From bottom of my heart I thank you for everything you have taught me. I can never repay You back for all You have done for me.

With love and gratitude,  
Lydia



## Adhoksaja Kṛṣṇa Dāsa



Again and again I am indebted to you Mahatma Prabhu.

How precise is the dialogue that runs between us. That every obstacle, stumbling block, or just downright despair and hopelessness is brushed aside effortlessly by the overpowering wisdom of your words? And the most amazing treasure is that Śrīla Prabhupāda and the great Ācāryas have told me the same truths for years!

How is it possible to estimate the good you are doing? The lives you have turned around? The eyes you have made wet with life-saving gratitude?

Harder still will be to try to repay you. Who wants nothing but to see us relish the love you are experiencing. You show us the impossible is ordinary. That



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the limits are illusory. That our potential, nay our undisputed destiny is our eternal shelter at the Divine Couple's lotus soft feet.

Your lowly servant,  
Adhokśaja Kṛṣṇa das.



## *Gopi Jivana Dasa*



Think not that Lord Nityānanda is no longer here  
when the rays of his moon through his followers descend  
when his men and women today are banishing fear  
do not doubt and despair and let the mind pretend

Think not that Lord Nityānanda does not know you  
when the Mahatmas have shown keen interest in your life  
through their care and concern Nitai will show you  
how his followers with ecstasy dissolve all strife

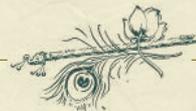


Think not that Nitāi is not saving the world  
when the servants of love are capturing all  
when the lost and helpless into nectar are hurled  
when misfortune and darkness crumble and fall

Think not that Nitāi has not empowered  
when your guides have your apathy completely devoured  
your material desires made into a lowly coward  
and your future has so fully in perfection been showered

Dear Gurudeva, dear Mahatma Prabhu,  
our sincere reciprocation is long overdue  
when our service to Nityānanda through yourself stays true  
when that mercy of Nitai through yourself flows anew

Your servant,  
Gopi Jivana Dasa



## *Shyamasundari Devi Dasi*



My dear Mahatma Prabhu,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

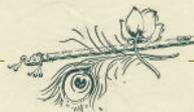
I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude on this auspicious day of your Vyāsa-pūjā. Thank you so much for transforming the beauty of Bhakti into the brilliant practical wisdom in your teachings and amazing books for us to better live the teachings of Śrīla Prabhupāda. You guide me to get into my inner world and learn how to see myself and things as they are. This way I've got an opportunity to improve my skills on devotee care, develop more empathy for others' difficulties and distress, and establish genuine spiritual culture in my heart.



I pray I'll be able to put your teachings into practice in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, get the taste, and distribute the fragrance to as many people as possible in my life to reciprocate your causeless mercy and love. I love your courage on the talk to protect Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission and devotees.

I sincerely pray you are always under Lord Narasimhadeva's protection.

Your humble servant,  
Shyamasundari Devi Dasi



## *Davina Padhiar*



Dear Mahatma Prabhu,

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhūtale  
gurave citti-ceṣṭābhyāṃ mahātma-prabhava sadā  
tat-prabhu-bhāva-rūpāya kīrtana-hlāda-dāyine namas  
tattva-prakāśaya bhaktānāṃ tat-parāya ca*

Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyāsa-pūjā.

I am very grateful and fortunate first of all that you entered my life and heart. The first time I met you was in Mayapur, 2016/17. The love and compassion you have for all of us is something that has carried me through every day and



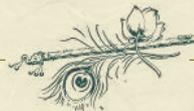
has inspired me to develop those qualities. Your guidance has made a very big impact on my life and I wouldn't have got this far without you. This mind has struggled immensely through different difficult situations, but by your teachings and affection it is what has made me stronger in different aspects in my life but mainly in my spiritual practices.

You have encouraged me and helped me grow faith and trust in all situations. It is by your mercy and encouragement that I am able to keep trying to move forward and go deeper in Krsna Consciousness.

Only by your mercy will I be able to serve you with gratitude in my heart and offer all I have to you.

Thank you for everything. I deeply pray to always be an instrument in your mission, and to always be taking the shelter of your lotus feet.

Your aspiring servant,  
Davina Padhiar



## *Lev & Krsnamayi Devi Dasi*



Hare Krsna.

Please accept our most humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

On this beautiful day we wanted to send our love and with happy hearts thank you for all you're doing to help us and everyone around you. We pray for your blessings to become empowered in service and always try our best to do as much as we can from our side.

Can't wait to meet you and be blessed again.

Your servants,  
Lev and Krsnamayi Devi Dasi



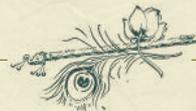
## Prayag Thakrar



Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Although I have not had the fortune of having as much of your personal association, my main intention for the past year is really to try and connect with your instructions better. I have been keeping in touch with your instructions through some of your classes and daily quotes as well as reflecting on the numerous exchanges we have had in which you have given some golden nuggets. Whenever I hear a point you make in a class that really strikes a chord, or I wake up and listen to a daily quote that just seems perfect at that very moment, it helps to appreciate more each day that Kṛṣṇa Consciousness



actually begins with śravaṇam, and it isn't just about spending time with senior devotees.

