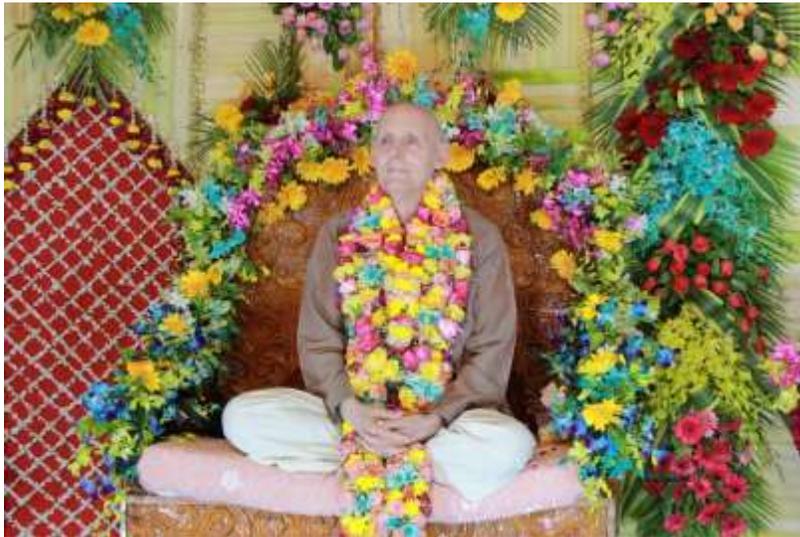




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Introduction

Hare Krishna! Every year, the students and disciples of His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari (referred to affectionately as “Srila Gurudev” by his disciples) celebrate the appearance day of their spiritual master. The Vyasa Puja eBook is published as a part of those annual worldwide celebrations.

Kindly refer to the “Meaning of Vyasa Puja” article for more importance of this celebration.

This year, the written offerings are grouped by languages, geography (where applicable) and alphabetically to make them easier to locate. This year the Vyasa Puja celebration is being held on 10th November in Austin Dham, Texas, USA. We are grateful to these kind-hearted souls who have contributed in any capacity to the 2020 Vyasa Puja celebration, we cannot express our deep gratitude in words, and we hope we are able to serve you as sincerely as you are serving Srila Gurudev.

While we have made every effort to ensure accuracy in this eBook, there may still be errors or omissions. If you do find something that needs to be corrected, please let us know by writing to us at sda.vyasapuja.offerings@gmail.com

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Meaning of Vyasa-Puja - Paramahansa das

Hare Krishna,

Vyasa Puja is a Mahotsav i.e. celebration on the appearance day of Sri Vyasa dev. The simplest way one can understand and celebrate this day is by worshipping Vyasa; the incarnation of the Lord Himself through His unadulterated representative. Although understanding it intellectually is not necessary but to satisfy our intelligence will help us to firmly fix ourselves in the right mindset with all our senses so that we can adhere to proper instructions of Sri Guru and have a deep impression of Vyasa-Puja to cherish for the years to come.

Vyasa dev as we know is none-other than Krishna but he plays the role of being a sincere disciple of Sri Narada Muni. Upon feeling despondent Vyasa dev inquired from his Guru about his feelings and his Guru was able to mitigate it after Vyasadev followed the proper instructions and the end result was Srimad Bhagavatam. Similarly, Srila Gurudev brings us the knowledge as instructed by Srila Prabhupada as it is. O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of Prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.



His Grace Srīman Sankarshan Das Adhikari is worshiped as good as God because of him representing the lineage back to Vyasa-dev as it is. Genuine Guru is like Vyasa-dev "para-dukha-dukhī" who wants to bring actual knowledge of self-realization to masses of people, not in a roundabout way but straight forward on its own accord and the end result of it is as sweet as Srimad Bhagavatam.

It is the duty of the spiritual master to teach the disciple on all the aspects of the self-realization path which is compared to razor's sharp edge, a little inattentiveness and there is a cut. Srīla Gurudev does that by sticking to the very basics of Krishna consciousness and as his followers, we should adhere to this path with "sāvadhāna mate" (attentive mind).

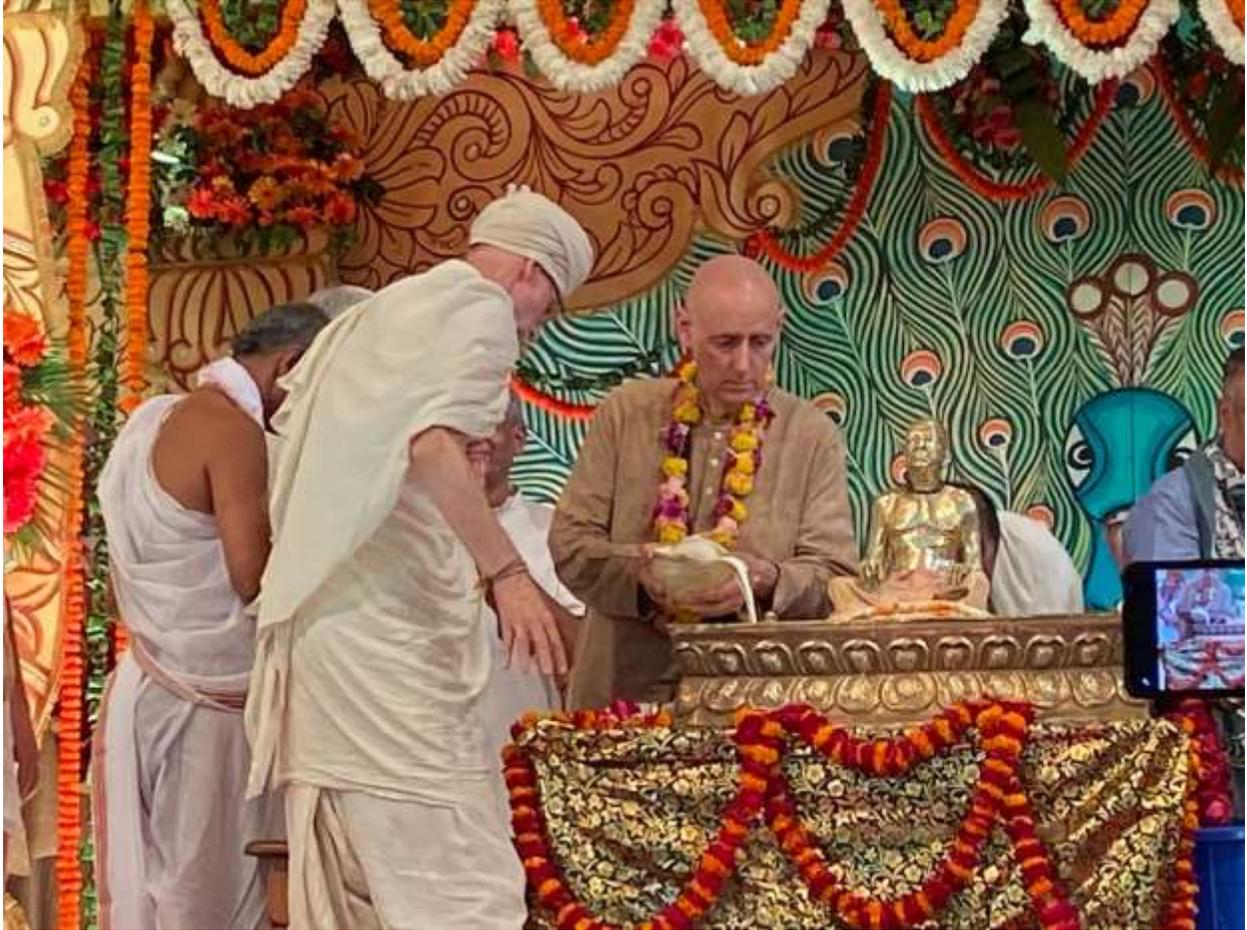
Although the birthday of Srīla Gurudev the representative of the Sri Vyasa dev comes once a year nonetheless it is the duty of the disciple to workshop Guru every single day, 3 times a day, and by adhering to his instructions. Doing that one can palpate his actual position as a servant of the servant and also appreciate the reciprocation from The Supreme Personality of Godhead directly as the parampara is a 2-way street as explained by Srīla Prabhupada in the purport of S.B 3.16.7

"The relationship between the Lord and His devotee is transcendently beautiful. As the devotee thinks that it is due to being a devotee of the Lord that he is elevated in all good qualities, so the Lord also thinks that it is because of His devotion to the servitor that all His transcendental glories have increased."

So, on this auspicious Mahotsav let's dive deeper and deeper into understanding the relationship between the Lord and His unadulterated representative and create an appreciation for the immense wealth we have gained after many millions of lives and celebrate it to our heart's content.

Your servant,
Paramahansa das.





Offerings to Srila Prabhupada by His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari

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The Magical Evening When I Received the Mahamantra

I was a miserable, always depressed college student who wanted more than anything to know what is the meaning of life. But my professors and my text books did not and could not answer this question. Then in my third year of college I heard that there was something called "self-realization" which solved all of life's riddles. So, in pursuit of self-realization I followed the teachings of a "guru" who had me staring at a candle in a darkened room to become self-realized. After a prolonged endeavor when his teachings didn't work, I finally got a little bit of bliss by burning all of his home study lessons to ashes. Another "guru," who made money off of me by charging me an initiation fee, had me silently meditating twice a day on the syllable "Aing." When my repeating "aining" did not work I abandoned that scam also. But then one fateful evening in the fall of 1968 in Denver, Colorado USA in my apartment at 1271 Lafayette Street a friend named Patrick Dolan turned me on to this chanting:



*Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare
Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare*

When I tried this self-realization technique it was truly phenomenal. I felt that I was very being carried away on a spiritual airplane into the higher realms of existence. This chanting of Hare Krishna truly changed my life and brought me eventually to becoming a disciple of one of the greatest spiritual masters in the history of the universe, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, whom I have now been serving faithfully as his disciple for half a century finding ever-increasing happiness, love, and spiritual realization in his service.

So now when I remember that fateful evening way back in 1968 at 1271 Lafayette Street my heart melts a little bit and I feel so grateful to my friend Patrick Dolan for sharing Krishna with me. Wherever you are, Patrick Dolan, my sincere thanks to you! May you now have the unlimited blessings of Lord Sri Krishna showering upon you at every moment!



Satisfy Your Intelligence

As a young person checking out Krishna consciousness in 1971, I was very expertly trained by His Holiness Vishnujana Swami. This was confirmed by Srila Prabhupada when he wrote me in a letter, "You have been trained up under the expert guidance of Vishnujana Swami." One of the profoundest things he taught me about the path of Krishna consciousness is that I should not follow it blindly. He taught me to inquire until my intelligence was fully satisfied. This same point is there in Srila Prabhupada's books, in his Bhagavad-Gita purport Prabhupada states that blind following is condemned by Krishna. One who is coming to this pathway should sincerely inquire about all aspects of Krishna consciousness until all of his doubts are gone and he is fully satisfied that this is the perfect system of self-realization mercifully bestowed upon man by God Himself.

This methodology of basing my practice of Krishna on profound philosophical understanding, not on blind faith, has empowered me to practice Krishna consciousness with deep understanding and full conviction uninterruptedly now for half a century. It has also enabled me to convince so many other sincere spiritual seekers all over the world to take up this ultimate self-realization path.

So, my dear readers, if you have any doubts about Krishna consciousness, please submissively inquire from me or the devotees in your area so that you can fully embrace this process of spiritual awakening with unbroken, ever-increasing enthusiasm.



Srila Prabhupada's Appearance Day

My Dear most Śrīla Prabhupāda,

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

I can never thank you enough for so kindly picking me up from this rotten material existence by engaging me in the devotional service of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

As a hippie, a countercultural youth in the 60s and early 70s, I desired to be part of a spiritual revolution that could completely transform our materialistic planetary society creating a new peaceful and loving world social order. And I was doing whatever I thought I could do to help bring about such a transformation. After much search and endeavor, it became clear that you were the only person who actually had the vision to successfully bring about such a transformation in the human society. So instead of endeavoring unsuccessfully on my own, I became your disciple to assist you in your most powerful world deliverance mission.

You initiated me by a letter you sent me from London, England, dated 12 th August 1971 giving me the name “Sankarshan Dāsa.” (You have written that “Sankarshan” means “one who attracts all living entities.”) When I mailed you my guru-dakṣiṇā I told you of my desire to spread the Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement. In your reply dated 7th September 1971, from London you so wonderfully and graciously instructed me as follows:

“I can see also that you are a very sincere and enthusiastic boy and are anxious for spreading this movement. Those are first-class qualifications for making advancement in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. So, continue enthusiastically as you are doing and Kṛṣṇa will surely bless you.”

Now, Śrīla Prabhupāda, by your mercy even though my body is 71 years old I am still feeling a youthful energy, an enthusiasm for making the whole world Kṛṣṇa conscious as soon as possible. I also find great strength, transcendental empowerment, in this most sublime instruction you gave in a Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam class in Los Angeles on 17 December 1973:

“So, therefore, our request is that these Europeans and Americans who have taken to Kṛṣṇa consciousness, just become perfect in the understanding of this science and become a guru and deliver the whole world.”

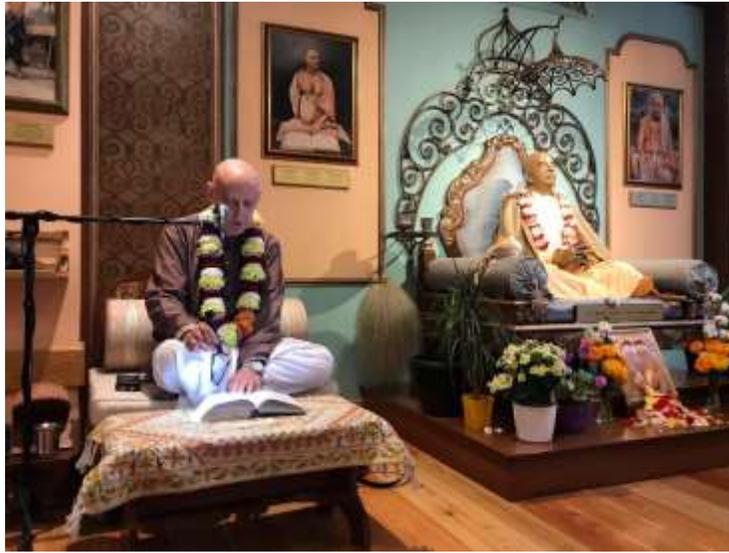
(At that time only Europeans and Americans had joined the movement. This instruction is now applicable for all devotees from all over the world.)

Śrīla Prabhupāda, I do not know how much longer I will remain in my present body. I could die at any minute. But my humble request to you and Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa is that I may remain in this material world birth after birth until your most sublime Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement becomes fully successful in delivering the world as per you order to us. In other words, when I go back to Godhead, I want to be able to give you the saṅkīrtana report that now, by your mercy, the whole world has become Kṛṣṇa conscious.

Thank you, again and again, millions upon millions of times for so kindly saving me from this most hellish material existence.

Your grateful servant of your servants,
Sankarshan Dāsa Adhikārī





Śrīla Prabhupāda please bless us.

My Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please accept my humble obeisances in the most sacred dust of your lotus feet. While giving a lecture on the Nectar of Devotion in Mumbai, India, on 7 January 1973 you told us that the whole world is waiting for India's culture, India's bhakti, India's spiritual knowledge. This means that we must now become the properly qualified educators who can deliver to the people of the world the Krishna Consciousness that they are waiting for. In this connection it is stated in the Caitanya Caritāmṛta, Madhya Līlā, 22.65: One who is expert in logic, argument and the revealed scriptures and who has firm faith in Kṛṣṇa is classified as a topmost devotee. He can deliver the whole world. The obvious conclusion is that we, your disciples and grand-disciples must now come to the topmost platform of devotional service so that we can successfully give to the world the Krishna Consciousness that deep down within their hearts they are all hankering for. If we do not do so, we are failing to execute the duty you gave us to deliver the world. Please bless us, Śrīla Prabhupāda, so that we can all come to the topmost platform of pure devotional service and thus be successful in giving the entire human population the Krishna Consciousness that they are all hankering for within their heart of hearts.

Your humble servant, always begging for your mercy,



My duty to make the entire world Krishna conscious.

I have been ordered by my spiritual master to deliver the materially afflicted world by extinguishing the blazing fire of material existence. In other words, it is my duty to make the entire world Krishna conscious. One might argue, "This is surely an impossible task. So why even try? It would surely be frustrating." But Srila Prabhupada said, "Impossible is a word in a fool's dictionary." Therefore, I am determined to make the whole world Krishna conscious even if I have to take birth after birth to do so.





Are you willing to help me?



Acting on Mission given by Śrīla Prabhupāda: To deliver the world

Srila Prabhupada ordered me, "...just become perfect in the understanding of this science and become a guru and deliver the world." So, what I am supposed to do?

My duty is to carry out the order that he has given me. Thus, my life's goal is to do just that, to deliver the world from nescience by making it Krishna conscious as soon as possible. Therefore, I pray every day that I can be a spotlessly pure devotee and that I can now make the whole world Krishna conscious. And I beg Lord Krishna that if I am not able to do this in this lifetime that He will grant me the boon of allowing me to take birth and birth until I am able to successfully do this.

So, I am humbly begging you, my dear disciples, and readers, please help me to deliver the world from all suffering by making it Krishna conscious as soon as possible. There are four ways you can assist. *Prāṇair arthair dhiyā vācā*. You can give your life, your money, your words, or your intelligence.

You can dedicate your life to assist our preaching of Krishna consciousness by becoming an initiated disciple. Or you can donate money to assist our preaching. Or you can engage your intelligence by giving ideas on how we can make the world Krishna conscious. And if nothing else, you can engage your words by asking people to chant Hare Krishna.

So, are you willing to help? And if so, how would you like to help?





Strive to become a Pure Devotee

Srila Prabhupada very nicely explains in his purport to Srimad Bhagavatam, Canto 2, Chapter 8, Text 5 as follows:

"It is said that a single pure devotee of the Lord can deliver all the fallen souls of the world. Thus, one who is actually in the confidence of a pure devotee like Narada or Sukadeva Gosvami and thus is empowered by one's spiritual master, as Narada was by Brahmaji, can not only deliver himself from the clutches of maya, or illusion, but can deliver the whole world by his pure and empowered devotional strength. The comparison to the autumnal rain that falls on muddy reservoirs of water is very appropriate. During the rainy season, all the waters of the rivers become muddy, but in the month of July-August, the autumn season, when there is a slight rainfall, the muddy waters of the rivers all over the world become at once clear. By the addition of some chemicals, a small reservoir of water like that of a metropolitan waterworks tank can be cleared, but by such a tiny effort it is not possible to clear up all the reservoirs of water like the rivers. A powerful pure devotee of the Lord, however, can deliver not only his personal self but also many others in his association."

So now for the sake of all the fallen, suffering souls of this world, we should all strive to become such powerful pure devotees.



Become Qualified to See Krishna Face to Face

Srila Prabhupada gave me the most wonderful instruction in a letter dated 18 December 1972 from Bombay:





"Now you just apply yourself for becoming qualified to see Krishna face-to-face."

This sublime instruction from my beloved spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada, has been a great inspiration for me over many decades. In a similar vein Srila Prabhupada also instructed me in a letter dated 13 June 1972 from Los Angeles:

"..it is stated that if one is always fully engaged in the devotional service of the Lord with full sincerity of attitude, beginning with the tongue, that Krishna will Himself appear to the devotee and all questions will be answered personally by Him."

In this regard, we should always remember that Lord Sri Krishna is always present with us. He is very eager to reveal Himself to us. We simply must become qualified by anointing our eyes with the salve of the love of God and then we will see Him face-to-face, eye-to-eye.



Conquer the World for Krishna

On 8 January 1974 in Los Angeles Srila Prabhupada ordered his disciples as follows:

"Go from country and country, from village to village, town to town, and make Digvijay: 'Here is our philosophy. There is God. We can prove there is God. Who are you, you deny God? Come on.' That is Digvijay."

Digvijay means "one who conquers in all directions." So, our duty as the disciples and grand disciples of Srila Prabhupada is to conquer the whole world by making everyone Krishna consciousness. This is the absolute necessity for the human society because there is no other way that they can become peaceful and happy.



Covering the world with Krishna's message via Radio Interview.



The Sparrow Who Was Determined to Dry Up the Ocean

Srila Prabhupada very wonderfully gives the story of the little sparrow in his purport to Bhagavad-Gita, Chapter 6, Text 24 as follows:

"As for determination, one should follow the example of the sparrow who lost her eggs in the waves of the ocean. A sparrow laid her eggs on the shore of the ocean, but the big ocean carried away the eggs on its waves. The sparrow became very upset and asked the ocean to return her eggs. The ocean did not even consider her appeal. So, the sparrow decided to dry up the ocean. She began to pick out the water in her small beak, and everyone laughed at her for her impossible determination. The news of her activity spread, and at last Garuda, the gigantic bird carrier of Lord Vishnu, heard it. He became compassionate toward his small sister bird, and so he came to see the sparrow. Garuda was very pleased by the determination of the small sparrow, and he promised to help. Thus, Garuda at once asked the ocean to return her eggs lest he himself take up the work of the sparrow. The ocean was frightened at this, and returned the eggs. Thus, the sparrow became happy by the grace of Garuda. Similarly, the practice of yoga, especially bhakti-yoga in Krishna consciousness, may appear to be a very difficult job. But if anyone follows the principles with great determination, the Lord will surely help, for God helps those who help themselves."

Just as the little sparrow was determined to dry up the ocean those who are fixed in Krishna consciousness are determined on the order of Lord Caitanya and Srila Prabhupada to make the whole world Krishna consciousness. They have this desire both as a matter of duty to carry out these orders and as matter of compassion because they feel sorry that practically the entire human society due to its animalistic mentality is going down to the animal kingdom in their next births. They sincerely desire to save their brothers and sisters from this most unfortunate fate.



Cheaters and the Cheated

When Srila Prabhupada was giving a lecture on the Nectar of Devotion in Mumbai, India on January 6, 1973 he spoke as follows:

"If there is some political meeting giving only bluff, lots of bluffs only, and people gather there by thousands and millions to hear the bluff. My Guru Maharaja therefore used to say that this present human society is a society of the cheaters and the cheated. Somebody is being cheated and somebody is cheater, a combination of two things, cheater and the cheated, because they do not know the real interest of life. And anyone who will speak all nonsense and bluff, he will be very much adored. This is going on."

Our Krishna consciousness movement is not based on this cheating principle. Lord Sri Krishna is our most intimate well-wishing friend who never cheats us in any way. And we are simply his messenger servants to connect everyone with His loving mercy.





Don't Be a Fool

Srila Prabhupada wonderfully describes as follows in his purport to Sri Caitanya Caritamrita, Adi Lila, Chapter 7, Text 72:

"Only fools give up the service of the spiritual master and think themselves advanced in spiritual knowledge. In order to check such fools, Caitanya Mahaprabhu Himself presented the perfect example of how to be a disciple. A spiritual master knows very well how to engage each disciple in a particular duty, but if a disciple, thinking himself more advanced than his spiritual master, gives up his orders and acts independently, he checks his own spiritual progress. Every disciple must consider himself completely unaware of the science of Krishna and must always be ready to carry out the orders of the spiritual master to become competent in Krishna consciousness. A disciple should always remain a fool before his spiritual master. Therefore, sometimes pseudo spiritualists accept a spiritual master who is not even fit to become a disciple because they want to keep him under their control. This is useless for spiritual realization."

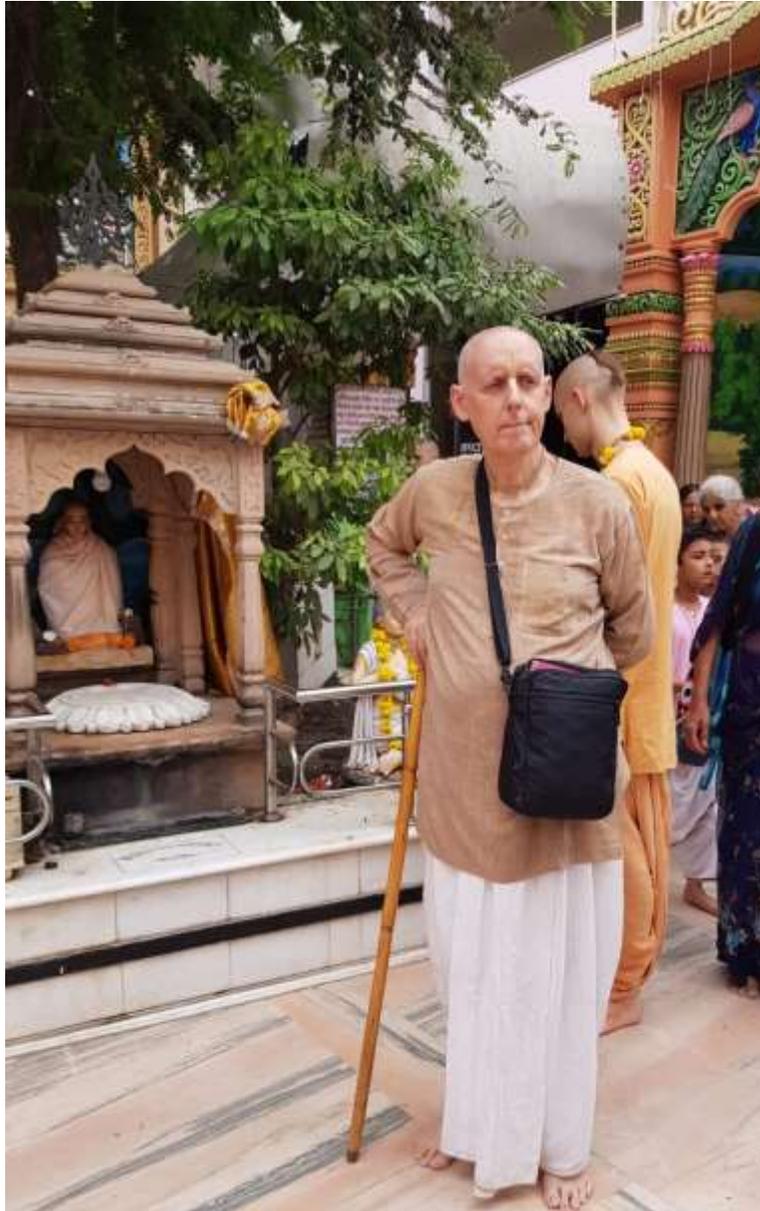
I have personal experience of foolish so-called disciples who cut themselves off from their spiritual master. Such unintelligent acts cast a dark shadow of gloom upon their future.



On the Cutting Edge of the Ultimate Paradigm Shift

We are situated at the most exciting moment in world history. The seeds of the ultimate global paradigm shift have been planted 500 years ago in India by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and in the late 60's and 70's have been planted all over the world by ISKCON Founder-Acharya: His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. Now on the order of Lord Caitanya and Srila Prabhupada we have been ordered and empowered to cultivate these planted seeds all over the world and bring them to fruition so that the full-blown mercy of pure love of God can be tasted by every man, woman, and child in every city, town, village, and hamlet all over the world. Such a program will transform our greatly troubled planet into a most sublime and delightful paradise.







Africa and Mauritius

Niidii - You look ever fresh with each passing year Gurudev...

Hare Krishna, Guru Maharaja,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Dear spiritual master,
I am pleased to see your birthday every year and still looking fresh. Please give me and my wife your blessings to become Krsna conscious as soon as possible and be initiated by you.

Your servant,
Bhakta Niidii - Vacoas, Mauritius



Krishna Katha Das - You are the miracle man in my life Srila Gurudev...

Dear Srila Gurudev
Hare Krishna

Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Sri Sri Guru & Gauranga
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

As I continue my spiritual journey with every passing day, I realized the utmost importance of the spiritual master in my life, how you are inspiring me and helping me to keep practicing the regulative principles of sadhana bhakti. Indeed, you're the miracle man in my life and I know that without your mercy, I cannot make any progress. Therefore, I pray:

*Gurudev!
kṛpā-bindu diyā, koro' ei dāse,
ṭṛṇāpekḥā ati hīna
sakala sahane, bala diyā koro',
nija-māne sprhā-hīna*

Gurudev, O spiritual master! give to this servant just one drop of mercy. I am lower than a blade of grass.





give me all your help. give me strength. Let me be as you are, without desires or aspirations.

I also pray that you please guide me to become a first-class surrendered disciple and represent you both in character and behavior at all times, places and circumstances, by taking your every instruction as my life and soul.

You, again and again, instruct all of us your disciples to become the pure devotee and to deliver the world. Please help me to conquer the enemies of the heart and the mind to situate myself in transcendence and in this way fulfill your desire.

Praying for your good health and bodily strength so that you can continue flooding the whole world with pure Krishna bhakti.

Srila Gurudev ki jay!!!
Your disciple & servant

Krishna Katha Das – Vacoas, Mauritius



Madhuria Nitai Das Et al. - You help us immensely

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave 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, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Srīman Sankarshan Dās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti in order to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya.



Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept our humble and respectful obeisances at your lotus feet

All glories to Srila Gurudev!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

On this most auspicious occasion of your Grace's Vyasa puja, we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts, for you have taken this most difficult task of delivering us, from the clutches of Maya in this world of miseries and full of darkness. It is Krishna's mercy to be your disciple. Gurudev, you helped us a lot by awakening the dormant Krishna consciousness in our heart. Your lectures, daily newsletters, and e-course were truly enlightening and inspiring. Your answers to our questions really helped us immensely to grow in Krishna consciousness. We can only express our sincere gratitude to your service by writing this offering to you on your Vyasa puja day.

Srila Gurudev, there is no greater fortune than getting the shelter of a bonafide spiritual master like you. We recall some years back you taught us how to complete our Japa rounds. It was really a tremendous help for us and now we are completing our Japa by your mercy and blessings. Srila Gurudev we are so indebted to you for your unlimited causeless mercy and this year due to this worldwide pandemic, we really missed your association in Mauritius.

On this auspicious day, we can only pray that we would always be able to remain under your spiritual guidance. Please allow us to serve you always.

Your eternal servants,

Madhuria Nitai Das, Krishna Lila Devi Dasi - Curepipe, Mauritius





Srimad Bhagavatam class from Austin, Texas.

Prahlada das - Your lotus feet on my head.

Feel very fortunate to place the dust of your lotus feet on my head.

My dear Srila Gurudev

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja.

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namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

I consider myself to be fortunate to be considered as your servant and by the shelter at your lotus feet. I have no qualification to receive this boon; rather, it is due only to your causeless mercy. I can recall the first time I wrote to you asking to guide me and the process of accepting a Guru. I was so excited when I received your reply that Guru is coming to Mauritius.

In the purport of Srimad Bhagavatam, canto 4 chapter 31 verses 28-29, Srila Prabhupada mentioned that "One cannot become a perfect devotee of the Lord without having touched the lotus feet of a great devotee" and "taking the dust of his lotus feet on one's head".

Srila Prabhupada further wrote that "This material world is called tamas, dark, and the spiritual world is called the light"





The Vedas enjoin that everyone should try to get out of the darkness and go to the kingdom of light. Information of that kingdom of light can be attained through the mercy of a self-realized soul.”

So, I consider myself very fortunate to take the dust of your lotus feet on my head and have your regular association, twice a year.

Last year by your mercy I got the opportunity to put the dust of your lotus feet on my head in Vrindavan Dham for your Vyas Puja celebration. I had no plan to attend your Vyas Puja in Vrindavan Dham, but just you're asking “Are you coming for my Vyas Puja in Vrindavan? Changed the course and despite the short notice, everything was arranged so perfectly by your mercy.

Although I can hear you, through your lectures online, this year I am missing your direct association.

Your lowly servants

Prahlada das - Beau Bassin, Mauritius



Australia, New Zealand, Asia-Pacific.

Adipurusha das - Thank you for being a role model.

Hare Krsna Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to your Grace and Gurumata.

“My dear Lord, O Supreme Personality of Godhead, because of my association with material desires, one after another, I was gradually falling into a blind well full of snakes following the general populace. But Your servant His Grace Sankarshan Das Adhikari kindly accepted me as his disciple and instructed me how to perform devotional service. Therefore, my first duty is to serve him”. (Adapted from Prahlad Maharaj’s prayers to Lord Narasimhadev SB 7.9.28)

*ye me bhakta-janāḥ pārtha
na me bhaktās ca te janāḥ
mad-bhaktānām ca ye bhaktās
te me bhakta-tamā matāḥ*

[Lord Kṛṣṇa told Arjuna:] ‘Those who are My direct devotees are actually not My devotees, but those who are the devotees of My servant are factually My devotees.’ CC Madhya 11.28

kṛṣṇa-bhakti-rasa-bhāvītā matih



*krīyatām yadi kuto 'pi labhyate
tatra laulyam api mūlyam ekalaṁ
janma-koṭi-sukṛtair na labhyate*

'Pure devotional service in Kṛṣṇa consciousness cannot be had even by pious activity in hundreds and thousands of lives. It can be attained only by paying one price—that is, intense greed to obtain it. If it is available somewhere, one must purchase it without delay.' CC Madhya 8.70

*tat te 'nukampām su-samīkṣamāṇo
bhuñjāna evātma-kṛtām vipākam
hṛd-vāg-vapurahir vidadhan namas te
jīveta yo mukti-pade sa dāya-bhāk*

"My dear Lord, any person who is constantly awaiting Your causeless mercy to be bestowed upon him, and who goes on suffering the resultant actions of his past misdeeds, while constantly offering You respectful obeisances from the core of his heart, is surely eligible to become liberated, for it has indeed become his rightful claim." —Srimad Bhagavatam 10th Canto, Chapter 14, Text 8

These are a few examples of slokas that you inspired me to learn. The credit for making a dull headed person like me to remember these verses, go to you Srila Gurudev. The emotion, the intensity, and above all the realization that comes from you through these verses touched me very deeply that helped me to remember and apply these verses.

*mahaprabhoh kirtana-nritya-gitavaditra-
madyan-manaso rasena
romancho-kampashru-taranga-bhajo
vande guroh sri-charanaravindam*

Srila Gurudev when you visited Melbourne a few years ago, during the New Year's Eve in the city and later on the beach you did Hariram. You kept on going and never wanted to stop. I was able to see and appreciate how you are chanting the holy name, dancing in ecstasy, singing, playing musical instruments, and gladdened by the sankirtan movement of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. I offer my respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet.

Thank you Thank you Thank you Srila Gurudev for introducing, initiating, and instructing me in this wonderful sublime process of Bhakti Yoga. I need your blessings and guidance to continue my services and stay on the right track.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for being a role model in dedicating your every thought, every word, every deed in all time, place, and circumstance to preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Although I am far from attaining this high standard, I am confident that by your mercy I will attain it in this lifetime.

On this day, I beg you to bless me so that I can also develop intense Guru Bhakti which you have towards His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. Because attachment to your lotus feet is the perfection that fulfills all desires.

Your insignificant servant
Adi Purusha das - Melbourne, Australia





Ajita Devi Dasi - Your causeless mercy and protection.

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śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine
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O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti in order to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya.

Dear Srīla Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srīla Prabhupada!

Although this year we are unable to physically celebrate your Vyasa Puja in Vrindavan, with a grateful heart I still feel very much fortunate to write you a Vyasa Puja offering again. Things are special this year; this strange time on the earth planet keeps going on without an ending sign, and it serves as a powerful reminder that we must follow the instructions of the spiritual master to go back home, back to Godhead, and escape from this miserable material world once and for all.

And it also reminds me of how fortunate I am to be able to meet you. In fact, 2020 is the 10th year since I met you in person for the first time in Helsinki, Finland. Looking back at these 10 years, the most fortunate thing that could ever happen in my life is to take shelter from you and receive your guidance and instructions. How can I be so fortunate? How can such a rascal like me deserve such fortune? Over these years, there have been some ups and downs in my life, I carry on with my spiritual practices with your mercy and blessings. I cannot imagine how I could continue without your mercy. Your mercy is the reason why I become privileged to be part of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu's Sankirtan movement and Srīla Prabhupada's ISKCON.

Srīla Gurudev, you are a pure devotee. There is no doubt that if a disciple simply surrenders and follows your instructions fully, they will go back to Godhead. I am such a rascal that despite having received such fortunes, I am still struggling, clinging on my material desires and unwilling to fully surrender. I pray that I will at least have the desire to fully surrender and follow your footsteps, with no more delay. As you always say, in order to save the world, we must first save ourselves. So now I pray I can save myself from



this nonsense world, and thus become fully eligible and capable of assisting your mission in saving the suffering soul in this material assistance.

No words can describe my gratefulness to your causeless mercy and protection. With all these fortunes you have bestowed upon me, I do not have to fear anything in this material world. I pray that someday I can be qualified to be your bona fide servant, this is the real meaning of my existence.

your eternal servant,
Ajita devi dasi - Hongkong, China



Ananda Vardhana Das - Your divine shelter.

Hare Krishna Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Kindly please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet,
All glories to your divine grace,
All glories to Her divine grace Gurumata,
All glories to His divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I was born in the darkness of ignorance and you - my dear Srila Gurudeva opened my eyes with the torchlight of knowledge.

Today is the most auspicious day not only in my life but in the lives of many of your disciples, students, well-wishers, and all living entities around you. Today is the auspicious day of your appearance in our lives.

It is only by your and Gurumata's mercy that I have had yet another wonderful opportunity to be in Vrindavan Dham with your divine grace and Gurumata. Both you and Gurumata showered unlimited mercy upon us that you took us various parikramas, Yamuna boat rides, Sri Gira Govardhan Lila celebration, Srila Prabhupada Home at Sri Sri Radha Damodar mandir. you showered all these blessings upon us while you were personally going through miserable body itching which is still happening. By this example, you showed us how to remain fixed in executing Krsna Consciousness even while going through bodily pains and pleasures. Srila Gurudev, it is by your mercy that I had wonderful realizations and experiences of Sankirtan while going to the US embassy for Bhaktin Jeniffer. I remembered you instructed me to take care of her considering she was the first time to India and having such a miserable experience of losing the passport. Srila Gurudev, you showed me to take care of devotees who are in special needs while going through tough times. you also instructed me to keep at least a little sikha....are we Mayavadis? Best you keep the sikha, at least little sikha.

Back in Melbourne, Gurumata and your visit in Dec/Jan 2019 was extremely uplifting for my Krsna



Consciousness. Even in the 44-degree Celsius skin burning temperature both Gurumata and you ecstatically chanted and danced in the Harinam Sankirtan. Considering it was hot and seafront, you personally showed us how to remain fixed in Krsna Consciousness even in the midst of Maya all around. Getting the opportunity of service to fix the broken wheel of your suitcase gave me the faith that if I sincerely desire to serve you, Krishna, lovingly and kindly, will arrange the opportunity, provided I am sincere and willing to serve. The skin specialist Dr. was very much impressed by your traveling and preaching Krsna Consciousness. He received the wonderful gift of Srimad Bhagavad Gita As It Is and Krsna Prasadam from you and Gurumata. Thank you Srila Gurudev and Gurumata for showing me the way how to strive to attract all the living beings to Krsna in all the time, place, and circumstances.

Gurumata and you are personally showing the example of remaining fixed in Krsna Consciousness even while facing such an unprecedented covid-19 pandemic. Gurumata and your daily Srimad Bhagavatam classes, Gurumata's Srimad Bhagavad Gita As It Is and Nectar of Devotion classes, your Sri Sri Radha Damodar aarti and Srila Prabhupada's lectures through your audio collections are some of the most valuable opportunities I am receiving to progress further in my Krsna Consciousness. Even in such times, you have reached out to many radio and conference interviews, thought for the days, preaching Krsna Consciousness far and wide. you have been again and again emphasizing me to focus my attention in reading and understanding Srila Prabhupada's books, listening to his audio collections, and the Vedabase folio collections. Thank you Srila Gurudev and Gurumata for being the Krsna Conscious Lighthouse of my life.

By Gurumata and your mercy, we have been engaged in-home programs where members are getting the opportunity to hear about Krsna through Srimad Bhagavad Gita As It Is. By your mercy, we have been engaged in temple services and sankirtan.

On this most auspicious day of your appearance, I pray at your lotus feet, that I may always remember the causeless mercy you have showered upon me and never deviate from following your teachings purely and follow them without any ulterior motives.

Begging to remain your dog wearing the collar of your divine shelter around my neck.

Your lowly servant,
Ananda Vardhana Das - Melbourne, Australia



Srila Gurudev during Barsana parikrama

Bhaktipriya devi dasi - Pure Krishna Consciousness.

Hare Krsna dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet.

All glories to you.

All glories to Gurumata

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Your Vyasa Puja is a special occasion that gives me an opportunity to thank you for making my life worthwhile in Your and Kṛṣṇa's service.

I still remember very clearly how I was first introduced to Your Divine Grace. It was back in 2009 by H.G Harichandra Prabhu. He said, "Come, there is something I want you to hear." It was 2-part series of your Radio interview in Vancouver. I heard part 1 and asked for part 2. Prabhuji said he does not have it and my reaction was "I wish for more." He asked me what I thought about the interview, to which I replied, "It was amazing. So direct and pure Krsna consciousness." At that time, I was very enlivened and had no clue of what good fortune I was about to avail. It is rightly said in Srimad Bhagavatam 1.1.22

*tvaṁ naḥ sandarśito dhātrā
dustaraṁ nistīrṣatām
kaliṁ sattva-haraṁ puṁsām
kaṁa-dhāra ivārṇavam*

We think that we have met Your Goodness by the will of providence, just so that we may accept you as captain of the ship for those who desire to cross the difficult ocean of Kali, which deteriorates all the good qualities of a human being.

It is indeed my great fortune to have Your grace as the captain of my ship.

Dear Srila Gurudev, you are a true Bonafide representative of Guru Parampara. Time and again you have answered all questions with references and quotes from Srila Prabhupada. You are the living embodiment of the teachings of Srila Prabhupada. Your life is completely dedicated to serving the mood and mission of Srila Prabhupada. Your life is an example and a hope for this fallen soul to strive no matter what the bodily condition may be.

On this most auspicious day of your Vyas puja, I pray at your lotus feet, dear Srila Gurudev,

*kṛṣṇa se tomāra, kṛṣṇa dīte pāro,
tomāra śakati āche
āmi to' kāṅgāla, 'kṛṣṇa' 'kṛṣṇa' boli',
dhāi tava pāche pāche*



Krsna is yours. You have the power to give Him to me. I am simply your servant running behind you shouting, "Krsna! Krsna!"

Your insignificant servant,
Bhaktipriya devi dasi - Melbourne, Australia.



Deepthi Rajesh - Beginning of the spiritual life.

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj

Dandavat Pranams
All glories to you
Srimati Gurumata and
Srila Prabhupada.

I am not qualified enough to write an offering for you... Thank you for your beautiful kirtans and enlightening lectures. I have just begun my spiritual journey. Please bless me so that I can take up this seriously and get rid of all material contaminations such a fallen soul like me carries.

Your humble servant,
Bhaktin Deepthi - Melbourne, Australia.



Dinavatsala Das - Bringing a revolution in hearts.

My dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale



śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Sriman SankarshanDās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti in order to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya.

Kindly accept my offering on this auspicious day of your appearance. Your continuous guidance has been invaluable to our spiritual progress. As I look back to the day of first meeting your grace in 2005, after regularly reading your thought for the day, when you came to bhakta bhavan for one of the Saturday evening lectures, at that time I came to know of the Ultimate Self Realization course through the internet and I immediately registered for it, from then onwards I have not even missed reading even for one day.