Keeping in touch through such vāni has helped me to appreciate your mood of simply desiring to assist Śrīla Prabhupāda in his mission to spread Kṛṣṇa Consciousness as far as possible. It is clear to me that whenever and whomever you meet, you always leave a lasting impression. A testament to this is how much people feel inspired to go further after getting your fortunate association. I remember recently reading how as a devotee, we should be like lavender, even when trampled on, still leaves a fragrance in the boots of the individual. I feel you imbibe this so well. I think it is fair to say you have had more than your fair share of challenges, but I feel sometimes Kṛṣṇa allows them to happen so that you can exhibit to us by your example how to deal with adversity. As Kṛṣṇa says in the Gita (3.21):

*yad yad ācarati śreṣṭhas  
tat tad evetaro janaḥ  
sa yat pramāṇam kurute  
lokaś tad anuvartate*

“Whatever action a great man performs, common men follow. And whatever standards he sets by exemplary acts, all the world pursues.” – You have set and continue to set the standards which we must follow. You imbibe so many qualities of a devotee, whether it is showing how to be tolerant, give all respect to others, or be compassionate to those who continue to suffer in this material world. There is no end to the qualities you exhibit, and all this you do whilst remaining personal to all the devotees you meet – this is something I appreciate most about you. Thank you for always leading by example.



I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you have done for me personally over the years, to help me keep going in my Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. You show incredible selflessness to put others upliftment as a priority without sacrificing your own Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and it is something that I wish to imbibe.

We celebrate your 70th anniversary of your appearance in this world this year and what glorious 70 years they have been. It dawns on me that the next 70 and beyond, we must know how to live by your instructions. As Prabhupāda frequently said, the spiritual master is always present through the instructions. So my prayer to you is this – please give me the strength to deeply imbibe your instructions in my heart.

You have given so many, whether personally or in public and they have always been a guiding light for me. But it is time I start following and living by them properly, not sporadically. And finally, please bless me that I may fully surrender unto guru so that my life can become meaningful.

Your eternal servant,  
Prayag



## John Yasenchak



Hare Kṛṣṇa Mahatma Prabhu,

All Glories to Śrīlā Prabhupāda. Please accept my humble greetings on this celebration of your Vyāsa puja.

I am so very grateful for you and for all that you do for us. Recently I heard one of your live Facebook classes where you spoke of your second initiation by Śrīlā Prabhupāda many years ago. At that moment, your lifelong commitment moved me to gratitude. It was like a rush of grace that stayed with me for a long time. I was also moved by the tender manner in which you spoke about Prabhupāda. You make his presence felt through your love for him and your devotion. For those of us who did not have the opportunity to meet him in this world, you introduce him to us in a most personal and sweet manner.



I have been drawn to God, spirituality, and theology my entire life. After reading various translations of Bhagavad-gīta, I began taking courses with Bhaktivedanta College online. Many doors began to open in many ways, and I was introduced to you on a video call while you were visiting the college. For some time, I had been asking Kṛṣṇa for guidance, and you were the answer to that prayer. Since then, I have so much appreciated your allowing me to share my life and to ask questions. Knowing how many you served, I deeply appreciate your direction and answers to my questions.

You have so many qualities for which I am thankful. You are generous with your time. You are kind, gentle, strong, steady, insightful, serious, and brilliant. You have a great sense of humor. You can share the most sublime transcendental realization and at the same time be “down to earth” (so to speak). Your teachings help us to negotiate the many challenges and pitfalls that our due to our condition while at the same time holding The Goal before us. You are welcoming and approachable which only adds to the respect that is due you.