Srila Gurudev, I always like to think that because of your purity, you seeded the spark of pure bhakti in someone so conditional as us. No other person or process would have been able to achieve the same result. You are the perfect representative of Srila Prabhupada and Supreme Lord Sri Krishna! Through listening to your instructions, your kirtan, and by serving you we are pleasing Krishna directly. Thank you very much for accepting this neophyte as your disciple and formally initiating myself and my wife during Dec 2011.

Your tireless efforts and bringing a revolution in the hearts of neophytes like me. There are so much nectar and lots of instructions you are providing on each of the lectures and this helping us to keep up our Krishna consciousness. Also, during this lockdown/pandemic time yours and Gurumata's online classes, darshans, guidance to spiritual progress are all helping us to keep up our sadhana. I am very grateful to Lord Krishna for giving us this great association. On this day, I sincerely pray that I should really progress well in Krishna Consciousness as well as help others to provide some basic understanding of your teachings.

Your humble servant

Dinavatsala Das - Melbourne, Australia



Hanuman dasa - Undefeatable attitude of yours

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-salākayā



cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

*nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

My dear Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances.

My humble obeisances to Gurumata.

All Glories to His Divine A.C Bhakti Vedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.

I sincerely plead Gurumata and your blessings to be able to write an offering to you on this glorious day of your appearance.

It has been a long time since I have met you in person Srila Gurudeva. The world situation has become very scary already in Kali Yuga. Yet it presents both auspicious situations within such inauspicious times. You are bringing that auspiciousness by continuing to shower your mercy by allowing us to witness yourself and Gurumata twice every day.

I have collected so many unwanted impressions in my mind, I wish to replace all those with your teachings and darshan along with Gurumata and beloved Radha Damodara.

Srila Gurudeva, you always demonstrate by example that "The more you give Krishna, the more you get Krishna". It is this undefeatable attitude of yours that inspires me to stay focused in the arena of preaching. Although I do not have any qualifications, it is only by your mercy Srila Gurudeva, that I can say something on the Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam. I have realized, it is only Gurumata's and your mercy that is sustaining me in the realm of Bhakti because I do not have any capacity nor eligibility on my own. I am deeply indebted to you Srila Gurudeva for allowing this fallen Jiva in the service of Guru and Gauranga. I sincerely seek your blessings to become a proper instrument in the preaching movement of Your Spiritual Master His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious day, wishing you the best of health, I beg that Lord Narasimhadev protect Gurumata and yourself, to save many lost souls such as myself.

Your servant

Hanuman dasa - Melbourne, Australia.





Srila Grudev patiently waiting for everyone.

Hariharan – It is all by mercy of Srila Gurudev

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Hare Krishna.

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*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

Please accept my humble obeisances

All Glories to Srila Gurudev

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

Humbly and with your grace permission would like to wish your grace Happy Vyasa Puja. It is by your grace mercy and guidance I am able to perform a little devotional service in this great Lord Caitanya's movement. Being alone I have no strength and no power to serve Radha Krishna. I beg your grace, please be merciful on this fallen soul and forgive me for all the wrong doings in performing Krishna consciousness practice. I pray and thank to your grace lotus feet for giving me the shade so that my existence can be purified. It is all by the mercy of Srila Gurudev I am still living in this world and some or other trying to become worthy to Sri Guru and Gauranga, My prayers to Lord Gauranga to prolong Srila Gurudev's preaching mission for another 10,000 years and guide all the fallen souls to path of perfection.

Thank you so much.

I love your grace.

Hare Krishna.

Your student,

Bhakta Hariharan - Klang Malaysia.





Indriyeswari Devi Das - My spiritual father.

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj.

Please accept my dandavat pranam at your feet.

Thank you for being my spiritual father. You set an example by showing us how to meditate on Krishna all the time with your thoughts, deeds, and actions. All my doubts in my spiritual quest have been answered in the thought of the day emails. You are always meditating on how to make the whole world Krishna Conscious and may Krishna very soon make this happen.

Your aspiring servant

Indriyeswari Devi Dasi - Melbourne, Australia.



Kiran - Most important soul in the world for me.

Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisance.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

Jaya Gurudeva!

Jaya Gurumata!

Every day I thank Radha Vallabha for giving me such a wonderful Spiritual Master. He is like a beloved father to me; he is my inspiration and is the most important soul in the world for me. I can't describe how much I love and am indebted to Gurudev and Gurumata. I keep listening to your divine discourses and question answers from Srimad Bhagavatam which have transformed me and I especially adore the divine mridanga beat which is played at the beginning of Lord Narasimdev arti in your Texas ashram. It keeps ringing in my mind while I sleep and carries me to the spiritual world in my dream state. It is a very unique experience for me. Gurudev is the most wonderful person. I cannot describe how much I love and respect him!



Your insignificant servant
Bhaktin Kiran - Melbourne, Australia.



Karuna Sindhu dasa – Gurudev’s invaluable service

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev.

Happy Vyasa Puja 2020 Gurudeva.

Yet another Vyasa Puja celebration passes, yet this is not an ordinary year.

The world has seen the COVID-19 crisis, escalating US-China tensions and many more changes, including the passing away of senior devotees, especially His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami.

Among many of Gurudev’s invaluable services:

- Gurudev’s Teachings, via the daily email course, and the question and answer section, is a sheet anchor in the midst of turbulence, and a treasure beyond comparison.
- Gurudev is a direct connection to Srila Prabhupada and the disciplic succession.
- Gurudev’s words are a means of sanity in a world going crazy.

All blessings to you Srila Gurudev and Guru Mataji, my prayer is to Lord Krishna to bless Srila Gurudev and Guru Mataji to continue his and Srila Prabhupada’s mission, for we still need him. He has to still fulfil Srila Prabhupada’s mission to spread The Holy Name to every town and village, for his work is not done yet.

Srila Gurudev His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari Vyasa Puja 2020 Ki Jaya!!!!!!...

Your eternal servant,

Karuna Sindhu dasa – Dunedin, New Zealand



Krishnaprema Dasa - You are a real-life hero.



Hare Krishna.

Dear Srila Gurudeva.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you and Srila Prabhupada.

I don't know Srila Gurudeva from where to start and what to write. It is not possible to fully describe your qualities. Still, I try. Please excuse me if I say something stupid. To me, you are the most exalted devotee I ever met. Since my standard of devotion is very low, you are my role model of devotional service. If I have to remember your service my life will become perfect. You always excel anyone of us till today in devotional service. It seems like age doesn't have any effect on you. You see everything through an eye of the scriptures like Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam and so your vision is materially uncontaminated like mine. It is indeed remarkable to execute so much work in Krishna Consciousness in one lifetime which you are doing along with taking care of your disciples worldwide. To me, you are a real-life hero. Certainly, more important than these so-called Bollywood or Hollywood heroes or big government leaders who hardly can change anyone's life to the right path of self-realization. You are doing the highest welfare activity for humanity at large by giving them knowledge of Krishna consciousness and trying to deliver them from the cycle of birth and death.

You are always the same unaffected by dualities of this world like heat or cold, good or bad, beautiful or ugly, happiness or distress, gain or lose, victory or defeat, rich or poor, etc., and always fixed in Krishna consciousness in any situation. Gurudeva your faith in Krishna is unshakable. If I can get a fraction of your faith my life will become successful.

As a loving father tolerates many mistakes of his son, you have tolerated so many mistakes of mine. Over the past many years, I have repeatedly failed to come to your expected standards but nevertheless, you have tolerated me. Who can understand your deep affection for your disciples? You only genuinely desire our welfare by guiding every phase of our life. I still have so many material desires to fulfill and despite your knowing continue to give me protection. Your instructions in the form of lectures, videos, and books have helped me to pursue this path despite so many difficulties. You will leave forever in the form of your instructions in our hearts and will always guide us for years to come. Indeed, this is the most valuable gift for us. Your contribution is vast and will remain for many years to bring lost souls enlightenment. As Bhagavad Gita verse 3.21 says *yad yad ācarati śreṣṭhas* translation Whatever action a great man performs, a common man follows. And whatever standards he sets by exemplary acts, all the world pursues. So, we continue to follow in your footsteps and previous acaryas.

On this auspicious day of your appearance, I pray for your mercy that I can continue to serve you in my capacity and follow your instructions hoping that I may achieve success one day in Krishna Consciousness.

Om Tat Sat.

Your insignificant servant,

Krishnaprema Dasa - Melbourne, Australia.





L Thiruvarasu Et al. - So grateful.

Our dear Gurudev and Gurumata,

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

Please accept our humble obeisances.

We feel so grateful to meet both of you on 29th June 2019 in KL, Malaysia. Now we feel that we are very close to Krishna since we started chanting every day. Thank you very much for this opportunity and for your blessings.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Your loving children,

Bhakta L. Thiru, Jeanette Alvar, Vien Ishana LT - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



Madhavananda Das - Your vani association.

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisance.

All glories to You and to Srila Prabhupada!

It is a pity that we are not in your vapu association during this wonderful occasion of your Vyasa puja. Being with you in Vrindavan celebrating your Vyasa puja was such a sublime experience. During this pandemic lockdown, your vani association keeps me going.

These days, I am engrossing myself in reading Srimad Bhagavatam daily for an hour. I recall you saying several times that for those devotees who read and hear Srimad Bhagavatam regularly, Krishna manifests in their hearts within a short time. And for those devotees whose heart is completely cleansed from hearing and chanting the holy names of Krishna, they never leave the shelter of the lotus feet of the Lord. I can see how you and Gurumata are so tightly holding on to the lotus feet of the Lord. And I know I



always have your blessings to advance to that perfect stage of devotional service as well. So, I am sincerely praying at your lotus feet that my practice of devotional service culminates in the perfection of devotional service before the end of this lifetime, please.

Srila Gurudev, please continue to guide and bless me with genuine spiritual knowledge and ecstasy.

Your servant
Madhavananda Das - Melbourne, Australia.



Madhvacharya Das - Innovative giving lessons.

My dear Srila Gurudeva,

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śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine
namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Srīman SankarshanDās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti in order to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya.

Please accept my humble obeisance. All Glories to Your Grace and Her Grace Gurumataji, All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupāda! All Glories to Sri Sri Radha Damodar,

On this most auspicious day of the Vyasa Puja of your Grace, I bow down with Dandavat Pranams before your Grace and offer my most sincere heartfelt offering.

As the yugas progressed, sage Veda Vyasa who is a literary incarnation of Godhead expertly divided the Vedas and gave us immense spiritual literature. Likewise, for modern times, your grace has been so innovative to give lessons on self-realization through the internet, Thought for the Day, Video for the Day, and much more to reach out to the mass of people who are devoid of spiritual knowledge. In fact, many of the devotees of other spiritual masters regularly read your posts and I keep getting very good feedback on the same. Your grace has been one of the first to have retreats and many devotees have attended and have very fond memories of the same even today!



Your Grace has immensely contributed to the composing and singing of Krishna Conscious songs that appeal to the modern-day people. These songs carry the same meaning that is contained in the teachings of Srila Prabhupada and hence have immense potency.

Your grace always has the mission of making the whole world Krishna Conscious, though this is a formidable task. You have put in all your efforts for this and continuously doing worldwide preaching tours twice a year in spite of your advanced age and several inconveniences faced on such travel. You have taken this up on the instruction of Srila Prabhupada: 'Become Guru and deliver the whole world'. This is Your amazing dedication!

One aspect of Your Grace that is very striking is that You are a strict follower of Srila Prabhupad's standards. I recollect that your grace clearly states without any dilution on matters like the definition of illicit sex, Hare Krishna's, or Hairy Krishna's, etc.!!!

On this Vyasa Puja day, it is customary to glorify your grace. The above is only a few of your glories and I am unfit to enumerate all your glories.

I thank your grace very much for the mercy bestowed upon me by accepting as your disciple and for the guidance given to me from time to time to help my spiritual growth. I also thank her grace Gurumataji for Her continued support and guidance. Her grace has undergone great austerity like your grace in traveling and preaching in spite of her health. She so expertly manages so many things so that your grace can concentrate on preaching. She is an amazing cook and she takes care of your health very well. Gurumataji is very learned and can answer any question and can provide constructive feedback.

I request your grace and her grace to bless me on this auspicious occasion so that I may follow all my initiation vows very strictly and can have a good sadhana and can be at least an insignificant instrument in the mission of your Grace. I pray for the long life and good health of your grace and her grace.

Thanking your grace once again,

Your insignificant servant,

Madhvacharya Das - Sydney, Australia.





Srila Gurudev absorbed in Kirtan.

Madri devi dasi – I want to become your sold-out servant.

Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances,
All glories to you!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

I am so happy to be celebrating your Vyasa puja. You are my spiritual link to Krishna and for this, I am eternally indebted to you for spiritualizing my existence and engaging me so nicely in Krishna's service. All glories to you.

Only by your grace, I have been able to successfully continue homeschooling for my son bhakta Krishna das. We are in our 5th year of homeschooling now and I see all this as a plan of providence which has been seeing its colors through your instructions and empowerment only. All glories to you and Gurumata. There are many things to complain about the COVID-19 -19 pandemic situation but there is one very good thing too. It has taught us or rather given us a glimpse of our ultimate goal in life, that is, the mood of love in separation. Srila Gurudeva, with your guidance and mercy we are still able to hold on to bhakti and not fall down completely by your remote classes, virtual sangas, and darshans. You and Gurumata may have chosen not to go through these live virtual programs but still, you did it for our upliftment. All glories to you and Gurumata.

My constant endeavor is to get back on track with every up and down in life especially this year living a life of lockdown with COVID-19 around so that I can become your sold-out servant. I see myself struggling with my anarthas, sometimes I am successful at keeping them at bay and sometimes they overpower me. Time and again I fight back by gaining mercy and energy just by following your teachings, observing your constant daily sadhana without a break. I take immense inspiration from seeing your faith,



determination, and dedication in the words of Srila Prabhupada. In the same way, I am also developing that faith that nothing is impossible under the shelter of my dearest Srila Gurudeva if my endeavors are sincere. Then, I know, automatically your mercy will flow through my sincerity towards you. All glories to you and Gurumata.

My goal and success will be when I become your sold-out servant and be an instrument in your hands to please yourself, Srila Prabhupada, and Gauranga.

Your humble servant,
Madri devi dasi - Melbourne, Australia.



Mahalakshmi Devi Dasi - Your glory fills the whole world.

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

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

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

To my dearest Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet, Srila Gurudev & Gurumataji
All Glories to Srila Gurudev & Gurumataji
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada
Jai Guru dev
Your glory fills the whole world.
Dear Gurudev,

I thank Lord Sri Krsna and His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada for delivering me and all living entities unto your lotus feet. I pray that I always remain attached to the shelter of your lotus feet for I have no one other than you, Srila Prabhupada, and Lord Sri Krsna.

Please forgive me for any offenses I have committed unintentionally in the past. You, Gurudev, and Gurumata are my eternal spiritual parents guiding me on my spiritual journey. This material world has danger at every step but, a devotee has no fear because devotional service is so auspicious.

Gurudev, I always hear your inspiring words 'The More you Give Krishna The More you Get Krishna'; it has so much depth. I pray to Lord Krsna that I follow your instructions with the utmost care. I feel so fortunate at this alarming pandemic to get daily Darshan of your lotus feet and hear gems of wisdom from Srimad Bhagavatam which is directly coming from Lord Krsna, As It Is. Please, Gurudev, I beg and pray



that you keep showering your blessings and mercy on this insignificant fallen soul so that to follow your words sincerely.

Gurudev, I cherish Vrindavan memories - my association with Divine Eternal Parents and Gurudev singing - 'Jai Radhe Jai Krishna Jai Vrindavan', echos me and I cry as I always meditate on your ecstatic pastimes.

My only aspiration and inspiration are to serve your lotus feet firmly. Please bless me with strength and success in this mission and please help me to be fixed in my sadhana.

Your insignificant servant,
Mahalakshmi Devi Dasi - Melbourne, Australia.



Matsyā Devi Dāsi - All miracles started happening.

My dearest Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories unto your divine grace and Srimati Gurumata.

Since I joined ISKCON, I have tried to distribute Srila Prabhupada's books and spread Krishna Consciousness to everyone. I couldn't distribute any books. After Gurudev accepted and initiated me as your disciple, all the miracles started to happen. Even though I am such a useless fool, by your mercy, you have accepted me as your disciple. Now in return, I desire to spend the rest of my life perfecting the art of being a sincere, humble, and submissive disciple and serve you, your mission, and your followers for all of eternity.

Last year by your blessings, I was able to complete a successful pilgrimage in Noida for 3days, Vrindavan for 15days, Jaffna for 10days, and Colombo for 10days for the first time in my life.

By your grace, I was able to serve by distributing books everywhere I went, I carried your books and Srila Prabhupada's books, and distributed them. Many many fortunate souls received the books and many also signed up for your e-course.

There were many many miraculous experiences, once in Colombo, where they said I had to speak in the middle of a Sunday class in Tamil and, to be honest, I am not capable of giving a class in Tamil. As I started my spiritual journey in English and didn't get the opportunity to speak in Tamil for a long time, I was a bit reluctant. I had a few notes on my phone, in case if I needed and I remembered Gurudev always instructs us not to miss any opportunity Krishna gives. Hence, I just humbly prayed to you and the words just flowed for about 30 minutes, this is a miracle only possible by the grace of you Srila Gurudev.

Now every time, when I get your darshan, hear from your lotus mouth, read your daily enlightened messages, it gives me so much enthusiasm, making every day ecstatic and reminding the purpose of every second of this human form of life. It's amazing to see the way that your ocean of mercy and blessings have changed me to complete a different person in my consciousness and everything.

In general, my acquaintances used to say that I am not that greedy in anything. But now after becoming a disciple of you Gurudev, I realized that I have become greedy in making the whole world Krishna



conscious. It's because of you Srila Gurudev that every time I hear from you the way you glorify Srila Prabhupada is magnificent that I don't have any words to express. In addition, all I remember is "Making the whole world Krishna conscious, making the whole world Krishna conscious, making the whole world Krishna conscious".

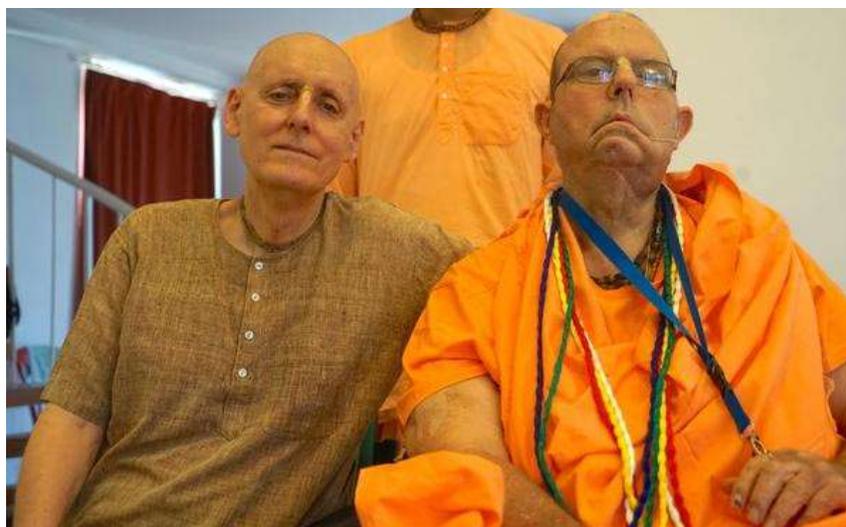
Therefore, Srila Gurudeva, you are my savior. Without you, I have no understanding of anything devotional. I have so many plans. As you always instruct that I have to become steady first. Hence, I take solace that you know me, as Paramatma is sitting in everyone's heart.

On this auspicious day, I pray to Lord Sri Krishna for your good health, long life, and your mission of making the whole world Krishna conscious!

Jai Srila Gurudeva!

Your humble servitor

Matsyā Devi Dāsi - West Footscary, Melbourne.



Meeting with Jaypataka Maharaj in Malaysia

Nanda Dulal Dasa Et.al - To please you with all my thoughts.

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

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

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.

All glories to you and Srimati Guru Mata.

All glories To Jagad Guru Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to the assembled devotees.



It is stated in Srimad Bhagavatam 11.9.29

After many, many births and deaths, one achieves the rare human form of life, which, although temporary, affords one the opportunity to attain the highest perfection. Thus, a sober human being should quickly endeavor for the ultimate perfection of life as long as his body, which is always subject to death, has not fallen down and died. After all, sense gratification is available even in the most abominable species of life, whereas Krishna Consciousness is only possible for human beings.

Srila Gurudev on this most auspicious occasion of your appearance day, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you have done for me and for all the suffering souls. You are an embodiment of love and compassion.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your causeless mercy by being my Spiritual Master. It is my inconceivable good fortune to have been given shelter at your divine lotus feet and I hope and pray that I can always remain a speck of dust at your divine lotus feet.

I sincerely and earnestly Pray to Lord to give me the strength and determination that I am able to become a sincere disciple and don't let you down.

The secret of success in spiritual life is satisfying the spiritual master and to have complete faith in the words of the spiritual master. It is said in Vedas:

*yasya deve parā bhaktir
yathā deve tathā gurau
tasyaite kathitā hy arthāḥ
prakāśante mahātmanāḥ*

Only unto those great souls who have implicit faith in both the Lord and the spiritual master are all the imports of Vedic knowledge automatically revealed. This Vedic injunction is very important and the essence of bhakti. As we have seen Caitanya Mahaprabhu Lord Krishna Himself supported this by his personal behavior. He believed in the words of his spiritual master and introduced the yuga dharma the sankirtan movement and we also have seen the same application by Srila Prabhupada who started ISKCON with belief in the words of his spiritual master.