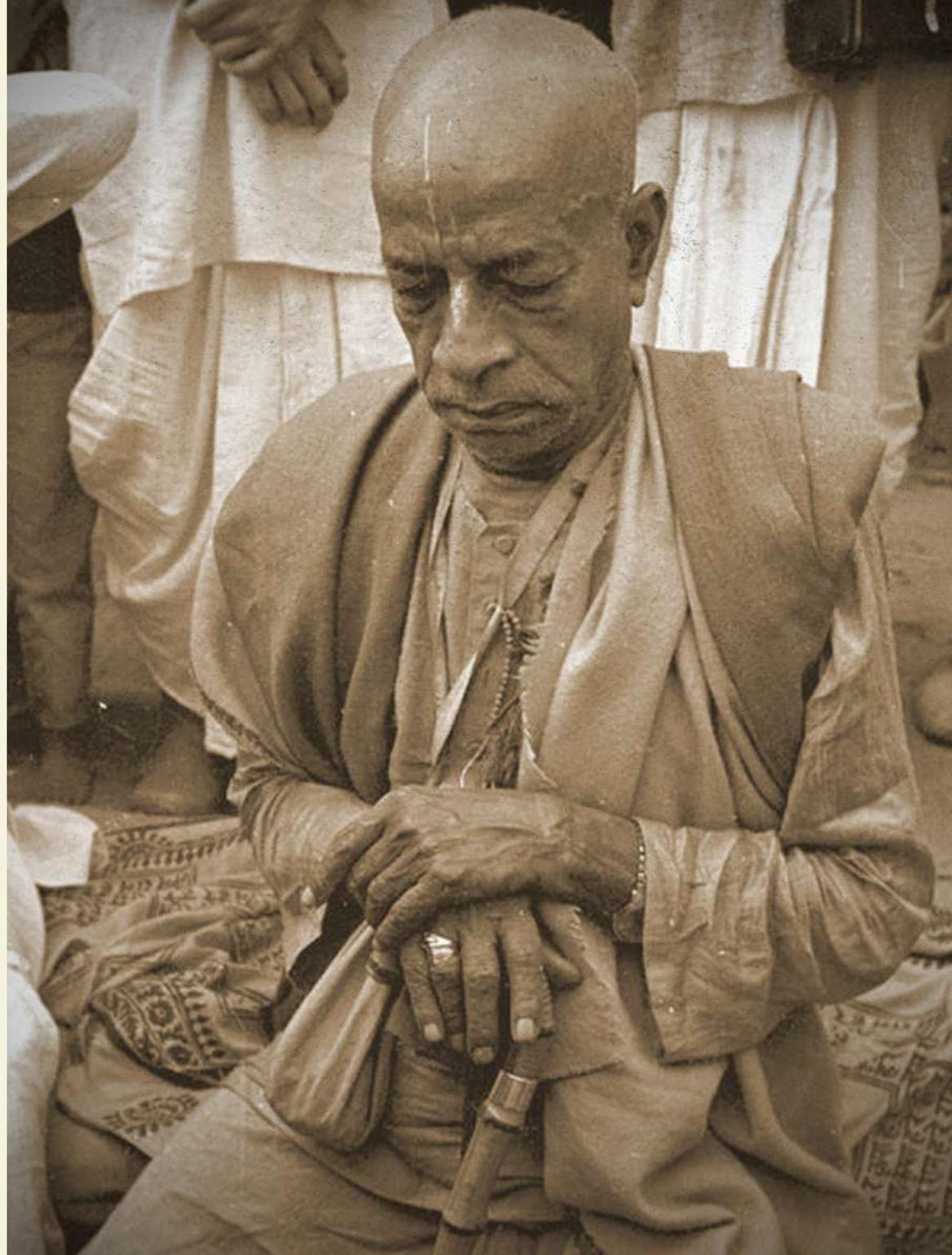
There are many realizations that I gained from you. For instance, the realization that japa is a living relationship with Rādhā Kṛṣṇa has been a great gift. The reminder that Kṛṣṇa is always waiting has helped me to reflect on my life and the times when I have not remembered (which have been many). You have reminded me about the importance of humility, service, and most of all, service to Kṛṣṇa. You’ve reminded me of the importance of being honest about my faults. Your insights about relationships have been helpful, especially your thoughts on what it means to be a man in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. So many things! Mostly, you have given me “space” to write about and share with you my ups and downs with Kṛṣṇa Consciousness as well as that secret relationship in the heart with Rādhā Kṛṣṇa that no one really sees.



Once again, I am thankful for your lifelong commitment. We have not yet met in person, but your presence has been with me through classes, your YouTube clips, but most importantly, your willingness to write to a guy like me, so new to Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. I hope to meet one day soon in person.

Thank You Gurujī,  
John, Maine









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## Harish Vontel

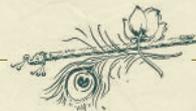


Dear Gurumaharaj,

Oṁ namo bhagavate vāsudevāya!!

Please accept my humble obeisances. My journey with you began just a few months ago. I have been suffering with anxiety for the last seven years. Every time it feels like I have been healed and cured, I realize that it has come back in a different form.

In one such anxious moment with Kṛṣṇa's arrangement I came across your short morning video on Facebook. I felt as if Kṛṣṇa spoke my mind to you and you made a video for me. Since then I started to listen to those short videos almost daily.



Your videos give me tools to manage The mind and I have improved a lot. I am not fully cured yet but I feel I am on the right path. I meditate on japa affirmations and chant 8 rounds with love and care.

I would like to thank you from my heart for making those videos and inspiring me to connect with Kṛṣṇa in these hard times. I pray to Kṛṣṇa that he gives you everything you need to perform your Bhakti.

I have never met you face to face however I feel connected through the videos. I have a deep desire to attend the japa workshops that you conduct. If you happen to visit Sydney I would like to seek blessings from you in person and attend the japa workshop if you intend to conduct.

Please bless me and my family to get strength to cross over obstacles of mind, emotions and body so that we can connect with Kṛṣṇa with love and serve him with full faith and gratitude.

Hare Kṛṣṇa!!

In your service,  
Harish Vontel



## Gabriela Delgado



Dear Mahatma Prabhu,

Please accept my obeisances.

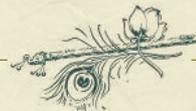
All glories to you.

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!

I feel very grateful for your visit here in Chile.

Thanks for your kindness and understanding, without judgement, when we told you our problems, issues or asked you questions.

Everytime you give a word of wisdom, I really appreciate and learn how you treat people with so much calm, humble, warmth and empathy. You are also



an example of service by guiding, helping and teaching many people around the world.

With your words and actions, you inspired me to follow Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and its initiation. So thanks for being a channel with Kṛṣṇa and showing to me this spiritual path.

I wish for you all the blessings, love and mercy from Kṛṣṇa.

With gratitude,  
Gabriela



## Marcelo Sepúlveda

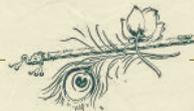


Hare Kṛṣṇa Maharaja, please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, all glories to Gaurāṅga, all glories to Mahatma Maharaja.

I want to thank the mercy and goodness of your disciple Radhapriya Devi Dasi, who inspires me with her surrender and dedication to celebrate with our family this special date, your Vyāsa-pūjā 2020.

Before your visit to Chile in 2019, I was aspiring to another great spiritual soul, when I saw you and listened to your preach and when I experienced your humility and closeness, my soul was full of joy, I was happy and thankful when I saw how Kṛṣṇa, with His great mercy was sending His dear disciple



and bona fide representative to rescue me from the illusion I was attached at. Cernantely, all this mercy you give selflessly, and all the dedication to your very important mission of sharing this wonderful transcendental knowledge about our loved Kṛṣṇa, is a gift of light and hope that we all can surrender and go back to Godhead.

Once again, thank you for all your surrender with the devotees.

I do not have the words to express how thankful I feel with you dear Maharaja, I just can say thank you and Kṛṣṇa always protects you and guides you in your mission.

The most fallen and ignorant servant bids farewell,  
Marcelo Sepulveda

Mahatma Maharaja ki jaya!  
Gaura Premanande.  
Haribol.



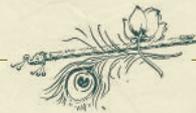
## Zhen Tan



*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhūtale  
gurave citti-ceṣṭābhyāṃ mahātma-prabhava sadā  
tat-prabhu-bhāva-rūpāya kīrtana-hlāda-dāyine namas  
tattva-prakāśāya bhaktānāṃ tat-parāya ca*

Obeisance to his Grace Mahatma Prabhu who is dearest to Kṛṣṇa, and who teaches both through his realizations and his actions.

Obeisance to him who is the embodiment of the mood of his master Prabhupāda, who awards the joy of kirtana, who reveals the truth of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, and who is affectionately concerned for the devotees.



Dear Guru,

I am very excited and grateful to write this letter to you. One year ago, you came to China to teach us the course of forgiveness. In that course, I learned a lot. That is the first time I met Guru, you were very kind, calm and had an extraordinary temperament. Let me deeply kneel down and kowtow your lotus feet. You let me closely feel the state of full knowledge, calmness, joy and determination, with deep respect and love for the Supreme Person presented by a pure devotee. Let me deeply kneel down and kowtow to you once again. You are the representative of the Supreme Person. From you, I observed many excellent qualities that attract and inspire me. I hope to follow you, listen more about the Supreme Father Kṛṣṇa from your mouth. From you, I saw the glorious wealth of Kṛṣṇa – renunciation. Please allow me to deeply kneel down and kowtow your lotus feet again and again.

In December of 2019, you spared no pain to fly thousands of miles to China to teach us a course about happy marriage. Because of your course my attitude has changed towards marriage and allowed me to deeply review myself in marriage. I am constantly learning to correct myself and use practical actions to rebuild a happy marriage. This class allowed me to observe my marriage and myself from multiple perspectives. I know that I have made many fatal mistakes. I hope to change myself under your instruction. It is you who helped me cherish my marriage very much. It is you who gave my marriage a new life. I am grateful for you Guru. I look forward to more participation in your courses and more opportunities to listen to your teachings. At last, allow me to deeply kneel down and kowtow to you. Looking forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,  
Zhen Tan



## Rafael Wiatrowicz



Please accept my obeisances.

Let me choose a place to sit lower compared to Your place and allow me to read from my heart...

My name is Rafael. Born in Poland and traveling around Europe. Working and living in Czech Republic at the moment. We met in Poland. 3 days japa retreat 2019.

I do not know how... Chant 16 rounds.

I do not know how... Follow 1 of 4 regulative principles.

I do not know how... Become as the majority want me to become.



At the same time I know... You, Mahatma Prabhu, You revive me. You revive my soul. My ruined character. I see in You transcendental perfection and professionalism. Super genius. You are beyond this gross material life. I like Your videos, 'Living the Wisdom of Bhakti' book, lectures and music skills.

You remind me of my childhood wonder years. Where I was dreaming about a Godlike father and master. Someone like You.

I think, You Mahatma Prabhu are the most perfect Vaiṣṇava I have seen in this life so far. Godlike, humble and compassionate.

There are good and evil people everywhere. You, Mahatma Prabhu gave me hope and tools within dark times of an iron age. Where true individuals are doomed and evil collective cartels and groups dominate innocent souls, this slavery is going on and on...

Thanks to You Mahatma Prabhu I will die with gratitude and well prepared. Remembering: "I am spirit soul". Maybe Kṛṣṇa will take me to the eternal spiritual world in this life. I have really tried since childhood to do what I can do within my family, country, world, Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission. Eventually what I can do is take care of my own temporary body and eternal, full of knowledge and blissful soul and serve devotees.

You are from a different dimension. When I first saw You in reality, I thought: "Please accept my obeisances". I thought Your eyes were glowing somehow...

Your spirit soul,  
Rafael Wiatrowicz  
Hare Kṛṣṇa



## Anarpita Karuna Devi Dasi



Hare Kṛṣṇa!