Knowing my caliber and propensity you have been very kind to me. So that I do not commit any Guru aparadh you have not given any personal instruction to me knowing it well that I may not be able to do it or I might not have that inclination to do it. It is the duty of the disciple to understand the mood of the spiritual master and to always remember the orders and instructions of the spiritual master and the disciple should meditate on those orders, worship those orders, and try to execute them with all his endeavor.

The only way to be grateful and thankful for this is to dedicate my life to you by following your orders and instructions as my life and soul to be fully Krishna Conscious and make the whole world KRISHNA CONSCIOUS.

The whole purpose of my existence should be to please you with all my thoughts, words, and action at all times, at all places, and under all circumstances. I know I am very very far away from it but while writing this offering it is helping me to dig deep into my heart to not only understand but to realize how essential it is to act on it to live by it.



This process of Krishna consciousness is "Simple for the Simple, but it is very hard for the crooked", what is difficult for me Srila Gurudev is that all your causeless mercy and the mercy of all the previous acharya is readily available but due to my anarthas and impurities, I do not know how to receive this mercy. So, I beg you Srila Gurudev please help me and save me so I am able to get rid of all these anarthas, all these impurities, and all these unwanted thoughts and desires which are there in my heart and mind and that I should have one and only one desire to please become your sold-out servant.

Srila Gurudev, your "THOUGHT FOR THE DAY" is facilitating a safe passage to the spiritual world to all the conditioned souls of this world. Every day your deep, sublime and profound realization help thousands of your students and disciple to awaken their dormant love for the supreme personality of Godhead and it helps them to reconnect with him, discovering an ocean of ever-increasing happiness and bliss which is transcendental to the ups and downs of this material world.

It is your sincere desire to make the whole world Krishna Consciousness and I sincerely and dearly pray to our beloved lord to make this happen while your pastimes are still going on this planet. As your disciple and students, it is our duty to follow your instructions though we have no qualification or credit in any shape or form to do anything but with your mercy and causeless blessing I would just like to be an instrument of love and compassion in your hands to assist you in your preaching mission. It is said that a spiritual master likes to see his disciples preach the sankirtan movement for others benefit, he empowers the disciple who does not want anything material from his spiritual master but wants only to serve and please him.

So as your disciple I beg you on this very auspicious appearance day of yours to please make me qualified to receive this causeless mercy of yours which is flowing freely.

It is said that the ultimate perfection of an engagement is tested by the satisfaction of the lord and our aim should be to please Krishna. I beg you to please give me the intelligence, the knowledge and the guidance so that I can use my free will at all times and in all situations in your service and in the service of all devotees.

Thanking your Srila Gurudev for everything.

May Lord Narashima bless you and Guru Mataji with a long and healthy life so your pastimes can go on this planet for a long long time.

Srila Gurudev Vyasa Puja ki jai.

Srila Prabhupada ki jai.

Sankirtan Yagna ki Jai.

Your insignificant and fallen children,

Nanda Dulal Dasa, Bhaktin Jodie, Bhakta Mannix, Bhaktin Chaya - Melbourne, Australia





Parama Karuna Devi Dasi - The mood of a spiritual warrior.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev and Gurumata,
Please accept my humble obeisance's at your lotus feet
All Glories Srila Prabhupada
All Glories to you and Gurumata

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

I hear Srila Prabhupad's faint voice from the small yellow music box as it boldly encompasses the whole room, as it fills my ears, grounds my heart and purifies my mind. A deep sense of belonging fills me, and I wonder where I would be without Srila Gurudev's and Gurumata's mercy, guidance, and love. I don't know what I would be doing, who I would be with or what I'd be thinking but one thing I do know is that now I am where I am meant to be, under the guidance of my spiritual parents.

I know this year of 2020 has been an extraordinary one for everyone, the year of Covid-19, the year we were locked in our houses, as this demon walked the streets, but this year will not be remembered by me as this year of Covid-19, but the year I was born. Of course, I took birth in this material world, but in its utter entirety, it is simply bondage, a material jail, a jail of lust, anger, and greed. But, to take initiation was my real birth and the start of my journey as a spirit soul back to my real home. It is the best decision I have ever made in my entire life, and I dare I say all my past lives as well. Gurudev, only through your mercy have I been able to deepen my relationship with Krishna, to understand my constitutional position, and to finally feel a sense of real belonging.

I will never ever forget the instructions you gave me on my initiation day "spread the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, Sri Sri Gaura Nitai, and Srimati Radharani, you are their servant". I keep this at the core of my heart, to keep the fire of fearlessness and enthusiasm going in my journey of devotional service. And if ever I am ever in the dilemma of choosing between Maya or Krishna, the internal battle I have in my mind, I do not think about the bad karma, or the reaction I will receive. But I do remember, the vows I took, the sacred nature of such a relationship of trust, and above all the absolute love I have for you, Srila Gurudev and Gurumata.

You've welcomed me with open arms, with an infinite amount of love, that does not see my past but sees me as a fallen soul who despises in search of Krishna. A fallen soul you've given your undivided attention and guidance to, despite my stupidity and constant ignorant actions. Thankyou Srila Gurudev and Gurumata, I know nothing can suffice what you have given me, just like a parent loves their child, you love me with such unconditional love, and a child cannot pay back the amount of love and guidance their parents have given them, and for me, that's the guidance I have received from you as my spiritual parents.

This is a simple poem to express the love I have for you and Gurumata

"Simply surrender", Gurudev exclaimed
Such a simple phrase, with a mosaic of meaning





I pondered on this, how could I do this
Then I looked to Gurudev's and Gurumata's paradigm
And all my questions were answered

Sadhana around the clock, with not a second of stop
Up every single morning, few hours of sleep
They serve Radha Damodar, Chant and are up on their feet
Oh, there is so much to learn for me

Every single day, the mood of a spiritual warrior
Gurudev sends his liberator of mercy
Thought of the day, saves all souls astray
Oh, there is so much to learn for me

Every morning, every afternoon
Poetic words of wisdom enthrall our hearts
As our spiritual parents speak the parampara's art
Oh, there is so much to learn for me

Harmonium tunes bouncing off the walls
Kirtan and dancing with hands in the air
Not second wasted without the lord's prayer
Oh, there is so much to learn for me

Radha Damodars service every single day
Always right on the dot, everything spick and span
As aarti is done, one enters the holy lands
Oh, there is so much to learn for me

And on this Jiv Jago, their mercy awarded
Only through Guru Prabhupad said
"can one go back to godhead"
So here I go holding my spiritual parents' hands
As I continue my journey back to Goloka, oh isn't this just so grand

Your aspiring servant,
Parama Karuna Devi dasi - Melbourne, Australia



Paramasivim Et.al - Thank you for being our Godfather.

Dear Srila Gurudev,
Hare Krishna

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Happy Vyasa Puja Gurudev. Thank you very much for being our godfather and always guiding us to Krishna. In your divine grace mercy and Krishna mercy, we are doing good and healthy.

Your everyday lecturer helps us guide in our daily life routine. Thank you for always helping us solve problems when we are facing some crucial time in our life.

We need more blessings from you to serve Guru and Gauranga.

Your servant,
Bhakta Siva, Bhakti Sithra - Klang, Malaysia.



Pooja Vijay Kumar - Your mood of love and unlimited compassion.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

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

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja, I would like to take the opportunity to glorify you and sincerely thank you for showering your mercy upon me. Although the face-to-face association has been limited this year, your Grace and Gurumata have kindly established several online platforms and posted several enlightening Thought for The Day videos which continue to inspire devotees all around the world.

This year on this wonderful day of your Vyasa Puja, I was thinking back to last year, when my family and I had been fortunate enough to be in Melbourne during the month of July when your Grace and Gurumata were also present.

I remember waking up early in the morning for Mangala Aarti when there still was a blanket of darkness over the sky and remembering a phrase that your Grace had said in one of your class 'don't let the sun catch you sleeping.'



I would then make my way to the temple, where you would be singing Sri Guru Charana Padma, with pure love for your Gurudeva and the beautiful deities of Sri Sri Radha Vallabha. You were always dancing in ecstasy, which was seemingly contagious, causing all souls in the room to start dancing as well.

You would then give a class, through which your Grace would open my darkened vision with your torch of spiritual words.

With the progression of each day, your Grace would spread further and further throughout this world through your tremendous efforts to preach this Krishna Conscious philosophy.

Srila Gurudeva, seeing your mood of love and unlimited compassion towards a fallen soul like me showed me how merciful Krishna's devotees are and how dear you must be to Sri Sri Radha Vallabha. It is because of your causeless mercy that I am currently in Krishna's shelter and I sincerely pray unto your Grace to help a fallen soul such as me to properly cultivate Krishna Consciousness.

Your servant,
Bhaktin Puja - Canberra, Australia.



Prashant Agrawal Et.al - Diligently following your sadhana.

Our dear Srila Gurudev,
All glories to Nitai-Gauranga
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Please accept our humble obeisances again and again at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to your most auspicious appearance day and many many more to come.

Guru Maharaj, we do not have the words to appropriately describe your affectionate, compassionate, and loving attitude towards fallen souls like us. Your blessings and guidance are the only hope of crossing this miserable ocean and mountain of birth and death.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being always available to us anytime and from anywhere in the world through your daily enlightening & nectarine Science of Self-realization emails.

Without your association, we do not even imagine where we would be or what we would be doing with our life.

Even during this unprecedented time of COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic which has sent the whole world in chaos and disruption like never seen before, mental & physical measures are taking heavy toll more than ever on us, which has even disrupted your travel schedule as well, despite all that you are still diligently following your sadhana. You are expertly & enthusiastically performing your daily countless devotional services i.e. early morning mangal aarti, Tulasi arati, online classes & lectures, and everyday science of self-realization emails, etc. to say the least. Which are very much inspirational. We could experience that it has got an extraordinarily positive effect on us and is preventing us from drowning more into this hopeless material world & re-energizing us spiritually on a daily basis. Through your exceptional



behavioral examples, you are teaching us how we can make the best out of this worst deal, how we can convert curse into a boon.

In this way, you give us the connection to devotional service & life experience in Krishna consciousness by your divine & merciful association. You have selflessly guided and inspired us from the innermost core of your being. Our words cannot express deep gratitude for you.

You have given us plenty of guidance that we may not be following correctly or understanding thoroughly. In spite of a long association, I am only progressing very slowly, maybe my commitment is not very firm. I feel very happy though, to see scores of my godbrothers and god sisters are progressing nicely and rapidly all over the world. They are doing a lot of service to you Maharaj in your mission of preaching Krishna consciousness philosophy all over the world. Please forgive us for that. Even under these conditions, we beg you for your blessings, so that we can come to Krishna consciousness soon. Kindly shower your mercy on us so that we engage in your service and guide us so that we can progress in our sadhana.

On this auspicious day of your appearance, we pray to Lord Krishna for your good health so you can continue to fulfill the mission of Srila Prabhupada of spreading the love of Godhead and protecting and delivering all fallen souls like us.

May Lord Nrsimhadeva protect you all the time!!

Your fallen servants, Bhakta Prashant, Bhaktin Rakhi & Little Arya - Melbourne, Australia.



Priyanka - By your mercy.

Hare Krishna Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet
All glories to A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada

Today on the day of your appearance I want to offer my humble obeisances and want to thank you for guiding me (a soul).

In one of the lectures you mentioned, if one is busy solving others' anxiety/problems, there is no anxiety for him as he is busy uplifting other souls. His mind is fully occupied in " Par dukh". This reminds me of Prabhupada's instruction of going out and doing the preaching.

Your answers through email and daily quotes are motivating. Maharaj, I have no qualification but your mercy can uplift me and make me presentable in front of Srila Prabhupada. Please bless me with your vani, which can penetrate through the ignorance and darkness of my mind. Seeking to serve you life after life.

Hare Krishna,



Dandvat pranam
Your servant
Bhaktin Priyanka - Melbourne, Australia.



Srila Gurudev's wonderful smile.

Rajesh - Your mercy only.

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to you, all glories to Gurumataji and, all glories to Srila Prabhupad..

I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I believe that with your mercy only I have started my baby steps in my spiritual journey.

Your enriching knowledge always motivated me to surpass the difficulties in my spiritual endeavor. Maharaj, your short words in the e-course have made large changes in my life. Thank you so much

Your humble servant,
Bhakta Rajesh - Melbourne, Australia.





Revati Devi Dasi - I am eternally grateful.

My dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Gurudev!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

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

On this special occasion of your appearance day, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for showering blessings on us.

I am eternally grateful to you for accepting me as your disciple. You have been a source of inspiration for me, with your inspiration I have finished my study of the Bhakti Sastri course in New Zealand.

I look forward to your newsletter, they inspire me a lot and when I read them daily, I feel like you are talking to me directly. This year I have listened to all the interviews done by you on several radio shows etc., they were amazing.

Since the beginning of this year 2020, I have been planning and so happy to meet you and Gurumata in June 2020 in Melbourne but unfortunately, this COVID changed the entire world. In this current situation (COVID time), yours and Gurumata lectures have given a lot of courage and confidence to lead the life. So, Gurudev, please continue to guide me and bless us.

Jai Srila Gurudev!
Jai Gurumata!
Jai Srila Prabhupada!

Thank you very very much
Your aspiring servant,

Revati Devi Dasi - Auckland, New Zealand



Sanjaya Das - You have shown how to fight.

Dearest Srila Gurudeva



Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet
All Glories to His Divine Grace A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada
Even in a year of turmoil there have been many hurdles but your enduring love for us has shined through the darkest of clouds with ever-increasing love, you have shown how to fight with more classes online and always pushing boundaries. I cannot express the fight within but your direct message that Krishna is the medicine fighting this disease is slowly making me realize why am I here?
Hope and pray this lockdown finishes so you can travel and save more souls from this quicksand of material existence

Your servant
Sanjaya Das - Melbourne, Australia.



Siva Et. al - My life is your mercy.

Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to his Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to you and Gurumataji.

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śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Sriman SankarshanDās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti in order to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya.

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-salākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave 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, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him



I am so fortunate to have you & Gurumataji association daily. Hearing Krishna katha and live aarti. We are really missing your trip to Melbourne & Vrindavan this year due to the global pandemic but we are getting the same trance by vani association.

I'm so blessed to have you & Gurumataji mercy in my life and have no words to say other than my life always looks to be like the dust of your lotus feet and I beg to engage me & my family to render devotional services.

My life is your mercy so please show mercy upon me to continue to serve your lotus feet until my last breath of my life.

your humble servant

Bhakta Shiva & Family, Nancharaiah & Family - Melbourne, Australia.



Sri Radhika Devi Dasi - My dear spiritual father.

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gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my most humble obeisance unto your lotus feet.

All glories to your grace.

All glories to her grace Srimati Gurumata.

All glories to patita pavana Jagadguru Srila Prabhupada.

Sri Sri Radha Damodar ki Jai.

Your Vyasa puja is the most auspicious day of my life. It is the most auspicious day for the entire material world. It is the day the most beautiful blessing of a pure devotee like your grace was bestowed upon this material world and all living entities. Your Vyasa puja marks the appearance day of your grace - a loving disciple of Srila Prabhupada who having accepted and embodied, Srila Prabhupada's instructions and mission, is continuing to propagate Krishna Consciousness in a way that is transforming millions of lives who knew nothing about freeing themselves from this degrading and hellish human existence full of sense gratification. Empowered by Srila Prabhupada his grace has lovingly dedicated his life to save such fallen conditioned souls from drowning in this cycle of birth and death and scorching in the material misery that lies in between.



Every word said by your grace and Gurumata are fully based and centered on the teachings of the scriptures and the blessed life of our Vaishnava acharyas. Your grace and her grace Gurumata are truly the most loving spiritual leaders and best well-wishers of their disciples, students, and all the living entities of this material world as you have devoted your life to preach the message of Lord Krishna essence of Krishna consciousness as it is as given by Srila Prabhupada. I consider myself one of the most fortunate beings to have had the best blessing of your personal darshan and being able to hear Krishna katha from your lotus mouth and initiated into the bonafide disciplic succession.

It was an inconsolable loss that the recent strict lockdown forced by the pandemic meant that I was not able to have your personal darshan this year. It was however so empowering to see how your graces have reached out to disciples and students in newer and better ways against all the odds, to bless us with your personal association and Krishna katha via virtual meeting platforms. Your grace also initiated a disciple via an online ceremony which was so well planned and executed. This is one of many examples of your grace's conviction in the process of Krishna consciousness and the strength of your grace's guru bhakti and purity of your grace's Krishna consciousness that this catastrophic pandemic and physical separation from devotee association has not impeded Your disciples from seeking the blessings of your grace and to continue devotional services.

During these recent times, I have been blessed with realizations of the futility of this material world only by hearing Krishna katha from the lotus mouth of your grace and her grace Gurumata. Being connected with your graces' is such an enlightening and enlivening experience as your graces not only open my eyes by providing simple real-life examples, personal experiences, and realizations on the path of bhakti but also connect these to the hidden treasures of transcendental messages of the scriptures and show us how when followed properly, the scriptures show us the ideal way to lead this human life by minimizing material misery and avoid getting stuck in this vicious cycle of birth and death. Just by following these instructions one can easily use this human life in realizing and uncovering our eternal loving relationship with Krishna.

My dear spiritual father, you repeatedly preach with such purity that even a stone can become a pure devotee of the Lord with just one moment of your association. But somehow, I am so conditioned that I can take only baby steps and still stumble and fall every day. O ocean of compassion and mercy, knowing this, you continue to reach out and guide me every day. O giver of the pure devotional service – it is only by your mercy that I even try to continue on this journey of achieving pure devotional service towards Krishna.

To become Krishna conscious with tolerance towards the dualities of this material world and in a humble mood in the midst of material waves remains a challenge and struggle but what keeps me fired up is the personal example of my spiritual master and Gurumata and the hope that your graces will never give up on me and will drag me towards my ultimate goal. I only ask for one blessing today which only your mercy can bestow me with. Please bless me that I will always hold onto your lotus feet tightly.

With this prayer at your lotus feet, I also beg my mind to please forget about all its mundane attachments and sing the glories of my spiritual master. As the great Vaishnava acharya His Holiness Vishvanath Chakravarti Thakur writes in Gurushtakam, "By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Krishna. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement. Therefore, I should always remember and praise the spiritual master."

!!! Srila Gurudev Vyasa puja maha mahotsav ki jai!!!





Your most fallen servant,

Sri Radhika Devi Dasi - Canberra, Australia.



Srila Gurudev's glorification Vyasa-Puja 2019

Subal Das – Gurudev give me the spiritual strength.

Jai Srila Gurudev

My dear Gurudev

Please accept my humble obeisance
All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glorious to you

Dear Gurudev, I will take this opportunity to say a million times sorry to you because knowingly or unknowingly I made many mistakes Gurudev so therefore I am here today with you to take shelter of your lotus feet and say sorry to you. Please kindly forgive me, my dear Gurudev. And please kindly bless me and give me the spiritual strength to follow my spiritual master's instruction. So that I can be very serious in Krishna consciousness.

Happy Vyasa Puja

Your disciple
Subal das brahmachari - Adelaide, Australia





Subhadra Devi Dasi - Perfect example in an imperfect world.

My dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada and Gurudeva and Gurumata.

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śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Srīman SankarshanDās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

Gurudeva, this year has been so different and devastating for the majority of the population in the world, killing many people, bringing turbulence to the entire globe due to this COVID-19 pandemic. It is very disheartening to see many people dying, and the anxiety it has created for each of us is quite overwhelming. As a practicing devotee, I could realize that this is happening because mother earth is very much burdened by all the abominable activities of the sinful souls. As humankind has heavily dominated this earth, the Supreme Lord has shown us that an invisible life form can control the behavior of the most arrogant, powerful, and evolved life form on earth. Because of this pandemic, our temple was closed, and all the association with devotees was stopped; nevertheless, devotees around the world continued with their preaching. In fact, I found preaching is now going on a larger scale in the virtual world.

Having all the downside of COVID-19, the brighter and life-changing side of the COVID-19 situation was working from home and listening to Gurumata's class regularly every morning. This was like finding a mirage in a desert. Regularly hearing from Gurumata has revived my spiritual life and has given me a new life. Like Gurumata always said, Corona has come as a "Karuna" for us disciples, as we are able to hear from you and Gurumata and have the darshan of Sri Sri Radha Damodar daily. Though we have been deprived of the direct association and service to you and Gurumata this year, we have been truly blessed to get the daily association of you and Gurumata virtually. The potent instructions of Gurumata have started smashing my false ego and helping me to understand that I am a servant of the servant of the Lord. Purity is the force and hence any instructions from you just pierce my heart and act as a medicine to help in the recovery of the diseased and conditioned souls like me. You and Gurumata are examples for all of us to live a life dedicated to the devotional service to Lord Krishna. In this imperfect world, you provide us with a perfect example of how to serve Krishna so our foolish and dull minds can understand the meaning of perfection. I am short of words and not qualified to glorify you and Gurumata. I would like to express my gratitude for all the love and knowledge you have given us. I sincerely pray to our Lord that I take the instructions of my spiritual master and Gurumata sincerely and close to my heart.

On this auspicious Vyas puja day, I offer special prayers to you and Krishna to keep you and Gurumata always healthy to save the wretched souls from the miserable life cycle of birth and death. I pray to Krishna that we always get your loving association both in Vapu and Vani forms. I beg you at your lotus





feet for your mercy and blessings on me and my family that we follow your instructions sincerely and seriously and be an instrument to fulfill your mission of awakening the entire world with Krishna consciousness.

Hare Krishna.
Your humble servant
Subhadra Devi Dasi - Canberra, Australia.



Subramani Rao Et. al - Appeared to deliver all suffering souls.

Hare Krishna!

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Gurudev.
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Firstly, we humbly would like to wish your grace happy Vyasa puja 2020.
Thank you very much for showering this mercy upon us.

We were introduced to the Hare Krishna movement about 2.5 years ago. Since then I and my family have been visiting ISKCON Centre in Klang and taking guidance from your grace's servants who are really wonderful.