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All Glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

All Glories to Guru and Gaurāṅga.

I am grateful to get a chance to pen down my thoughts and feelings and gratitude for your Vyāsa-pūjā.

I remember I had recently joined ISKCON congregation in December 2012 and in May 2013 in Faridabad temple. There was a Japa Seminar and it was conducted by you. What an amazing seminar it was and what great insight it gave me, I was spellbound throughout. I just did not want it to end. I



understood what the Holy Name was only then in factual terms. And the ease by which Your Grace made it so simple and enchanting was mind blowing.

Your teachings and guidings in various aspects of life, since that day have been a part of my spiritual life. You are my Siksa Guru in so many aspects. I thank you for being my guiding light.

All your teachings are so practical and deep, there is an understanding that is not material. You know how to take up the finer points of any subject. You are a true Brahmana and I bow to your lotus feet and beg for your mercy not just this time but every time, every life, in all circumstances. Associating with you feels like associating with our eternal father Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have the same compassion, and same guiding spirit.

May Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva always protect the teachers of ISKCON so that ignorant people like me can stay on the right path.

Please accept my obeisances and forgive my inability.

Your Servant,  
Anarpita Karuna Devi Dasi



## *Indradyumna Swami*

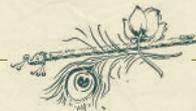


Dear Mahatma prabhu,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

I hope you won't mind a godbrother glorifying you. I'm sure the demigods sing your praises, so why not me? You are an illustrious disciple of our glorious spiritual master, Śrīla Prabhupāda, so we as his followers have a solemn duty to recognize your unique qualities and service to His Divine Grace.

Your many seminars on diverse subjects of devotional service are attended and heard by thousands of devotees. In so many ways you are a spiritual master, a life coach, a transcendental psychologist, a best friend and well-wisher of so many of us. Through various preaching programs people join



this great movement. But the secret is to carefully guide them step by step through the process of devotional service. That includes educating them, helping them overcome obstacles on the path of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and teaching them how to remain enthusiastic at all times. You are an expert in helping devotees in all these facets of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. We all thank you from the bottom of our hearts. And I have no doubt that Śrīla Prabhupāda is also grateful for all the service you have rendered to him through the years. He is smiling graciously upon you today!

You are a wonderful example of all that you teach. That is why devotees have so much faith in you. That is why I look up to you and try to follow you. You have an uncanny ability to see and understand what each devotee needs and you take whatever time is required to help them. You are very personal with everyone. That is very rare in this day and age.

Then there are your kirtans! You were a famous and much sought after kirtan man long before many of ISKCON's famous 'kirtaneers' appeared on the scene. You were an inspiration for them as they made their own valuable contributions to spreading the holy names. Please keep watering our seeds of devotion with your melodious voice and expert musical skills.

My prayer is that your many followers and well-wishers will join together to support your services to ISKCON and the general public. You are getting older now, 70 years of age today, and shouldn't have to be personally raising funds. That service should fall as a privilege to those who love you and can appreciate the positive changes you are making in their lives and can make in the lives of so many people in this world.

On this auspicious day I fall at your feet, my dear godbrother and wish you well in all your endeavors. May the Good Lord grant you many more years



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of preaching and counseling. I also offer my obeisances to all your fortunate disciples and loved ones.

Please always keep me in your prayers, as you are in mine!

With affectionate regards,  
Indradyumna Swami



## *Jyotsna Madhavi Devi Dasi*



Hare Kṛṣṇa Maharaj,

Please accept my respected obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!

All glories to your auspicious appearance day!

First of all, I wish to thank you for all the wonderful seminars and the inspiring quotes you have given to all of us.

A few of the seminars I have attended, conducted by you are Japa session, Forgiveness session, Sacred Union on marriage and Śrīla Prabhupāda goals for ISKCON.



I found all these seminars pretty interesting, a valuable meaning to take and also found the exercises at the session very helpful.

Japa vows and affirmation really helped me to improve on my Japa and even till today when I do my Japa I remember the affirmations and that helps me chant effectively. I have tried to share this with many others to benefit.

In Śrīla Prabhupāda's goals for ISKCON, I liked the point of 3 P's as Project, People and Profit and that we need to put People on top of Project and then the Profit which is so true to maintain a relationship and to be connected.

In Sacred Union, I liked the emphasis given to the importance of the relationship between husband and wife in giving and caring in daily life.

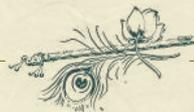
Thank you for investing your time and energy to research Prabhupāda's teachings and make these seminars on such specific topics to help us learn the values.

The inspiring quotes, messages which I receive, I try and share with others and many are delighted.

I am very thankful to Yamuna mataji and Jenny mataji for sending your quotes and updates daily to us individually on whatsapp.

It's inspiring to know that you are a Grihastha and at the same time an initiating Guru, a practicing devotee and true follower of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Thank you Maharaj and I wish to attend more of your seminars, lectures and read your quotes to keep us enlightened everyday and also share to help others get the same.



Praying to Rajapur Jagannātha Baladev Subhadra mayi (as you conduct many seminars there) to bless you with all health and may you always inspire and guide us to follow Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions.

Please forgive me for any offenses I may have committed.