In these 2.5 years of my Krishna consciousness life, we have realized and learned a lot. As an elevation to our Krishna Conscious practice, we are currently in the process of taking formal shelter initiation from your lotus feet with the purpose of understanding more about Krishna consciousness yoga by your mercy.

We are following all your grace instructions given such as keeping my face clean-shaven (without beard and mustache) and chanting 16 rounds daily. I am also going to Harinam Sankirtan every weekend.

I've also enrolled in your free e-course of Ultimate self-realization. We are learning new things from Thought for the day that I have been receiving through this course daily. Thank you very much Srila Gurudev.

We are serious about practicing Krishna Consciousness and would like to progress further Gurudev. There are many weaknesses in me and my wife Gurudev. We are most fortunate to get connected with you Gurudev.

You have very kindly appeared to deliver all suffering souls.



You are the ideal acharya because you teach us everything about spiritual life by your personal example. By your grace's personal example, you teach us to accept all austerities to carry out the order of the spiritual master.

On this most auspicious day, we humbly beg your grace to continue to shower your blessings on us. I beg your grace to give us the inner strength to take all austerities in serving your grace's mission.

Please forgive our offenses and give us the intelligence to carry out your orders under the protection of your divine movement in the association of your sincere devotees. Begging to remain under the shelter of your grace lotus feet at all times and aspiring to be your grace eternal servant.

Thank you very much.
All Glories to Srila Gurudeva.

Your humble servants,
Bhakta Subramani Rao, Bhaktin Kavitha - Klang, Malaysia.



Syamananda dasa - Thank you for all your perseverance.

Jai Srila Gurudev, all glories at your lotus feet, please accept my humble dandavats.

All glories that comes through associating and connection to guru, for without this there is no connection to the supreme destination of Sri Radha Krishna, I thank you, maharaja, for all your perseverance and dedication to sharing your gift of God, no words can testify to your magnificence so all I can say is thank you and show you my gratitude by engaging in devotional service 24/7....hari bol...

Syamananda dasa - Taupo, New Zealand.



Thenappan Ramanathan - Amazed at the energy.

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namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

Dear Srila Gurudev

Please accept my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet



All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your appearance

Every day when I receive your e-mail, I am amazed at how much energy you have to fulfill Srila Prabhupada's instructions to you. I also look at my wonderful God-siblings in Melbourne and admire their dedication and sincerity in assisting you in Srila Prabhupada's mission. Yet, for all the amazement and admiration, there is very little that I have done to be of any use to you in your service. I recently wrote a couple of emails to you wherein I had wasted your time on not so important issues but you still replied back to stating that whatever tiny service I was doing, I was doing with love and that you appreciated that very much.

I sincerely pray that I sincerely follow your instructions and develop more enthusiasm in the path of Krishna consciousness. Dear Srila Gurudev, please bless this lowly servant. I pray to Sri-Sri Radha-Vallabha to give you good health for the next few decades so we can all benefit from your guidance and instructions.

Aspiring to be your disciple
Bhakta Thenappan - Melbourne, Australia.



Tungavidya Devi Dasi - Every instruction is very potent.

My dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Sriman SankarshanDās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

Kindly accept my offering on this auspicious day of your appearance. I am very happy and fortunate to be a part of Krishna consciousness under your shelter. I feel myself to be very low and insignificant to glorify such an exalted personality like you. I really feel very fortunate to be connected to Lord Krishna through the parampara system. If I am not connected to Krishna consciousness under your shelter my human form of life would have been wasted. Thank you very much for being merciful to me and accepting me as your disciple. Srila Gurudev, your each and every instruction is very potent and powerful and it is up to an individual to take it to the heart.

Gurudev, both yourself and Gurumata do not waste even a single moment and you both are showing us the way back to an eternal home. I always admire the clarity of Srila Gurudev's preaching and his examples which clears the foggy doubts that arise in my mind. May Krishna help Gurudev in this



auspicious day to preach more and more as well as keep good health. So that he can deliver as many fallen souls like me.

Your humble servant

Tungavidya Devi Dasi - Melbourne, Australia.



Upendra - Protecting the whole world.

Hare krsna Guru Maharaj and Gurumata

Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet

All glories to You and Gurumataji

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Dear Guru Maharaj,

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa puja celebrations, we thank you from the bottom of our heart for showering your causeless mercy and by giving us shelter at your lotus feet despite my disqualifications.

You are a true disciple of Srila Prabhupada in following his footsteps like a soldier tirelessly marching in the battlefield for protecting the whole world by giving peace formula.

Generally, in the material world a soldier dedicates his life to the nation but you as a soldier dedicating your life to protect and save the whole world by showering your compassion to deliver humankind from this material world through the process of bhakti-yoga.

Year after year you are serving the mission of Srila Prabhupada by spreading glories of the Supreme Lord through your dynamic preaching approach and inspiring many audiences across the globe. Your dedication to Srila Prabhupada is a source of inspiration and the fire that ignites our Krishna Consciousness life.

We desire to have at least 1% of dedication following your footsteps in becoming an instrument in the mission of serving Srila Prabhupada.

Aspiring menial servants,

Bhakta Upendra & Bhaktin Bhargavi - Melbourne, Australia.





Srila Gurudev distributing Radha Damodar's Charnamrita





Eastern + Southern India

Amala Purana Das - Received this benediction.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my dandavat,
All glories to your Grace and Srimati Gurumata,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

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

Srila Gurudeva, in the scriptures it is mentioned that if someone is serious about spiritual life or someone is searching Lord Krishna then Lord sends him his representative in the form of a bonafide spiritual master. We see this in the life of Srila Dhruva Maharaja in Srimad Bhagavatam.

We also see in Srimad Bhagavatam that Prahlada Maharaja asks benediction from Narasimha Dev to always get the association of pure devotees of the Lord. Similarly, all the great personalities in Srimad Bhagavatam are asking benediction to always get the association of pure devotees.

Srila Gurudeva, I have your association and association of Gurumata. I don't know how I have received this benediction. I didn't even know that one should ask these kinds of benediction from the Lord. But still, without asking from the Lord anything or even knowing I need such benediction, I have received your Grace's and Srimati Gurumata's association. This is my great fortune and causeless mercy of Lord

*brahmāṇḍa bhramite kona bhāgyavān jīva
guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bīja*

Srila Gurudeva, I have the full opportunity in this life to become fully Krishna conscious. Even after your association, association of Gurumata, all Vaishnavas, and Srila Prabhupada books, if I do not become a pure devotee then I am number one fool and rascal.





So Srila Gurudeva, I am only begging to the Lord to always keep me under the shelter of your and Gurumata's lotus feet so I can engage in your service and Gurumata's service for all of eternity.

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

Amala Purana Das - Bangalore, India.



Angalaparameshwari - Eternally grateful to your Grace and Guru Mata!

Hare Krsna Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble and respectful obeisances.
All glories to you!
All glories to Srimati Gurumataji!
All glories to His Divine Grace A.C BhaktiVedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada!

*nama om visnu-padaya Krishna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

*namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti kṛpatmane
gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

On this most auspicious appearance day of your Grace, I offer my humble and respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet. Kindly accept my insignificant offerings.

O'Gurudev, who guided this fallen unworthy conditioned soul to take up Krsna consciousness very sincerely by following the regulative principles, giving me such kind instructions as well as encouraging me to continue to perform devotional services even in the most critical situation.

I was so much wondered when I got the greatest fortune where I got your association, by the mercy of His Divine Grace AC Bhakti Vedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada through the Ultimate self-realization course, where my life got transformed and made this fallen conditioned soul to wake up from the sleep of ignorance by your Grace

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

I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto Him



When I started writing mails to you, the very first guidance I got from your Grace is how to become Krishna conscious at home, this guidance gave me more hope that a low-grade person like me can swim safely by practicing Bhakti in home itself.

By your blessings and grace, I started following the instructions, sometimes it seems that it is difficult to follow the instructions but the mercy showering from your Grace upon this conditioned soul alone makes it possible to follow the instruction at least to some extent of baby steps taken in Krsna consciousness.

O'Gurudev, the dear disciple of Srila Prabhupada, who always eagerly looking forward to make the whole world Krsna consciousness is the greatest inspiration that I have got and the mood of serving Srila Prabhupada and following his instructions to deliver the fallen souls like me especially through online preaching where unworthy person like me cannot have any qualification to get the transcendental knowledge can get, only by the mercy of your lotus feet.

As Srila Prabhupada mentioned in the one of the lectures quoting from Srimad Bhagavatam 1.2.6 One has to engage himself in the service of the pure Devotee. As soon as we serve a pure Devotee. As it is spoken by Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura,

yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādaḥ

The spiritual master is acting in the position of Krishna because he is the most confidential servant of Krishna. If you satisfy a pure devotee by your service, then, even if there are some discrepancies, you get all these qualities

Syān mahat-sevayā rājan. Syān mahat-sevayā viprāḥ

With this mood, slowly and steadily I will come to the point of understanding that there is no other service in my life except serving your lotus feet, my spiritual master.

O'Gurudev, I am so indebted unto your lotus feet and every time longing to please your lotus feet. I am offering myself unto your lotus feet. I am begging unto your lotus feet, if you wish, please engage me in your mission.

Bhaktin Angalaparameshwari - Madurai, TamilNadu, India.



Anuradha devi dasi - Till my last breath.

Dearest Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All obeisances all obeisances at your lotus feet



All glories to your Grace.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

Like this pandemic, how I learnt to live with it, everything in this material world seems to be wonderfully arranged so that in no time I can become habituated to live with its dualities, until.....
your Grace incessantly repeated that "We have to exit this material world not by becoming accustomed to it but transcend it connecting to the source of our existence--KRISHNA"

After many lifetimes, yugas, kalpas of darkness of rotating in this material world, here, I am again with a human body and your Grace has kindly mercifully accepted me as your disciple. Yearning to serve your lotus feet till my last breath Srila Gurudev. On this day of your divine appearance, seeking your blessings ever in this divine journey.

Yours eternal humble servant
Anuradha devi dasi - Chennai, India



Bhadra devi dasi - Your mercy has kept me going

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śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your Grace and Srimati Gurumataji
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Thank you for so kindly accepting me. Around this time last year, your Grace gave me the opportunity to



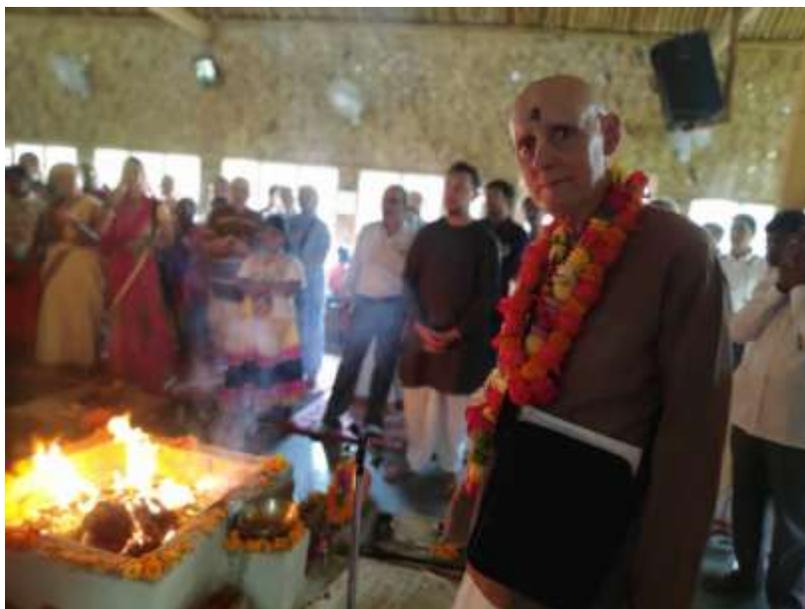
be in your divine presence, to receive your mercy when I was handed my beads and given the most sublime gift of the holy names. Since then I have been enthusiastic, I have slipped and fallen, I have been encouraged, I have proven myself worthless countless times. Through all this, one thing has remained constant: your sweet mercy that has kept me going. It is only by your mercy, your desire that all the conditioned souls here attain Krishna that I have been given this opportunity and the strength to engage in the service of Krishna which is my prime duty.

This I know for certain that if I follow you Grace's and Srimati Guru Mataji's instructions, I am sure to attain the goal of the human form of life, because your Grace and Gurumataji are giving the message of Krishna and Srila Prabhupada as it is, with no adulteration.

I beg your Grace and Srimati Guru Mataji's blessings to be able to follow these teachings purely, and be an instrument in your Grace's hands to serve this mission of Srila Prabhupada, which your Grace has taken as your mission, in any capacity needed.

your eternal servant

Bhadra devi dasi - Bangalore, India



Initiation ceremony at Goshala, Vrindavana 2019

Bhaktarupa Das - Prayers at your merciful lotus feet Srila Gurudeva.

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śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*





*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Srīman SankarshanDās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti in order to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya.

Dear Srīla Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances,
All glories unto you and Srīmatī Gurumatajī,
All glories to Srīla Prabhupada.

On the occasion of your auspicious appearance day, I would like to offer a few words glorifying your transcendental qualities. Though I am unable to properly glorify, kindly begging at your lotus feet to accept this humble offering of mine by meditating on the Srī Gurvastakam prayers.

*saṁsāra-dāvānala-liḍha-loka-
trāṇāya kārūṇya-ghanāghanatvam
prāptasya kalyāṇa-guṇārṇavasya
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

Srīla Gurudeva - You are always connected with the ocean of mercy of Srīla Prabhupada, the guru parampara, and all the way to Lord Srī Krishna. You are so very merciful that you are distributing that ocean of mercy upon all the conditioned souls like us to relieve us from the sufferings of material miseries. You are always making plans on how to extinguish the blazing fire of our material existence. Nothing can stop you from pulling out a global spiritual revolution. World deliverance is your mission. The orders you received from Srīla Prabhupada, are your life and soul. Please accept my humble obeisances at your merciful lotus feet.

*mahāprabhoḥ kīrtana-nṛtya-gīta-
vāditra-mādyan-manaso rasena
romāñca -kampāśru-taraṅga-bhājo
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

Srīla Gurudeva - When you sing the holy names of the Lord, it is so sweet, so melodious and so purifying.



Deeply absorbed in the holy names, your body moves like a wave and dances in ecstasy. Your ecstatic kirtan fills the air and makes the whole audience clap, sing, and dance in ecstasy. Let this pure sound vibrated from your lotus mouth enter into the holes of our ears and reach the core of our hearts destroying the six kinds of anarthas and reestablish us in our original constitutional position as the eternal servant of Lord Sri Krishna. Please accept my humble obeisances unto your merciful lotus feet.

*śrī-vigrahārādhana-nitya-nānā-
śṛṅgāra-tan-mandira-mārjanādau
yuktasya bhaktāṁś ca niyuñjato 'pi
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

Srila Gurudeva - In spite of your hectic unimaginable around the world travel for the world deliverance mission, your personal service to Sri Sri Radha Damodara has never been interrupted. You haven't failed even a single day for Mangala aarti. You teach us by your personal example how to serve the Lordships with such love and devotion. You teach us how to pray to the Lordships to overcome our weaknesses and to get engaged in His pastime of bringing the fallen conditional souls back to His abode. Please accept my humble obeisances unto your merciful lotus feet.

*catur-vidha-śrī-bhagavat-prasāda-
svādv-anna-ṭṛptān hari-bhakta-saṅghān
kṛtvaiva ṭṛptim bhajataḥ sadaiva
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

Srila Gurudeva - You are an expert in everything. You know how to prepare all kinds of delicious foodstuffs and offer them with love and devotion to the Lordships. Anyone who tastes that Prasad, will immediately get purified. You wanted every one of us to eat nothing but Prasad, food first offered to the Lordships with love and devotion. What can be tastier and more relishable than this? Please accept my humble obeisances unto your merciful lotus feet.

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

Srila Gurudeva - You have read and assimilated all the literature left by Srila Prabhupada and are very expert in explaining them to us. You are perfectly representing the disciplic succession started by Supreme Lord Sri Krishna. Hearing from your lotus mouth is non-different from hearing from the Supreme Lord. Serving your lotus feet is non-different from serving the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord. You carry Sri Vrindavan Dham within your heart. You shower your causeless mercy and purify anyone and everyone whom you meet. Please accept my humble obeisances unto your merciful lotus feet.



*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi
dhyāyan stuvāns tasya yaśas tri-sandhyān
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāvindam*

Srila Gurudeva - You have mercifully revealed to us what is the secret of success in spiritual life. It is to worship the instructions of the spiritual master and make it as our life and soul. The instructions you received from your beloved spiritual master His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada has been etched in your consciousness forever and is guiding you for eternity. Praying at your merciful lotus feet so that we can assimilate this mood of yours and these merciful instructions to the core of our hearts, worship them, remember them and implement them at all times, at all places, and at all circumstances. But for these, we do not have any other hope. Prayers at your lotus feet, prayers at your merciful lotus feet Srila Gurudeva.

Thank you very much!
Hare Krishna!

your menial servant,
Bhaktarupa Das - Chennai, India



Caitanya Das - You are pouring unlimited mercy

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*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Srila Gurudev,

You are pouring unlimited mercy mixed with transcendental knowledge soaked in the sweetest nectar called Love of Godhead. You have planted the seed as well. But what do I have, a barren heart infested with lust, anger and greed. But your smiling face does penetrate my strongest covering of ignorance, giving hope and assurances that the impossible could be possible. By your mercy, I am able to realize whatever you are preaching is true and only because of my shortcomings my progress is very slow, but I



yearn to develop my willingness and ability to serve your mission to the best of my ability and always remain under your shelter. Thank you very much Srila Gurudev for everything.

your eternal servant,
Caitanya Das - Thiruvananthapuram, India



Gauralila Devi Dasi - Missing your valuable association

Dear Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet
All glories to Guru and gauranga
All glories to Gurudev and Gurumata

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gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

Dear Gurudeva, how can such a person like me glorify the spiritual master. Glories of the spiritual master are unlimited.

Srila Gurudeva every year we are eagerly waiting for Kartik month for getting the most auspicious vapu association of Gurudev and Gurumata at Vrindavan. This year due to this pandemic we are missing the most valuable days of our life. By your causeless mercy, you have taught us how to always be connected with you by your vani. You have explained yourself into hundreds of vani (lectures) form. Through your words, you give us the power to follow your instructions without any problem. Being a foolish person, I realize how much my consciousness is corrupted and how far I stand behind in my endeavor to please you. Gurudev I pray at your lotus feet again and again so that the disease spread in my heart like an epidemic is completely cured.

On this auspicious day of Vyasa-puja, I humbly pray to the Supreme Lordship for giving you and Gurumata all strength and good health for fulfilling your sublime desire for the deliverance of the whole world.

Always holding your lotus feet,
Your insignificant servant
Gauralila Devi Dasi - Thiruvananthapuram, India



Gomathi Sathyanarayanan - Under your shelter.

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Hare Krishna,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Please bless us to be under your shelter so that we can always be in Krishna consciousness.

Hare Krishna,
Your humble servant,
Bhaktin Gomathi Sathyanarayanan - Chennai, Tamil Nadu



Mahesh - Thank you for answering my questions

My dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances!
All glories to You and Gurumataji,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

I am your aspiring disciple from Kerala, India. Thank you very much for caring and guiding me. I used to ask you questions; you kindly gave me answers. I am very much inspired by the fact that; your Grace is ready to answer any questions from anyone. You give each question it's dignity and importance. I am aspiring to ask you more and more questions; to satisfy my intelligence. Kindly continue this nectarean mercy upon fallen souls like us. Praying for your good health. Happy Vyasa Puja

Yours sincerely
Your eternal servant,
Bhakta Mahesh - Trivandrum, India



Hare Krishna Das - You save me from confusions of the material world

My Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances!



All glories unto your Grace and Srimati Gurumataji!
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada!

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śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

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gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

Srila Gurudev, first of all, I would like to sincerely say, "I am eternally indebted to you." You saved me from the utter confusion and uncertainty of this material world.

There will be a definite moment for everyone in their life, where they will realize, the divine hands of God acted upon them. For me, it was on May 15, 2006, when I first enrolled in the Ultimate Self Realization Course. I could only realize it only after studying your Grace's instructions for about 1 year.

I came into contact with Bhagavad Gita As It Is many years before I joined the course. After studying Bhagavad Gita As It Is for many years, finally I realize Srila Prabhupada is a genuine and sincere lover of Krishna. I am inspired by his love and then one of my important prayers is, "Dear Krishna, please show me a person, who loves Krishna just as Srila Prabhupada does." I uttered this mantra for many weeks and on that fateful day, when I was simply browsing Krishna's pictures on the Internet, I suddenly found your website and God's divine hands guided me to join the Ultimate self-realization course.

Each and every time if someone asks me if God exists, my answer is the same "Yes! He answered my prayer."

I am very much indebted to your Grace for compassionately answering all my questions, patiently guiding and lovingly holding my hands in the pathway chalked out by previous Acharyas. Thank you very much Srila Gurudev.

Always holding unto your lotus feet,
Begging Krishna for your good health,
yours lovingly,

Your eternal servant,
Hare Krishna Das - Thiruvananthapuram, India





Srila Gurudev blesses everyone during Kartik parikrama

Hari priya devi dasi - In your heart Govinda resides

My dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances
All glories to your mercy and Srimati Gurumataji
All glories to Srila Prabhupad.

I would like to quote a verse from the poem by Sri Narottam das thakur.

tomara hrdaye sada Govinda visram, Govinda kahena mora vaishnav paran

“In your heart, Govinda resides eternally and Govinda says that My pure devotee is my life.”
For an insignificant soul like me, you are as good as Govinda, as you always say the Spiritual Master is as good as Krishna himself. We can't see or feel the presence of Krishna, any other way. Even when all the circumstances are reversed and the world has confined to the boundaries made by the external energy of the Lord, Spiritual masters like your mercy are giving rays of hope, and when the Start Meeting starts and I hear the voice of your mercy and Srimati Gurumataji, we know how much compassionate and how much merciful you are. We are far away from you, but you always remember us, you call us by our names like calling sons and daughters who are nearby and ask us to recite the slokas and answer our silly questions. Sometimes I feel I am not up to the expectation, I am still hovering on my mental plane of distress and so-called happiness, even though you repeatedly say that by taking shelter of Krishna, all bliss comes, peace comes and distress is relieved. You teach us by Your example but we seldom understand.

I am very much ashamed to say that even the instructions that you have given, I can't follow, and even I openly say that I don't have the sincerity with which devotional service is practiced. But you always keep me at your feet, try to rectify my karmic reactions, and make me a devotee. Please Gurudev, kindly give me the strength to follow your orders and someday or other, dream to become a sincere practitioner.

I beg at your Lotus feet that please always be merciful to me. I pray to Krishna to always keep you and



Gurumataji safe because for souls like me you are the only shelter, as good as Krishna.

your insignificant servant,
Haripriya devi dasi - Trivandrum, India



Lekshmi. S - Thank you for picking me up

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

I know that I am not even qualified to offer my gratitude, but by your causeless mercy, I have started taking small steps in my spiritual journey. Whenever I find difficulty, your thought for the day helps me to think about Krishna, and whenever hearing your lectures I am careful about sense gratification and Maya. Due to my ignorance and materialism, I'll never be able to fully understand the knowledge that you provide but one example that always strikes in my mind. "Don't be a fish out of the water". Thank you for picking me from the illusion. Please give me your blessings on this auspicious day, so that I can attach to your lotus feet always.

yours, aspiring to be the servant,
Bhaktin Lekshmi - Trivandrum, India



Murali Manohar Das - Please bestow your causeless mercy

All glories to Gurudev and Gurumata
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet on this auspicious day of your divine appearance.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*



We pray to the Supreme Lord to grant you a long and healthy life in this material world to continue your wonderful preaching service all over the world This year we are unfortunate that we cannot see your lotus feet because of the COVID-19 pandemic. But by my beloved Gurudev's mercy I could continue to do my pooja services and other services at Krishna Balarama Temple Thiruvananthapuram Kerala till the date. I humbly request for bestowing your causeless mercy for further service of the Almighty with utmost care and love.

Your humble servant
Murali Manohar Das - Thiruvananthapuram, India.



Narada Muni das - You are always and everywhere with us

My dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On the day of your Vyasa Puja, we are thousands of miles away from the place where you will receive direct greetings from your disciples - our spiritual brothers, sisters, and well-wishers. For your pleasure, we want to tell a few stories that we heard at Srimad Bhagavatam class here in Mayapur. There was once a spiritual master who had students. One day, he called them and said to them: "My dear disciples, please bring me a fruit. My only requirement is that when you pick it from the tree, no one should see you doing it." His disciples left. One of them saw a mango tree full of wonderful fruits. He looked left and right, back and forth, up and down. Didn't see anyone. He stretched out and plucked very carefully the largest and ripest fruit, then carefully wrapped it so that no one would see it, went to his spiritual master and said to him: "Dear spiritual master, here I am bringing you this mango. I picked it and brought it to you with all the love I am capable of. And besides, no one saw me as you wished." Another disciple came and brought an apple, a third - an orange, a fourth - a pear, etc. Everyone brought some fruit and everyone had fulfilled the requirement that no one should see it while picking this fruit. But one disciple did not return. It was evening when the disciple arrived, but his hands were empty and his face was sad. The teacher asked him, "Why didn't you grant my request and bring me some fruit" The disciple lowered his head and said: "Dear Gurudev, today I visited many places, I saw trees full of juicy, ripe fruits, but every time I reached to pluck one of them, I felt your merciful and compassionate look, which reminded me that you are always by my side! Sorry Gurudev! You teach us that you are always and everywhere with us – in good and in bad situations - and you always help us. That is why I could not fulfill your requirement!"

Thank you, dear Gurudev, for teaching us this and for always being with us! Thank you for teaching us



that we have the eternal shelter of Guru and Krishna! And we are sure that one day, thanks to you, we will have a full realization for this. In this connection, I would like to mention an incident with our beloved Srila Prabhupada, whose instructions you strictly follow:

When Srila Prabhupada visited Sri Mayapur Dham, some of his spiritual brothers reproached him for not visiting Srila Bhaktisiddanta Saraswati's samadhi. To this, Srila Prabhupada replied with full confidence that his Guru Maharaj is always with him. This realization is the greatest gift for the disciple and it can only be achieved through the satisfaction of the Guru and Krishna through devotional service. And here comes the last story I want to tell:

Srila Prabhupada arrived at an airport in America. There were about two hundred brahmacharis waiting for him, who made a great kirtan. The sight was really impressive. And when the kirtan fell silent, Srila Prabhupada sang, "Samsara-davanala-lidha-loka..." All the devotees were very surprised, and when they later asked him about it, he replied, "I want my spiritual master Srila Bhaktisiddanta Saraswati to see this!"

Dear Srila Gurudev, we pray to you, who always wish the good of your students for this special mercy - to accept in the same way everything that happens with us, regardless of the fact that from a material point of view it may seem strange or difficult, regardless of whether you praise or rebuke, whether we are close to you or far away, to accept this as your special mercy, the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, the mercy of Krishna.

Your eternal servant,
Narada Muni dasa - Sri Mayapur Dham, India



Naradi devi dasi - You stand with me

My dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

In the morning I get up and go to darshan in the temple. Sri-Sri Panchatatva, Sri-Sri Radha-Madhava, as well as Sri Narasimhadev are so beautiful and I can't take my eyes off them, especially now, after the long separation during the lockdown. And then in my mind emerges one your, very poetic, thought: "When we beg for pure bhakti, that prayer is music to Krishna." Dear Gurudev, what else can I pray for at this moment, if you stand with me in this way?

Thank you for your presence at every step in my life, dear Srila Gurudeva!
Your eternal servant,
Naradi devi dasi - Sri Mayapur Dham, India





N. Nagraj - Best wishes

I have regularly followed His Grace Sankarshan das Adhikari since 2008 and am always inspired by his teachings on the mail while answering the questions from his devotees. I wish him good health and success in his world deliverance mission.

Thank you.
Bhakta N. Nagraj - Bangalore, India



Ojus P Raj - Srila Gurudev, you are my shepherd.

Hare Krishna.
All glories to Srila Prabhupad.
All Glories to Srila Gurudev

Please accept my humble obeisances Gurudev. On this Vyasa puja occasion, I thank Krishna and my eternal God brothers for their mercy to give me an opportunity to record my humble words. Being grown up in a competitive world where everyone is racing to succeed and outperform others, Bhagavad Gita As It Is helped me realize the truth of life, devotion and the Supreme Personality of Godhead. As a beginner many doubts haunted my meagre intelligence about the teachings in Gita too. But to my solace Srila Gurudev had always been by my side to clear the dirt of confusion. As a shepherd, Srila Gurudev would respond to my queries personally which motivates me to advance more in realization. May Krishna bless Srila Gurudevji with good health.

Bhakta Ojus - Thiruvananthapuram, India



Palika Devi Dasi - Praying to be humble and sincere

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale



śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Respected dear Srila Gurudeva,

Thank you very much for accepting and making me as your disciple even though I am bereft of any qualifications. You are teaching us by your own example; however, I am feeling very small to follow your lead, but by your Grace and Srimati Gurumataji's guidance I am honestly praying to be sincere in my humble attempt to follow and serve you. I pray to Krishna that I should see your Grace's mission getting successful in this lifetime. I also wish to personally attend the Vyasa Puja ceremony next year in Vrindavan. Thank you very much Srila Gurudev.

Your servant,

Palika Devi Dasi - Thiruvananthapuram, India



Pradeep Srinivasan Potty - Give me strength to become good disciple

Hare Krishna!

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Gurudev.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I got my first interaction with ISKCON, Mumbai - Juhu Temple around 16 years ago. But I did not know the goal of my life and was interested in earning money and marrying a beautiful woman in future, as I was trying to complete my graduation. After completing graduation, I tried to get my first job then came to know the competition in the job market and required additional skills. I acquired the required skills but failed in each job interviewed. Then I came to know that I had a big problem that is my disability i.e. cerebral palsy. Hence, was neglected from the majority of good opportunities that came by. Then I got frustrated and saw my dreams of earning money and others collapsing one by one.

Then I went to Dubai for a job with a company that recruited me from here. The salary was fine to survive but saw several deaths caused due to falling down from heights, diseases like fever then diagnosed to find it as final stage cancer left it for dying by the company; to save money for treatment (company contacted wife and daughter; they opted money over person who earned for them for more than 20





years), etc. and such several incidents happened in life which forced to think that we are not born for material gain on this earth. Then the thought came in mind of why I should run behind money and all other activities. So, I left my job in Dubai, came back to India and worked in small companies for survival. Finally got a job in India and got married in the same year as well.

Once I was returning from shopping, we (myself and wife) saw ISKCON All India Padayatra 2016 and took ISKCON Kochi Temple President mobile number from one of the devotees present there. This was my turning point in my life. I joined ISKCON Kochi and started to know in depth of Krishna and how merciful He is. We are not all worthy to worship Krishna but by grace of Vaishnav, we can have Krishna's mercy upon us. After ten months, starting from one round chanting to 16 rounds of Hare Krishna Mahamantra (currently 20 rounds per day) and following four regulative principles under the guidance of Vaishnavas. Got several satsangam and instruction from senior devotees and personally from Temple President HG Gopal Gaura Guru das. Then under Temple President's guidance completed the IDC course. Got Prabhupada-Ashraya on 13-Aug-2020. Then after completing the IDC course, the Temple President told me to select a Spiritual Master who will guide me for my spiritual path. Then thought seriously of a Diksha Guru. But then went through all Diksha-Gurus list but strangely found His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari name of whom I have already subscribed for "The Ultimate Self Realization Course" and who sends daily emails regarding Krishna Consciousness to me since 17-Feb-2019. I always depend on daily email from "The Ultimate Self Realization Course" and to my shock whatever mentioned on that mail was matching that current scenario every day until today. It assisted me in Krsna consciousness rather than the material world by pointing out the mistakes I do in my life on a daily basis. Then I contacted His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari via email aspiring for initiation, whether he will accept me as his disciple. The reply came yes. So, after completing the requisite procedure, I am willing to be a servant of His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari and try to follow His instructions for the whole life. Many miraculous things are happening on daily basis and can cite one example i.e. whenever thoughts get out of my control and unable to control senses, then a mail answering to it comes on same day and my whole body attains peace and feels someone instructs from beneath me, to follow Diksha and Shiksha Guru's instruction to move ahead in Krishna consciousness rather than stuck in this material world. Like this, I have numerous examples in my life which are changing me minutely and trying to become a good disciple of my aspiring diksha Guru His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari. I will always be indebted to you for first providing me your grace and guidance on a daily basis via "The Ultimate Self Realization Course". My only dream is to serve you and fulfill the mission of yours i.e. spreading Krsna consciousness everywhere as per your wish but not on my strength or willpower or any other thing, but by your grace only. I know that to follow diksha Guru's instruction is not easy but please give me that strength from you only, I will try to fulfill the instruction given to me at the time of initiation.

Please bear with me for writing a long content and also forgive me for any limits crossed or disrespect from my end, if any.

Dandavat Pranam

Your humble servant,
Bhakta Pradeep Potty - Kochi, India





Pramodh Acharya Jagannatha (Sri Vaishnavam) - Your daily emails are inspiring

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisance unto you.

While I am struggling with a lack of confidence and support your daily inspirational emails are here to rescue us. I appreciate your determination and consistency in providing daily emails. It shows us how desperate you are to bring fallen souls like us to the Goloka. I am quite amazed that even in your advanced age (70+) you are travelling around the world to satisfy your Guru's order. And last thing, all thanks to your disciples and well-wishers who are assisting you in this endeavor.

Dasanu Das,
Pramodh - Warangal, India



Radhakanth das Et.al - You lighten our life

Srila Gurudev,

Please accept our humble obeisance at your Lotus feet

All glories to Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

When we were wandering around with distress you showed us a path to come out. At the time of great pain your mercy and blessings help us to overcome. When darkness of fear covers us, you lighten our life with wonderful advice.

On this special occasion of Vyasa Puja, we sincerely pray to Sri Sri Krishna Balram to bless our Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji with good health for continuing Gurudev's mission of uplifting the fallen souls.

Holding on your Lotus feet,
your eternal servants,

Radhakanth das and Divyasakthi devi dasi - Thiruvananthapuram, India





Radharamana Kanta Devi Dasi - I got a chance to glorify...

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my respectful obeisances. Now I got a chance to glorify a pure disciple of Srila Prabhupada. But I am not qualified to express my feelings to Srila Gurudev. Many times, I feel Gurudev is a "Firefly" in the darkness of my spiritual path.

I am regularly attending Srimad Bhagavatam class on Start meeting. A pure devotee's life, Gurudev can teach all of us how we can serve our spiritual master.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to Srila Gurudev

Radharamana Kanta Devi Dasi - Thiruvananthapuram, India



Rangamaya Radharamana das - You deeply love Prabhupada

My dear Gurudev,

Please accept my respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet.



All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Guru Maharaja.

It is my deep honor and pleasure to glorify a pure devotee of His divine grace and please accept my humble message. Many times, it has come to my mind that your most prominent quality is your deep love for Srila Prabhupada and Lord Krishna and it is so pure. Dear Gurudev by the mercy of your disciples His Grace Hare Krishna prabhu and Her Grace Haripriya Mataji we got an opportunity to associate with you in the holy Dham of Vrindavan and you ask me to attend Mangala arti every day. Still I am trying my best to attend. Even though we are not qualified to chant Lord's name, and do lord's seva, with the mercy of your disciples we manage to do it. Having said this, you are such a pure hearted person, teaching Krishna's message to the whole world in terms of direct seva and Ultimate self-realization course. We also seek your blessing, so that we will not fall any time from Krishna consciousness. Thanks, Gurudev. Thank you very much for everything.

your insignificant servant,

Rangamaya Radharamana das - Trivandrum, India



Ravi Kolluru - You are unaffected by external circumstances

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmlītaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave 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.

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this 2020 Vyasa Puja day, I humbly beg and pray to Lord Sri Krishna that He may give you a long life with good health, happiness and fulfill all your desires.

This year has been so unprecedented due to Covid-19 pandemic. But your grace and Srimati Guru Mataji's enthusiasm for spreading Krishna consciousness through daily online classes uninterruptedly is phenomenal. This proves that great devotees such as your good selves are unaffected by external circumstances and are always ready to use whatever means available to spread the message of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and glorify Srila Prabhupada with every thought, word and action at all times, places and circumstances.



I look forward to taking shelter at your grace's lotus feet and qualify for initiation soon.

Your most insignificant servant,
Ravi Kolluru - Hyderabad, India



Rompy Ambika - Grateful to you

Radhe krishna,
All glories to Sri Radha Govinda,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Srila Gurudev.

*tam eva śharaṇaṁ gachchha sarva-bhāvena bhārata
tat-prasādāt parāṁ śhāntim sthānaṁ prāpsyasi śhāśhvataṁ
tad viddhi praṇipātena paripraśnena sevayā
upadekṣhyanti te jñānaṁ jñāninas tattva-darśinaḥ*

On this most auspicious occasion the appearance of your grace I offer my humble obeisances to my guru Shree Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

Thank you prabhuji for taking me as your student. I am very grateful to you and the godhead for giving me this opportunity to escape this misery of life and find my way back to godhead or we can say our actual home.

Whenever I find difficulty in life, I follow the instructions you have been giving. I am trying my best to surrender totally to LORD KRISHNA. I find your teachings as life changing factors. I am able to clarify all the doubts.

I am looking forward to our journey. I hope to learn from you much more and spread God's message to people in need, I will aim to become a sincere devotee.

Your servant,
Bhaktin Rompy Ambika - Hyderabad, India.



S. Balaji - Dedication to spreading Krishna consciousness.



Hare Krishna,
Please accept my humble respects.
All glories to our Gurudeva.
All glories to Sri Krishna

I am so blessed to study the writings of our Gurudeva. On the important day of the appearance of our Gurudev, I pray to Lord Krishna to remove all the obstacles in my spiritual path so that I can serve our Gurudeva much better in his world deliverance mission. Even though I am not qualified, I beg his mercy, so that I can become a pure devotee one day. I regularly read his daily "Thought for the day". Sometimes when I am bound by anger and other materialistic thoughts, reading his writings, pacifies my mind. His dedication to spreading the Krishna consciousness movement is an example, how much one should care about the fallen souls.

Haribol,

Bhakta S. Balaji - Kalpakkam, India.



Satish Kumar - Miracle in my life.

Hare Krishna Gurudeva!
Kindly accept my humble obeisances to you and to Gurumata.
All the glories to our Hare Krishna Sankirtan movement.

The first miracle was getting connected to ISKCON and Srila Prabhupada's school of thoughts coming through Gaudiya Vaishnava discipline in the form of his books. The second miracle in my spiritual life was getting your lotus feet due to my internet surfing habit with mundane things.

From the moment I had got connected to your Grace, I was so much blessed by Lord Sri Krishna to have support for a man who was drowning in the water. To share some of my troubles whichever shaken my heart was, when I had lost my dearest father, I was in no mood to live, also, when I was trouble with my wife and it was went to a stage of break up couple of times I had requested to give me permission to be away from my family life

I was frequently disturbed with finances due to loss of my job very often.

Your grace is very kind in taking care of me through your kindness. Once I had travelled almost 1000 kms to take darshan of your and Gurumata's lotus feet at Pune. Your kindness made me compile your thoughts that you have shared daily without caring about your health and in spite of your hectic travelling globally and this shows your dedication towards your spiritual master's words to save the fallen souls. We are so fortunate to have a spiritual master like you and Srila Prabhupada was also blessed to have a disciple like you who is struggling day and night without caring your age and health towards the noble cause of delivering the fallen souls towards our destination of Goloka Vrindavan.



Our real tribute to you, when we become a true devotee and become eligible for getting initiation from your golden hands. I pray to the Lord to give you better health and accessibility to us till we live.

Your aspiring disciple
Bhakta Satish Kumar - Pileru, India.



Shivani Krishna - Just because of your mercy.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev,
Please kindly accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet,
All Glories to your divine Grace and Srimati Gurumataji,
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

My dear Srila Gurudev,
Even though I am the most fallen soul in this material world, I got a great fortune just because of your mercy. My whole perspective on my life and this world completely changed.

Actually, it was due to the mercy of your lotus feet that I came to Krishna consciousness. It was because of your merciful glance towards the fallen souls, your limitless compassion and love for the miserably suffering souls like me that I was able to choose Krishna consciousness even though I am unqualified and so dull minded.

Before I was connected to your Grace, my whole life was very miserable filled with depression, anxieties, and contamination, no one cared about my inner self, they just to enjoy their own senses through me but no one gave selfless loving reciprocation to me, even though I tried to give my love to all. So due to this though I was feeling miserable every minute. I tried to get happiness like this or through some other ways but they all failed. In short, my life was as miserable as hog lives.

But your Grace's love is selfless, pure, and unmotivated one which attracted me so much and your Grace desires to make the whole world happy by spreading Krishna consciousness. This attracted me so much that I also aspire to be an eternal servant like your Grace who took the instructions of his spiritual master as his life and soul.

It is because of the causeless mercy of a pure devotee like your divine Grace, I am trying to understand the science to live a blissful life which is bonafide, practical, and tangible. So, from then, I am convinced that only your Grace can save me from this miserable life and put me back in my original nature. Until then I have no hope at all. I don't have and I don't want any other choice than your Grace's lotus feet and I will become perfect only if your Grace becomes my eternal father.

I want to live a life according to your Grace's instructions eternally, then only I can be really happy and blissful. Please bless me my dear Srila Gurudev.



Your ever-indebted aspiring servant
Bhaktin Shivani - Kurnool, India.



Shyamapriya devi dasi - Your causeless mercy keeps me alive

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śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
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*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

My dear most Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of your grace's lotus feet.

All glories unto your grace.

All glories to Srimati Gurumataji.

All glories to His divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

All glories, all glories to your grace's Sri Vyasa puja celebrations.

Srila Gurudev, I humbly offer my prayers and beg at your grace's lotus feet to kindly accept this tiny offering in the ocean of your endless glorification.

Dearest Srila Gurudev, this year has been different from any previous years and challenging due to the lockdown as a result of a viral pandemic. Personally, for me, I went through a rollercoaster of highs and lows during this time. In the beginning it was very tough not being able to understand this sudden change in my life where I could not associate with devotees or attend any temple programs. It's been six months, and I felt as if I have been imprisoned in a small space for some past misdeeds.

But Krishna's arrangement is so beautiful that despite this odd situation, I cannot stop repeating it again and again and again, that if at all I am still feeling sane and be able to write these offerings is only and only by the causeless mercy of your grace and Srimati Gurumataji, because of whom I am alive spiritually and physically as well. I feel very peaceful thinking who can be more fortunate than I in this entire creation to be able to hear my dear most spiritual master every single day. Instead, I should say my 'spiritual masters'—both your grace and Srimati Gurumataji.

Both your grace and Srimati Gurumataji have been continuously and consistently showering nectar on all of us, suffering in this miserable material world. I just want to freeze this 'magical' time and store in the



deepest region of the core of my heart and contemplate all of my eternity.