Seeking your blessings for my family, friends and vaishnavi groups that we try our best to perform sadhana and serve Guru and Gaurāṅga.

Your aspiring servitor and well wisher,  
Jyotsna Madhavi Devi Dasi  
(disciple of HH Jayapataka Swami)  
*ISKCON Seshadripuram, Bangalore, India*



Priya



Hare Kṛṣṇa Gurudev!

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories onto Śrīla Prabhupāda!

I hope you are doing well, and really glad that your allergies are gone.

I am Priyamvadha Muralidharan (just Priya), a student from Bangalore, India. (and a Well-wisher of yours, student of your classes – I'm just trying to learn as much as I can).

I just wanted to say, thank you for everything that you have been doing for us all. For the classes and videos everyday, for sharing your realizations with us at every opportunity, for the clarity and confidence with which you speak,



for your kindness and compassion, for all that you give to us freely and for reminding me time and time again not to give up. Thank you for answering each question in class no matter how simple it may be (gives me the courage to admit that I know next to nothing) and for reading each comment and letting us go on this adventure with you for an hour and a half each day. Thank you for the music, for all the transcendental entertainment, for teaching us both how to live and how to die.

Thank you for being who you are because I just can't imagine learning all this from someone else when I see right here someone showing me a perfect example of how to be, act, think, serve... live.

It's really hard to believe that I could ever even become a devotee, (but you said... never to say I can't or I'm not qualified ) so I'll swallow those words and try just taking one step closer each day and pray that someday I'll embody your instructions and those of Prabhupad's and act in proper conscience, act properly in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. It honestly seems like a utopian vision for me but seeing you and everyone else in class challenges that belief and makes me want to try taking the tiniest steps forward, one at a time.

Thank you Prabhu, thank you Gurudev, for caring, and showing me what truly matters in life. Thankyou for the opportunity to make things right. Please let me serve you in any way that I can.

And maybe it's too soon to say this , but I'm really afraid, of losing this... your 8 AM class, association, discussions... I don't really know how to react to that. But to end on a happier, transcendently blissful note , you're an amazing musician and I'm looking forward to being at one of your future concerts and really excited about it. I beg Kṛṣṇa for His mercy, to make this happen.



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I pray that you have a transcendently blissful year ahead!!!  
Thank you Prabhu, for your mercy beyond the skies.

Please accept my obeisances again.

Your humble servant,  
Priya



## Ananta Gauranga Dasa



Hare Kṛṣṇa Dear Mahatma Prabhu  
Please accept my humble obeisances. All Glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

I have been listening to your lecture on Japa and trying to follow the instructions you mention in classes. February 2020 I met you in Māyāpur. I saw you dancing in the kirtan and talking with devotees.

Just seeing your smiling happy face, I felt very happy. I saw you walking with devotees with a smiling face.

I learnt from you also how –  
A devotee can behave and live like a normal person.  
If Japa is right then one will be happy.



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We should dance in kirtan.  
I will try to apply it in my life.

Please think of visiting Tokyo temple in the near future, we are waiting.

Your Servant,  
Ananta Gauranga Dasa



## Linda Van Den Akker



All glories to Guru and Gaurāṅga!  
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.  
And all glories to you Mahatma das!

Some years ago there used to be a temple president in the temple of Amsterdam who inspired my mother and I very much in spiritual life. Then he left and went back to his own country (this happened twice). Then I have prayed sincerely to Panca Tattva in Māyāpur dhāma to please send another devotee in my life who can inspire me and can help me to go home, back to Godhead. Some time later you visited the temple of Amsterdam in June 2016 and I heard your bhajan. My mother and I were very enthusiastic and we felt much happiness in our hearts. I was thinking who is this devotee? So I started to find more music and lectures from you on youtube and started to regularly



listen to them. You are singing wonderful melodies of the Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra (and other bhajans) which you have learned to play yourself. I admire that.

By following you online, you became very inspiring to my mother (Joke), brother (Ron) and me! And I realized you are the answer to my prayer!

This year it's your 70th birthday, a special occasion. And I wanted to take the opportunity to congratulate you and tell you how grateful I am for everything you do for us.

A few memories which I would like to share with you:

Last year 2019 my mother and I were very happy to see you in Māyāpur dhāma.

\* We heard you singing upstairs in the Vaiṣṇava Academy and happily joined. It was nice that you invited the devotees to your apartment for bhajan in the evenings and I remember we were dancing with the Chinese devotees several times.

\* Your singing during Nityananda's appearance day was a nice surprise

\* And then there was the boat ride on the Ganges. Singing and dancing with devotees from all over the world on one boat on the Ganges (and Jalangi river). I even caught your maha flower garland which you threw in the public. The boat ride was definitely one of the highlights of our journey. Later back in The Netherlands we were fortunate to meet you again.

\* That was at the housewarming in Lisse at Nilambara's place. I wanted to do some personal service to give something back and I got inspired to make a flower garland for you. I was happy to see you wear that garland and the colors nicely matched your outfit :) After the lecture, you lead a joyful kirtan



where we were dancing and jumping with the many devotees in the living room.