The secret of my survival during these toughest 6 months was that every single day, three times a day, I and other fortunate souls connecting online via start meeting would have both your graces' darshan. In India it would start by Srimati Gurumataji's enlivening, nurturing Bhagavad-Gita discussions, followed by sundar arati and Srila Prabhupada's super nectarean audio tapes that your grace would compassionately allow us to join while putting Sri Sri Radha Damodar to rest. Then in the afternoon (India) without fail your grace would again connect us via start meeting to allow us to join Mangal aarti (Austin time). Not even a single day of these 210 days or more was there a day when your grace has not opened your doors for us wretched souls to attend all programs from mangal aarti to sundar aarti. Just watching this discipline and regularity of my spiritual master, and something that I never had a chance to see for any other devotee in my life amazes me and deeply inspires me to follow in your grace's footsteps and achieve that consistency in my practice also with all devotion and sincerity, despite all kinds of challenges.

Only and only because of your causeless mercy and because of this routine has somehow kept me alive and preserved my sanity in one of the darkest times of my life. There were days when I had hit my lowest point and I would reach out to my smart phone and push Start meeting button and just by hearing your grace's voice or Srimati Gurumataji's voice I would feel a deep sense of calm and serenity and I would regain my strength back. I have no proper words to thank and describe your compassion for us Srila Gurudev. You have made yourself accessible to anyone on this planet who wants to walk towards Krishna.

Moreover, the festivals organized by Srimati Gurumataji, the beautiful decorations and wonderful Jhulan yatra festival, Janmashtami—Krishna book reading by Srila Gurudev were one of the highlights that are very close to my heart. Despite being confined to a tiny space, I didn't even feel I was missing out on any festivals this year. One of the best moments was Sri Sri Radha Damodar's Abhishek during Janmashtami. Never before had I got an opportunity to see Abhishek, although mercifully by your grace we had honored carnarita many times when in Vrindavan. My heart's desire is now fulfilled along with my desire to see Austin temple and the deities and the festivals. Never before, we have been flooded with the nectar of your association more than ever in my life. What more as a disciple can I ask for? I feel the most fortunate in all the universes.

Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji, I and many of my god siblings who have been joining classes online know that your life is transparent like an open book. Both of your graces have set an example for us to see and follow, how to practically utilize every single moment in Krishna's service. Fully absorbed in the mood of Srila Prabhupada, both Your Graces have actively demonstrated this aspect every single day. You are the living manifestations of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada's teachings and instructions.

Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji you both are the most compassionate and most personal with every disciple. All these days, every single day we received so much of personal care and association via live lectures and answering our many queries. Many may have turned to internet preaching during this lockdown time, but Srila Gurudev, your grace being a visionary, has started online classes way before all this, many years ago.

I humbly beg and pray at the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha Damodara that may we celebrate many, many, many more Vyasa puja celebrations in your grace's and Srimati Gurumataji's personal presence. I humbly



beg and pray from the core of my heart, falling at the lotus feet of Their Lordships to bestow the best of health and facilities to my spiritual master and mother so that many, many fallen souls like me could be saved from aimlessly wandering the universe and direct and guide them to go back home, back to Godhead, to Sri Krishna.

Begging and praying at your grace's lotus feet for your causeless mercy that may I eternally remain engaged as a menial servant in the dust of your lotus feet

Your insignificant servant,
Shyamapriya devi dasi - Sri Mayapur, India



Smitakrishna Das - Boundless mercy.

Dear Srila Gurudeva
Please accept my humble obeisances
All Glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumata
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine
namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

Wish you a very happy Vyasa Puja. Your grace Vyasa Puja celebration is a great opportunity for me to glorify your unlimited glories. Your mercy has no boundary given shelter to me the most fallen soul.

Your teachings makes me realize what is Krishna consciousness, why it is so important to be always Krishna conscious but I am failing, again and again, to do bhakti properly somehow by your grace blessings, arrangements I am getting an opportunity to get the association of devotees, with that association still my life is going on, I have full confidence that if I follow your grace's instruction then definitely I can make my life perfect by serving Sri Guru, Krishna, and Vaishnavas.

I beg at your lotus feet on this auspicious occasion I may develop an attachment to your divine instructions and make them my life.

Your unworthy servant
Smitakrishna das - Dharwad, India.





Srila Gurudev leading ecstatic kirtan.

Sripati Acyuta das - Everything about you inspires me

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Dandavat Pranam.

Please accept my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

I wait for this occasion every year to glorify thyself. Because, glorifying Lord's dear servants means, for us, upliftment from our position of material bondage and spiritual progress.

Everything about you inspires me personally to absorb more in the pure spiritual process guided by His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

- The way you were guided by HH Vishnujana Swami
- The way Srila Prabhupada accepted you as his disciple through his letter
- The way Srila Prabhupada motivated you to preach this way
- Your weapon of internet preaching to fight Maya and save the fallen souls
- Your pure & powerful messages which pierce the dark heart deep
- Your goal to spiritualize the entire world and spearhead the paradigm shift as guided by Srila Prabhupada
- Your efforts in leaving no stone unturned to preach widely including the music concerts, radio programs, etc.
- Your travelling preaching around the world to extend your kind association to sincere spiritual seekers

Everything about you is inspiring millions of fallen souls like me to understand the teachings of Srila



Prabhupada, take them to our heart and remain in that mood forever. It is not possible to thank enough for your contributions you have passed on to millions of souls like us.

We are indebted to you forever for always kindling our inspiration to stay Krishna conscious, in this world, where it is very easy to forget our original goal and go astray.

Always your servant,
Sripati Acyuta Das - Chennai, India



Srivatsa Das - You are bonafide spiritual master

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My dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet

All glories to you Srila Gurudev.

I am very thankful to you for making my life livable. I realize that you are ultimately self-realized spiritual master with the capacity to empower disciples to achieve the same at the same time you are so humble and approachable and very tolerant. You have all the qualities of a pure devotee (A bona-fide spiritual master). My only prayer is to be of some help to you.

Wishing you Vyasa Puja greetings.

Your servant,
Srivatsa Das - Aluva, India



Suvarnangi Radha Devi Dasi - Thank you from core of my heart

Hare Krishna Gurudev,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your Lotus feet.



I feel so happy and blessed to be able to write another Vyasa Puja homage to you. It is your kindness to allow me with this service of writing to you Gurudev. My Guru Maharaj always mentions that He is happy when his spiritual children take Shiksha from his Godbrothers. I have always taken instructions from your lectures and that has helped me immensely in building my faith towards Lord Krishna and Guru parampara. His Grace Hare Krishna Prabhu and Her Grace Haripriya Mataji who have been my spiritual mentors have also helped me a lot in my whatsoever spiritual development I have.

Thank you from the core of my heart for all your instructions and inspiration. Please bless me to remain in your shelter always.

Humbly in your service

Suvarnangi Radha Devi Dasi - Trivandrum, India



Tulasi Krishna Das - You are my only hope

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My dear Srila Gurudev
Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet
All glories to you & Srimati Gurumataji
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

This is my sincere and most honest attempt from your humble servant submitting my offerings to your grace on the most blessed occasion of your Vyas Puja ceremony.
If everything went as per plan, we would have celebrated the Vyas puja in Vrindavan this year. But I know ultimately it is Krishna's desire we have to accept and I am also completely aware whatever Krishna does it is the best. Physically I may not meet your grace but that is not stopping us to receive your blessings. Every day we were given an opportunity to listen to your grace through Bhagavatam class and are able to have darshans during Mangala arti.

This year has been very tough for me materially, but your grace and Gurumataji's instructions are something which made me pass smoothly. I always feel I am doing nothing for your mission Srila Gurudev, but still I beg at your lotus feet to kindly engage me wherever possible so that I can serve your mission. Still there is a lot to be learned from your grace and simply following the footsteps is what I need to practice and my perfection in Krishna Consciousness is guaranteed. Still I am committing many offenses at your lotus feet knowingly and unknowingly, but Srila Gurudev I am completely aware that you are my last hope in all circumstances and that is the reason I am not prepared to leave your lotus feet



under any circumstances.

Please keep me engaged somehow or other and provide me shelter at your lotus feet Srila Gurudev.

Your Insignificant Servant,
Tulasi Krishna Das - Kurnool, India



Venkatesan Srinivasan - Hare Krishna.

Hare Krishna

Bhakta Venkatesan - Hyderabad, India.



Vignesh - you are a great representative of Krishna

Hare Krishna dear Gurudev,

Dandavat pranam!

By Krishna's mercy, you have a moon-like luminous face and because you practice Krishna consciousness, you grow younger and younger as you age. Your ever-blissful smile shows your confidence in the authority of Krishna conscious literature. You are also strong physically, as you practice celibacy even in household life. You are regularly invited by interviewers which shows your influence on the hearts of the people in the world as well. As you have such transcendental qualities, I believe you are a great representative of Krishna. Please accept my humble obeisances. Please engage me in your service eternally.

Your servant,

Bhakta Vignesh Arumuga Chelvan - Chennai, India/Middle East



Vishnurata Das - Your association is uplifting

Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to your Grace
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

On this most auspicious day of your Vyas-puja, I pray at your lotus feet so that I am able to render pure devotional service. Your Grace has given me this nectar of Krishna consciousness. I am very indebted for the regular arti and Srimad Bhagavatam facility your Grace has provided. In my life I have never had association of such a personality as your Grace. Association with you uplifted my consciousness. In course of time I am realizing how the instructions you have given are true and sublime. In years to come I seek your blessings to be able to participate in your mission of doing preaching. I pray to Krishna for your good health. I am very dependent on your Grace to get inspiration to practice Krishna consciousness. I also pray at your lotus feet so that I can get taste for pure devotional service. Your instructions are very fragrant in all time, place and circumstances. Thank you for giving me a Krishna conscious life.

I look forward to being your servant.

Your servant,
Vishnurata Das - Sonpeth, India



Vraja Sevā Dāsa Et.al - Nurturing the pure devotional creeper

Hare Krishna dear Maharaj,
Please accept my most humble & respectful obeisances.
All glories unto you.
All glories to Sri Guru & Gauranga.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

It is my greatest fortune to write a Vyasa puja homage on this auspicious occasion.

I am really inspired by your Grace's online e-course, which is a source of inspiration for millions of souls like me towards pure devotional service, the rarest thing one can achieve in the entire cosmic manifestation. Your Grace's answers are always simple, logical and crystal clear with ready references from shastras which kills demon like doubts and uplifts one from ignorance. By regularly reading your thoughtful messages and hearing from your Grace, one can get perfectly convinced that Krishna consciousness is eternally blissful and instill the thought that why can't one take up Krishna consciousness seriously following your footsteps. Your Grace always mercifully emphasizes that pure devotional service is the ultimate solution to all problems. The dedication, determination, humility, enthusiasm, compassion, adhering to Srila Prabhupada's instructions as it is, makes any soul like me, to get attracted to your Grace as an inspiring role model. I am blessed to be in association of your caring and affectionate disciples who reflect the divine qualities of your Grace. I feel eternally indebted to your Grace & disciples.

May Lord Krishna bestow your Grace with good health & long life for making the whole world Krishna



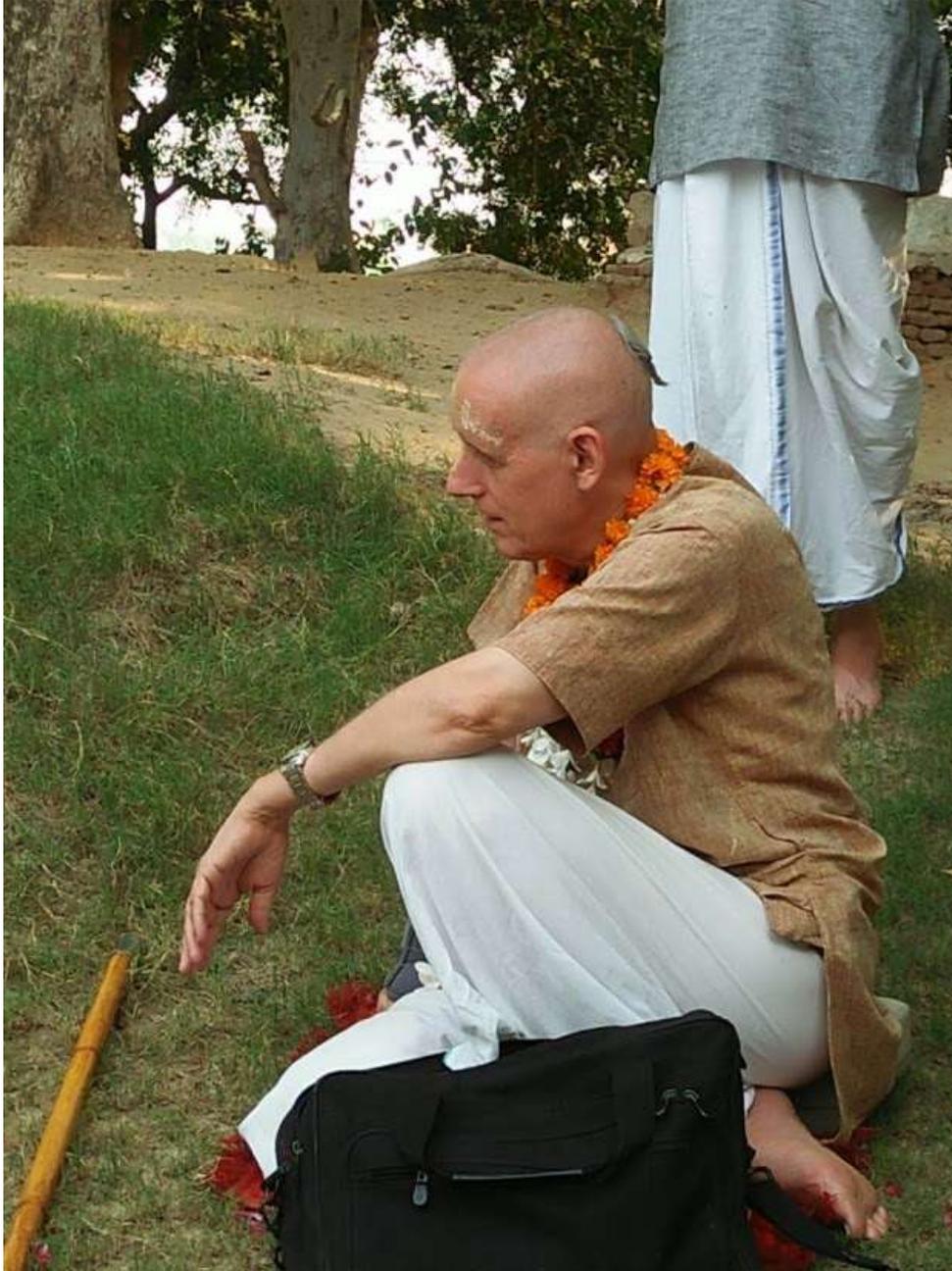


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conscious. On this special occasion of your Grace's appearance, I fall at your Grace's Lotus feet, to bless me with pure devotional service.

Your aspiring servants,

Vraja Sevā Dāsa and Manamohini Padmakshi Devi Dasi - Thiruvananthapuram, India



Srila Gurudev hearing Krishna Katha.





Europe

Adelina Turcu - I am eternally grateful for your daily online classes

Dear Gurudev and Gurumata,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

As another year goes by, I once again want to offer my love and devotion to your Grace and hope that you continue to have mercy upon me, a fallen soul in this Kali-yuga age. I am eternally grateful for your daily online classes which have been a breath of air and your constant determination to uplift, strengthen, and encourage us, your servants. I am far from the state where I can serve you the way a pure devotion should be served but strive for that day when I hope to be in that position. I want to be your servant and I am not giving up on that dream and desire. I know that by your mercy and by the mercy of Krishna that day will come. Thank you for your patience, and your un-flickering devotion to Srila Prabhupada and Sri Krishna.

Your servant,
Bhaktin Adelina - Timisoara, Romania



Achintyalila Devi Dasi - Fighting bravely with Maya.

Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for faithfully carrying out the mission of Prabhupada, awakening the sleeping Krishna consciousness of the people, fighting bravely with the Maya, not allowing her to snatch us. You have brought faith, hope, and love into my life. I had heard those words. And thanks to you, I was able to hear, see, and even taste faith, hope, and love. I wish you the grace of Krishna, good health, and a huge amount of strength. We really need you.

Your eternal servant,
Acintyalila Devi Dasi - Klaipėda, Lithuania



Amalatma das - You are my best well-wisher

Hare Krishna, dear Gurudev and Gurumataji!

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to you and Gurumata!

*śrī-guru-caraṇa-padma, kevala-bhakti-sadma,
bando mui sāvadhāna mate
jāhāra prasāde bhāi, e bhava toriyā jāi,
kṛṣṇa-prāpti hoy jāhā ha'te*

Many many lives I was a sincere follower of my mind. And now because of your mercy, I have a choice. A choice which leads to pure bhakti, pure love for Krishna. The only price for that is to accept your guidance with all my heart. And by rendering service to your lotus feet I can see that you are my best well-wisher. It is hard to understand pure devotee and sometimes it seems not an easy task to follow your words, but I can assure, if we follow, then one can taste something beyond one's material understanding, other reality. One can feel true shelter and a loving hand. It seems your only wish is to help others become more, more and more Krishna conscious. Like Lord Jagannath Himself, you have a giving mood, you giving, giving, and giving: shelter, inspiration, and love.

It is my greatest success to participate in this Krishna consciousness mission and I am forever indebted to you for letting me in. I wish that Lord Gauranga's movement would make the greatest paradigm shift in all history as fast as possible, even faster.

Please, let me offer my humble obeisances to your lotus feet again and again.

Your insignificant servant,

Amalatma das - New Govardhan ashram, Lithuania



Srila Gurudev's Lotus Feet.





Ambika devi dasi - You are a real person Bhagavatam

Hare Krishna, dear Gurudev!
Please accept my humble obeisances!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!
All glories to you and Srimati Gurumataji!

Thank you very much for all your blessings during the past year!

I find it very hard to find words to tell you how grateful I am for every moment that I can serve you, and for every teaching, I get from you. I will carry them within my heart forever.

Even harder it is to find words to describe your glories because it is eternity and absolutely everything. It is more than the universe or all the universes. It is inconceivable and completely transcendental. I may never be able to reach even a tiny spark of your glory and I may never be able to reach even 1% of your devotion, but I am the most fortunate that I have this unique opportunity to serve you, my dear spiritual master, and to follow in your footsteps as my life and soul.

I pray and beg for pure love and sincerity to be able to always do my best for you and to serve you despite all my faults. I pray for enough intelligence because I know that this material existence will never satisfy you, dear Gurudev.

I love you, my spiritual father. You are such a great soul who is here to help others and to deliver the world from all this suffering. I believe that you are a real person Bhagavatam and a wise man who does not take part in the sources of misery.

Alone I am completely unintelligent and I don't have eyes to see or brains to realize, but when I ask from you and you instruct me it is as it is and there are no questions about it. We do not negotiate. Then my spiritual life is the most secure. I believe there is no other way.

Thank you so much, dear Gurudev!
I am your servant forever,

Ambika devi dasi - Pieksämäki, Finland



Arindama das - You just serve your beloved spiritual master

Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

When you come here to Lithuania, my desire to get spiritual knowledge always increasing and my material attachments become insignificant. I cannot imagine how difficult is to travel all around the world and preach to everyone in any circumstances. But you dedicated your all life to awaken every living being Krishna consciousness and you deserved to be glorified because you are one of few people on this



planet, who gives all his heart to save fallen souls of this world. By practicing Krishna consciousness, I face many obstacles. Sometimes it's hard to fight with Maya because sometimes I have no enthusiasm to go to the temple, to do some service, or to do anything, but I do believe that your love and devotion is stronger than Maya, so by your unlimited mercy, I think I can pass these difficulties. So that means, although I am in a fallen position, I still have hope. I want to feel your presents every day, because you inspire me so much, and because of you, to render service to Krishna and to devotees becomes so much easier.

You just serve your beloved spiritual master Srila Prabhupada and when he was in this material world, he was a perfect Vaishnava. So, if I follow you and Srila Prabhupada I will have a chance also to become perfect somehow and someday. I wish I have the strength to follow your orders because it is very important if one wants to become Krishna conscious.

With all my heart I pray that Krishna would give you the best health to carry on your wonderful mission and I am very honored to be your disciple.

Your servant,
Arindama das - Kaunas, Lithuania



Arnoldas - Thank you very much for being for us

Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my sincere obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada and his faithful followers.

Despite the fact that I do not have bhakti, nor have I developed taste for the holy name or serving the Vaishnavas, I still would like to glorify your lotus feet and create the revolution in the minds of such rascals and insignificant insects as me. For the last ten years, I have been wondering for gurus, sadhus, and sastras to take advice from and you were and hopefully will be in the future who attracted my attention. I am losing faith in everything, but I still believe in a man like you who dedicated his life to the service of others and Lord Krishna. How much miserable this material life is, how much I would like to escape from it – my desire is one – I don't want to forget Krishna in any case. It's hard living in this material world surrounded by atheists and agnostic people, but because of pure souls like you – we still have little faith that miracles could happen and that Krishna and His beloved souls are merciful even for the most fallen. With your sincere service and unalloyed devotional service, I am inspired to continue, every day little by little, with small progress or sometimes no progress at all. But thank you very much for being for us and all your inspiring and encouraging words.

your eternal servant
Arnoldas - Kaunas, Lithuania





Bal Govinda das - Thanks to your blessings and grace

My dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I am very grateful for the unreasonable grace you have given me to practice Krishna consciousness. Only by your grace do I have the strength to get up every morning, to chant Japa, to read Srila Prabhupada's books, and as much as I can try to preach. Thanks to your blessings and grace, I hope that this taste of service will never disappear, but only intensify.

All glories to your Vyasa Puja!
I humbly bow to your Lotus Feet.

Forever your servant
Bal Govinda das - Utena, Lithuania



Damayanti devi dasi - You have helped me in the most important moments of life

Hare Krishna dear Srila Gurudev!
Please accept my humble obeisances!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada, your Grace and Srimati Gurumataji!