\* The day after you came to the Youth festival in The Hague and because of some struggles we came late. Fortunately the Prasadam was also late and you decided to give an encore and sing 30 minutes longer. You were singing the Rādhārāṇī prayer, Govindam Adi Purusham and a Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra in the mood of separation, which was a special gift in my heart (and that of my mothers). After the festival you said you were happy to see us again :) and so were we.

I am grateful that I can connect with your teachings every day (or when needed) through your Daily Quotes.

Your quotes about chanting gave me inspiration to pray to Kṛṣṇa before chanting and helped me to engage the mind better while chanting. In that way my chanting became deeper and I've realized more how important it is.

Your quotes also help me to see things from a different perspective. Especially those about forgiveness, attachment, how to deal with life challenges and struggles, about Kṛṣṇa's and Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy and much much more.

I also really appreciate your sharing memories and instructions from Śrīla Prabhupāda. In that way I can get to know him better so that the connection between Śrīla Prabhupāda and I becomes stronger.

I hope and pray to Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda that they will keep inspiring you to continue to share the Daily Quotes, lectures, to make music, travel around the world (like The Netherlands), and that you are able to keep coming to the Holy dhāma's like Śrī Māyāpur dhāma.



I look forward to seeing you in Māyāpur dhāma in February and in The Netherlands in June (I heard).

I wish you and your family many blessed years to come with good health, realizations, inspiration, joy and happiness in the service of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Gaurāṅga.

All the best!

Hare Kṛṣṇa,  
Linda van den Akker



## *Priyanka Rakesh Chotaliya*



Hare Kṛṣṇa,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Guru and Gaurāṅga. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

On your auspicious appearance day I want to thank you for all your unconditional support and love for us. Your guidance really means a lot to us. Please continue to bless us with your association. I pray to the merciful Lord to bless you and remove all obstacles in your spiritual and material life.

Your servant

Priyanka Rakesh Chotaliya



## Pranasha

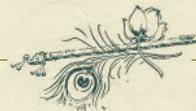


Dear Mahatma Prabhu,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to you on this auspicious occasion of your Vyāsa-pūjā.

A husband, a father, a guru, a friend and most of all a well wisher of all. To many you are all the above and more, but to me you will always be an emblem of kindness.

Śrīla Prabhupāda came and distributed the holy name to one and all and he so kindly left behind a chest of jewels his beloved disciples. Each one precious and unique. Your unique quality of course is care which is carved in the heart where kindness oozes from the core.



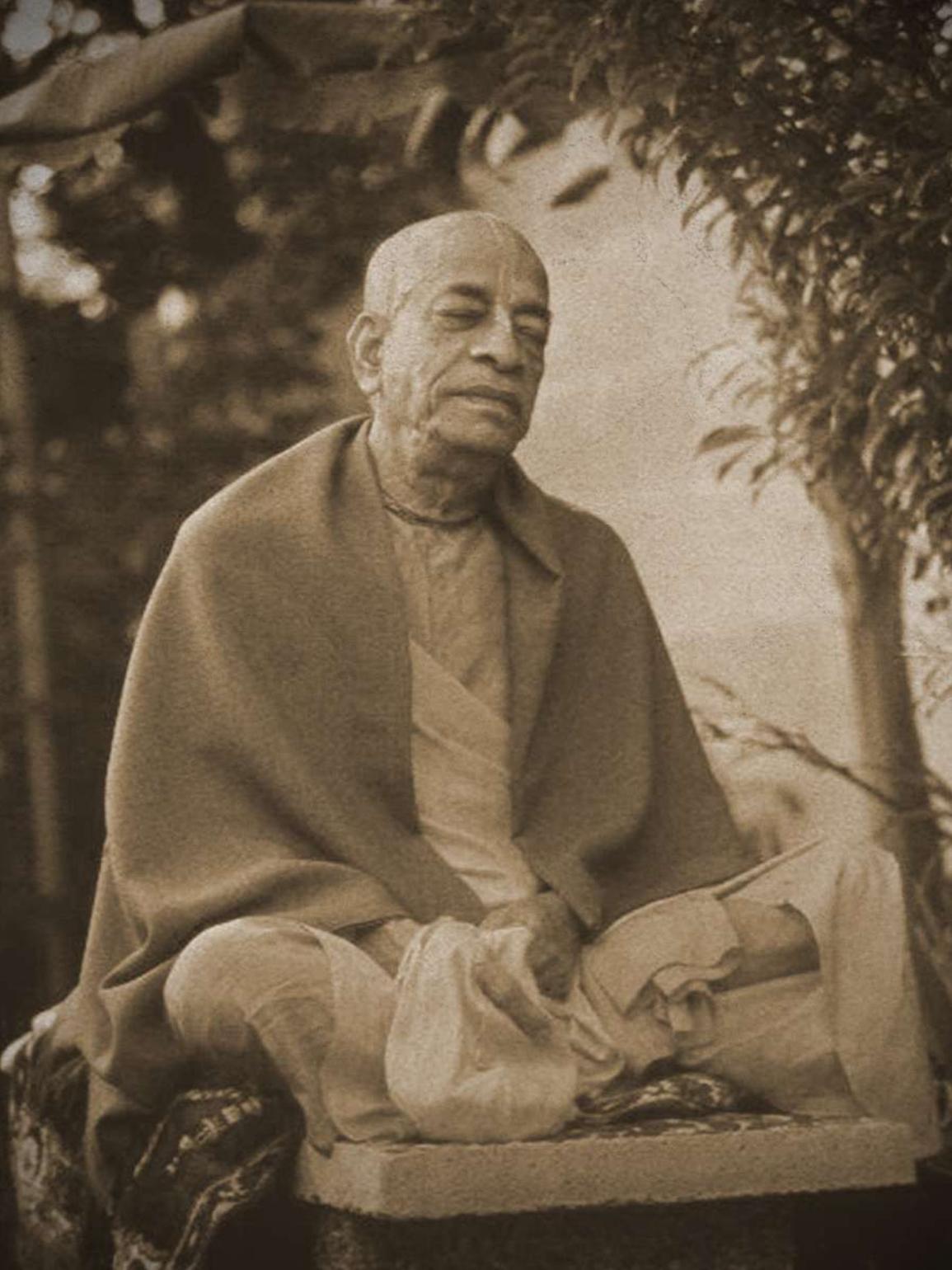
I thank you for your kindness.

Your music transports even the layman to a place called home and you are so kind enough to share the drops of nectar which fall from that divine abode. I forever thank you for your kindness that penetrates the heart. I pray that Śrīla Prabhupāda will continue to guide you in the most glorious way. May your teachings always shine bright in the heart of those who need it most and may your kindness forever be your strength in changing the world.

In your service,  
Praneshā









EIGHT PRAYERS TO THE GURU

*Sri Guro-astaka*

BY ŚRĪLA VIŚVANĀTHA CAKRAVARTĪ ṬHĀKURA



(1)

*saṁsāra-dāvānala-liḍha-loka-  
trāṇāya kārūṇya-ghanāghanatvam  
prāptasya kalyāṇa-guṇārṇavasya  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

**TRANSLATION**

The spiritual master is receiving benediction from the ocean of mercy. Just as a cloud pours water on a forest fire to extinguish it, so the spiritual master delivers the materially afflicted world by extinguishing the blazing fire of material existence. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is an ocean of auspicious qualities.



(2)

*mahāprabhoḥ kīrtana-nṛtya-gīta  
vāditra-mādyan-manaso rasena  
romāñca-kampāśru-taraṅga-bhājo  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

### TRANSLATION

Chanting the holy name, dancing in ecstasy, singing, and playing musical instruments, the spiritual master is always gladdened by the sankirtana movement of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Because he is relishing the mellows of pure devotion within his mind, sometimes his hair stands on end, he feels quivering in his body, and tears flow from his eyes like waves. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.



(3)

*śrī-vigrahārādhana-nitya-nānā  
 śṛṅgāra-tan-mandira-mārjanādau  
 yuktasya bhaktāṁś ca niyuñjato 'pi  
 vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

**TRANSLATION**

The spiritual master is always engaged in the temple worship of Śrī Śrī Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa. He also engages his disciples in such worship. They dress the Deities in beautiful clothes and ornaments, clean Their temple, and perform other similar worship of the Lord. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.



(4)

*catur-vidha-śrī-bhagavat-prasāda  
svādv-anna-tṛptān hari-bhakta-saṅghān  
kṛtvaiva tṛptim bhajataḥ sadaiva  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

**TRANSLATION**

The spiritual master is always offering Kṛṣṇa four kinds of delicious food [analyzed as that which is licked, chewed, drunk, and sucked]. When the spiritual master sees that the devotees are satisfied by eating bhagavat-prasāda, he is satisfied. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.



(5)

*śrī-rādhikā-mādhavayor apāra-  
mādhurya-lilā-guṇa-rūpa-nāmnām  
prati-kṣaṇasvādana-lolupasya  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

**TRANSLATION**

The spiritual master is always eager to hear and chant about the unlimited conjugal pastimes of Rādhika and Mādhava, and Their qualities, names, and forms. The spiritual master aspires to relish these at every moment. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.



(6)

*nikuñja-yūno rati-keli-siddhyai  
yā yālibhir yuktir apekṣaṇīyā  
tatrāti-dākṣyād ati-vallabhasya  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

**TRANSLATION**

The spiritual master is very dear, because he is expert in assisting the gopis, who at different times make different tasteful arrangements for the perfection of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa's conjugal loving affairs within the groves of Vṛndāvana. I offer my most humble obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.



(7)

*sākṣād-dharitvena samasta-śāstrair  
uktas tathā bhāvya eva sadbhiḥ  
kintu prabhor yaḥ priya eva tasya  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

**TRANSLATION**

The spiritual master is to be honored as much as the Supreme Lord, because he is the most confidential servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all revealed scriptures and followed by all authorities. Therefore I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is a bona fide representative of Śrī Hari [Kṛṣṇa].



(8)

*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo  
 yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi  
 dhyāyan stuvāms tasya yaśas tri-sandhyaṁ  
 vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

**TRANSLATION**

By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Kṛṣṇa. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement. Therefore, I should always remember and praise the spiritual master. At least three times a day I should offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master.





**By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Kṛṣṇa. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement. Therefore, I should always remember and praise the spiritual master. At least three times a day I should offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master.**

*(Śrī Gurv-aṣṭaka)*