Every year more and more I am seeing and experiencing your unlimited mercy. The way you, Srila Gurudev clearly see life with the eyes of scripture and with deep understanding in your heart about what is right and what is wrong. I always trust in you, Srila Gurudev, and never wanted to leave your shelter. You have helped me in the most important moments of life. And I see you have been always right. Last Kartik you made my marriage arrangement in Vrindavan Dharma. Which was one of your unlimited mercy examples. Srila Gurudev, you and Gurumataji, are taking care of your disciples as parents and much more. That's incredible! That's something that is very unusual, rare, and very much special in the modern-day world, where so many biological parents are rejecting their children. You are taking the responsibility and care about hundreds of God's children, your disciples. you are always there, you never reject. The whole world is in desperate need of such leaders like you. Who will never cheat, but will act in the interest and the benefit of others? Thank you so much!

I wish you, Srila Gurudev, and Gurumataji good health so you can continue this very much important service.

Your insignificant servant,





Damayanti devi dasi - Kaunas, Lithuania



Dasarath das - Without your guidance, we are lost.

Dear Srila Gurudev,
All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada,
All Glories to you and Gurumataji,
Please accept our humble obeisances,

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari.
He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Dear Srila Gurudev,

You are the only way for us, fallen conditioned souls, to get out of this miserable place, this material world.

Please keep us guiding so that we can find the way back home, back to Godhead.

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

I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge.
I offer my respectful obeisances unto Him.

Dear Srila Gurudev,

For this most auspicious day we want to show our gratitude to you for having us accepted as your disciples, already 13 years ago and in the most auspicious place we could imagine: in the Radha Rasabihari temple in Mumbai.

It was the best decision we could ever make. For this most auspicious day of your appearance, we tried to write an offering to you. Please, dear Srila Gurudev, we are begging you to accept this small offering. Factually the only thing we can offer you is trying to follow your instructions and paying our humble obeisances to you and Gurumataji. By listening as much as possible to your lectures, we can stay



motivated to continue to follow in your footsteps. You are always so steady and enthusiastic, straight forwards, and following Srila Prabhupada so strictly. You are such a great inspiring example for us. Without your guidance, we are lost. Hoping from the core of heart that you and Gurumata can still stay for another long time amongst us.

Your unworthy servants,
Dasarath das, Mandakini devi dasi – Radhadesh, Belgium



Dhanishta devi dasi - I hope to serve your lotus feet

Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

I congratulate you on your birthday, I wish you good health, a long life, to be with us for a long time and to teach us, to chastise and love, I hope to serve your lotus feet for a long time.

My humble obeisances
Hare Krishna,
Dhanishta devi dasi – Rokiškis, Lithuania



Doloresa - Thank you for your mercy

Hare Krishna!
Please accept my humble obeisances!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Srila Gurudev, please accept my sincere congratulations on your Vyasa Puja!
Thank you for your mercy, shelter, and happiness in Krishna consciousness!

Bhakta Doloresa – Kaunas, Lithuania





Dvijamani Gaura dasa - You teach pure devotional service

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet on this most auspicious occasion.

*nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

All glories to your Grace.
All glories to Srimati Gurumataji.
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Even one moment with a real sadhu leads one to perfection.
In the beginning, I had book knowledge but was in need of correction.

I knew that the Truth can be found in Bhagavad-Gita
Yet I couldn't find the example of a genuine seer.

My material desires were relentlessly persistent
But your presence rejuvenated my very existence.

I breathed in the fresh Spring of your love for Prabhupada.
With glee in your voice, you were singing as an instrument of God.

Although sober and reserved, you give full feeling and emotion –
In every arati performance, every harmonious adornment, and in every darshan of Their Lordships.

The delights of a spotless mind dance playfully in your glances.
As you deliver the words of the Acharya, your gravity evokes knowledge and detachment.

The most amazing thing is that you are constantly in a mood of serving –
Protected at every step by Krishna's internal energy.

You speak and act in a manner most enlightening,
inviting us to Vrindavan – the frame of mind you are residing in.

You teach pure devotional service and pure devotion alone.
This is your kindness, your mercy. You give what Srila Prabhupada came to bestow.

I accept from you discipline, learning how to keep patient and centered.
your Grace lifts my vision, helping me aim for the place I am meant for.

I suffer due to doubts, and the crooked ways in which I've been bent.
But when I meditate on your example, I am reassured this nightmare will end.





You are my eternal master, and I am your servant.
Please purify me, administer the medicine, that I too may carry love's burden.

your low and menial servant,
Dvijamani Gaura dasa Kaunas, Lithuania



Srila Gurudev leading Jay Radha Madhava

Ekayani devi dasi - I am dedicating to you everything

Hare Krishna Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances under your lotus feet,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Gurudev, I cannot discover a word that I could use to express gratitude and respect for your love and assistance to a lost soul like me, life after life wandering for the body in the planets of the material world. Through your dedication, mercy, and grace, I learned to become a human, to revive the first-initial relationship with Lord Sri Krishna, to restore the skills of devotional service to the Supreme Personality of Godhead. The enormous efforts of Gurumata and you, Gurudeva will work, everything is happy in any circumstances of life, always thinking, deciding, about the Lord, and never forgetting Him. I am eternally grateful for all the gifts you kindly gave to me --- and it will only be increased!!!
Dear spiritual master, I will continue to make my efforts to serve the lord so that this life is my last one. Therefore, I am dedicating to you everything because you dedicated your life to us.

Your servant
Ekayani devi dasi - Kaunas, Lithuania.



Hemamukhi devi dasi - You are always craving to glorify Radha and Krishna

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gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to you!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

This year is very unusual and maybe even it's the year of big changes. Because of the worldwide pandemic devotees are also divided by the borders of countries, states, and cities. Unfortunately, we have to celebrate Vyasa Puja of your Grace also distantly. From one hand, it is our great misfortune that we cannot be in the association of our spiritual master and his followers on this most auspicious day. On the other hand, these circumstances help us to become more serious in our own spiritual practice and develop relationships in separation. When I contemplate on your Grace, I recall how sometimes you chant the Holy Names, sometimes dance in ecstasy and sometimes play musical instruments. Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu's sankirtana movement is truly the source of enduring joy for your Grace. I recall how you are always engaged in the worship of Sri Sri Radha Damodara in the temple and how you mercifully show Your disciples how to worship the deities. Also, I recall, how you with Gurumataji teach us how to cook for Guru and Krishna with love and devotion tasty preparations. You are always craving to glorify Radha and Krishna in your Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad-Gita lectures and in your everyday messages.

In this way, you are the person about whom Narottam Das Thakurs' "Sri Sri Gurvastakam" prayers are composed. I offer my most humble obeisances to you.

On Srila Prabhupada's Vyasa Puja I wondered if I could meet Srila Prabhupada in person one day. But who am I? But you are his dear son. You have fully dedicated your life to him. And I want to dedicate my life to you so that you could take me with you to the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada.

I cannot fully realize how much grateful to Lord Sri Krishna should I be, that He allowed me to meet you and Srimati Gurumataji in my life. I had no chance but to rot here in the material world in absolute misery. But you have saved me, by giving me your hand in the form of divine instructions. You are my spiritual strength and inspiration.

Thank you, that even in separation, I can feel your support.
Please let me always stay at your lotus feet.

Your eternal servant,
Hemamukhi devi dasi – Kaliningrad, Russia



Hristina Kancheva - Thank you for charging me with love for Krishna

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Please accept my respectful obeisances.

I soon signed up to get a thought of the day. By the mercy of Krishna, your disciple introduced me to you and your site. It's so inspiring! I remember how I received the first emails with what love and devotion they were written and when they greeted me! I still remember the first thought of the day and the question! Through you, Maharaj, Krishna gave me training on my subject, reverence! Thank you for the mercy you have for us and training us and bestowing this knowledge! Thanks for the exact short answers mentioned to me! Thank you for charging me with love for Krishna in the morning! Thank you, Maharaj, for being my internet guru!

Hare Krishna, Maharaj!

Bhaktin Hristina Kancheva – Sliven, Bulgaria



Ikshvaku Das - Glories of a pure devotee are unlimited

Dear Srila Gurudeva, please accept my humble obeisances in your lotus feet on the occasion of your Vyasa puja.

What can I say!

You are very poetic. Devotees are very poetic and they have written so many wonderful glorifications of the Spiritual master.

On the other hand, I cannot complain that I have not advanced. Due to yours, devotee's and Krishna's mercy, I remember who I was before I met the devotees and Krishna. A long way is covered since then. How it was possible I cannot imagine; only it turns out that obviously there is so much more to go until home.

Thank you for your love. My case seems hopeless, but you say it is not and this difference is bewildering. I know that whatever I say glorifying you is simply not enough because the glories of a pure devotee are unlimited.

What to talk about the most beautiful life moments spent in serving you, Vaishnavas, and Krishna. I somehow know they are the best moments, but don't want to talk about them because I cannot describe them properly. I keep forgetting them and by divine mercy, I was allowed to share such moments with you and other devotees. But in my case, they are also not pure, because I'm not pure and my participation in them was mixed with the sand of my impurity. Nonetheless even for a person like me, by your mercy, they were possible. How to make them permanently possible - is the question. It's like Bhagavad Gita; the biggest secret, yet it's an open secret. Devotees are always eager to reveal it to us but because we are stupid, we run from them; so, it remains a secret. Several times I have experienced that those moments are not forgotten, but they are kept, because they are precious. And sometimes the veil of bewilderment lifts for a second and we realize that the moment is there, part of never dying reality of devotional service but it's hidden; because even if we are allowed to be there - we are not still pure enough to be in contact permanently. It is just for a moment, a glimpse is given, like an advertisement.



And my Vyasa Puja offering, it is not good, just empty words but I must say at least something. I am tired of this fight with the only enemy, my own unbridled and uncontrolled mind. I am bewildered and don't know what to do with my life and how to become a proper servant of your Grace. I fear that I will fail to reach home and live with you and devotees. All this trouble trying to conquer, step by step, this stupid mind and do this and do that but I know you will say that there is no way around it. Even the imperfect way I have done it is so much more fun than anything materialism has to offer. I especially like when you say that instead of playing football our business is to play football with the demons, the ball being planet Earth.

But by your mercy after each step after each mistake, you help me realize how to correct. After I pass it, it shrinks down to an amount of water in the hoofprint of a calf, as you and other spiritual masters in Sri Guru Parampara have promised. But of course, I may be saying what was covered already but the risk ever remains and fear ever remains - fear of failure - traversing the sharp blade.

I know you; devotees and Krishna don't give up on anyone.

I know you want to save the world.

And I very much like how much you love the devotees and Srila Prabhupada.

And I understand that nothing else matters except those moments that devotees gather to serve Spiritual master and Krishna. The problem is just like in that story, that Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati tells, about when one throws a rope to save someone else who has fallen in a deep well, and the person in the well says, "Please help me take hold of the rope". So Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati concludes - How is it possible? I don't quite understand how to take hold of the rope.

And as you say, this mixed, watered down with sense gratification form of bhakti is useless.

I know you want to give Krishna to everyone because it is the ultimate adventure.

What is impossible for a pure devotee? For non-devotees it seems that his tasks are impossible but for him, they are very easy tasks, just as a matter of his amazingly wonderful association with Krishna and other devotees; the only matter being, devising different means to implant Krishna Consciousness in the dull brains of the materialists, out of compassion.

A pure devotee is very compassionate because he sees the truth.

Your servant

Ikshvaku das - Sofia, Bulgaria



Indulekha devi dasi - You have such a strong love for Krishna

My dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to you and Gurumataji.

This year I felt very much that there is a lack of your visits to Lithuania. These meetings gave us spiritual strength and energized us until your next visit. But the Guru lives in my heart, one just has to think, read the letter and pick up the book. And only by your grace and the grace of Guru Mata can I try to chant the



holy names. You have such a strong love for Krishna. Please accept my attempts and make them more perfect.

Thank you for the spiritual strength that you have and are transmitted, thanks to which we have the determination to continue on the path to God. The day of the appearance of the Spiritual Master is the most intimate and most important day in my life. On this day, I ask special mercy for my family, my spiritual brothers and sisters, necessary for spiritual life.

Your eternal servant,
Indulekha Devi dasi – Šiauliai, Lithuania



Irina Krasikova - I very much want to serve you with special devotion and love

Hare Krishna, my dear master!
Please accept my lowest obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!!

I would like to greet you with your appearance day from the very bottom of my heart. Wholeheartedly I am grateful to the Lord, that He allowed me, fallen and unworthy soul, to meet you. This is only possible by His mercy. You have given me the hope that I can attain love for Krishna, bowing down to your lotus feet. Only you give me hope, that my cold heart can be melted by your love for Krishna and to your disciples.

The idea "to make everyone happy and bring everybody to Krishna consciousness" finds a big response in my heart. And my desire to serve you becomes stronger. Maybe I cannot nicely speak, but I very much want to serve you with special devotion and love.

Every morning I bring garland to your and Gurumata's lotus feet and beg Krishna for mercy to give you good health and that your wish to meet Krishna will be fulfilled in the most auspicious way.

Dear Gurudev, please take care of yourself and let there always be joy in your heart for your disciples, for their devotional service to you in the service to the Lord.

Hare Krishna.
With love and devotion
your servant and aspiring disciple,
Bhaktin Irina Krasikova – Kaliningrad, Russia



Isvara Parama Das - Such surrender of yours to spiritual master is exemplary

Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

It is a great fortune to know a man like you. How else would one have an idea of proper life? Such surrender of yours to the spiritual master is exemplary. Your dedication also in awakening drifting souls prove noble. May your efforts be glorified both in words and success, for you know the truth.

Your servant,
Isvara Parama Das – Tartu, Estonia



Jacky Willaert - May you be the shining moon.

Dear Srila Gurudev,

All glories to the devotees of Radha Gopinath,
All glories to the Sankirtan movement,

May you be the shining moon that helps the world.
May you always be very sincere and enthusiastic and very much anxious about spreading this movement!
Thank you for your eternal effort in awakening the people!
Thank you for your Thought of the Day and using this way in the service of Krishna for helping me,
keeping me steady and daily encouraging !

Hare Krishna
Bhaktin Jacky Willaert - Oostende, Belgium



Jagadisvara das – Thank you for your kind attention to this fallen insignificant soul

Dear Srila Gurudev, please accept my obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, all glories to you and Srimati Gurumata.
Recently I heard something that is stuck in my heart. It was my Godbrother that told that we have to feel our Spiritual Master's presence in a heart 24 hours a day. That is perfection. My memory started working and I remembered occasions when my mind was absorbed deep in service for you. Due to your presence



that was possible to do often. And I can tell it brings all the perfection desired in life. It fulfills all the desires because in this way Lord Krishna is pleased.

*ye me bhakta-janah partha
na me bhaktas ca te janah
mad-bhaktanam ca ye bhaktas
te me bhakta-tama matah*

Lord Krishna told Arjuna, 'Those who are My direct devotees are actually not My devotees, but those who are the devotees of My servant are factually My devotees.

Now when I render temple service, I always look for your presence in my heart. Meditating on your divine words and lessons I have received so far. Thank you for your kind attention to this fallen insignificant soul. With a heart full of gratitude,
Begging to be accepted as your servant,

Jagadishvar das – Kaunas, Lithuania



Jivanmukta Das Et al. - Your daily 'Thought of the day' inspires us

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Dear beloved Srila Gurudev, on this most auspicious day of your Vyas puja celebration, we take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the knowledge imparted to us over the years which has taken us out of this darkness of ignorance. Your daily 'thought of the day' inspires us and reminds us of who we are and our eternal relationship with Lord Krishna. In December 2010 we both signed up for your e-course and over the years you have imparted so much knowledge and instructions, but one of the most important instructions from the e-course that we have learned is - You need a Guru. We have taken this instruction to heart and last year you mercifully accepted us as your disciples. Srila Gurudev, we are very much attracted to your strictness in following the instructions of His Divine Grace A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. We pray to Lord Krishna and your lotus feet when will that day be ours when we will also very strictly follow your general and specific instruction to us.



We, in our limited capacity, pray to Lord Krishna, that he gives you all the strengths, very good health, and long life to spread His message all over the world and deliver the poor fallen souls like ourselves. We hope and pray that we can be a small insignificant instrument to help you carry out your mission of spreading Krishna Consciousness all over the world.

Your servants,
Jivan Mukta Das, Manjulali Devi Dasi – London, UK



John brown - You mean a lot to me

Hare Krishna your Grace, you mean a lot to me.

Hare Krishna

Bhakta John brown - Bergeron Dudley, UK



Kunda Lata Devi Dasi - I am immensely grateful to you

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Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to You and Guru Mata

Dear Srila Gurudev,

I remember when I saw you for the first time. It was my first Vaishnava festival. you entered the altar room, I bowed down to you and realized I wanted to become your disciple. I went to your lecture on the same day. Unfortunately, I didn't understand a single word due to my poor English; however, in my heart I felt that you were my spiritual master. From that day, I started to meditate on you strongly. During your next visit to Lithuania, I received a pranama mantra. It was the happiest day of my life... Of course, I did not have any qualifications to be your disciple then, and nor do I have it now. But I am immensely grateful



to you for giving me the shelter of your lotus feet. You and Guru Mataji are the best team. I bow to both of you and hope to become qualified to serve you as a true disciple someday. Thank you for your love. Hare Krishna.

Your worthless servant,
Kunda Lata Devi Dasi – Kaunas, Lithuania



Lila-shuka Das - Captain of my ship.

Dear Srila Gurudeva!
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada!

I am very fortunate to be one of your initiated disciples. Thank you very much for being a bona fide representative of our Supreme Lord Sri Krishna and the disciplic succession, especially of Srila Prabhupada. I was one of the very fortunate living entities who met you by the will of providence and accepted you as the captain of the ship as it is said in the Caitanya Caritamrita and in the Srimad Bhagavatam.

I was lost in the material energy but by Krishna's grace, He sent you to give me Krishna. I am definitely a big fool for not taking full advantage of Krishna's mercy in the form of a spiritual master. But I have great hope that by being sincere and serious I can become able to beg for mercy and become fully eligible for successfully utilizing this most fortunate opportunity of receiving spiritual master's and Krishna's full mercy for awakening full love for Krishna and thereby also end the repetition of birth and death. Therefore, successfully finishing running this marathon of life.

Now is the month of Kartika and I do my very level best from my side of all that I can sincerely and seriously do with my strength and intelligence in devotional service and at the same time depend on the great mercy of Krishna and Guru.

Thank you very much for always showing a great example of good Vaishnava behavior and of good preaching of Krishna consciousness to devotees and others alike. Anyone, by following in your footsteps can overcome this material nature and reach Krishna's eternal abode.

My main desire is to carry out Lord Caitanya's and your mission with full bhakti, especially in regards to preaching in this world.

Please be ongoingly merciful to me and give me the shade of your lotus feet.

Your eternal servant,
Lila-shuka Das - Tallinn, Estonia.





Madan Mohan das - Now I have a real hope

Dear Srila Gurudev

Please accept my humble obeisances

On this most wonderful day of your Vyasa Puja, I would like thank you from the bottom of my heart Srila Gurudev. Only by your mercy alone, I have a chance to go back home back to Godhead and I am the most fortunate person to finally understand that, which is also only by your mercy Srila Gurudev. Even though now I know how to reach the goal of my life I still feel that I am very far away from that. Very far away from becoming your true servant. But now I have real hope. And that hope Srila Gurudev are your lotus feet. I promise Srila Gurudev that I am doing everything I can to become as soon as possible a soul fully surrendered to you.

Your servant,

Madan Mohan das - Kaunas, Lithuania



Nandarani Devi Dasi – Thank you for all the mercy you have given me

Dear Guru Maharaj, I bow down at your feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Through you, his mercy flows.

Your birthday is another opportunity to thank you for all the mercy you have given me. I wish you and your wife good health.

Please bless me so I could realize myself as a soul; to learn how see others as a soul and love them.

Srila Gurudev Vyasa puja Ki – Jai!

Srila Prabhupada Ki – Jai!

Pushpanjali...

Obeisances.

Nandarani devi dasi – Kaunas, Lithuania





Nitai Candra das – Very much indebted to you.

Dear Srila Gurudev

Please accept my humble obisances

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to You

I was very fortunate to meet you very early in my spiritual life, although that time the devotees in Bulgaria had many difficulties. You were visiting and helping here in so many ways. You were very kind, sweet, learned, humble, pure, very enthusiastic and dedicated to Krishna. One year later you mercifully accepted me as your disciple

I feel that I am very much indebted to you, because without your help I am completely lost and not able to continue to render devotional service. With all preaching and farm activities we simply try to please you although we are not very qualified

Thank you very much for all the help, love, guidance, mercy, personal care, for the wonderful classes and kirtans, for the first class example and sadhana which you follow every day, for all wonderful moments which I had with you, for all your wonderful disciples and special thanks HG Srimati Gurumataji ,she is always engaged in service to Krishna to you and to all of us

Your eternal servant

Nitai Candra das – Bulgaria.



Pritha devi dasi - You are so firm in Guru-nistha

My dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your Grace. The most auspicious day of your appearance day, has come and this year it is bittersweet as we cannot be in your physical presence. I am so grateful that you have used the internet in such a wonderful way and the nectar of your words are so readily available to those who seek them.

I am learning the value of the jewels in the form of your sutra-like instructions and that is how we are connected; through your divine vani. You are so firm in guru-nistha and have a blissful mood inspired by Visnujana Swami of getting everyone to “give their love to Krsna”. You personally strictly follow the regulative principles and just by seeing your example I have full faith in the process of Krsna Consciousness. You captured my heart simply by your full dedication to Srila Prabhupada. You have saved our lives and opened the door to the spiritual world. Seeing your purity and astounding



endeavors and one-pointed determination, Krsna empowered you to propagate Krsna consciousness all over the world.

Whenever I think of you, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. You have been innovative in sharing Krsna Consciousness years before these pandemic times. Your Thought of the Day, Ultimate Self Realization Course, live internet lectures, beautiful songs touch thousands of people around the world and every activity of yours strengthens our faith and conviction in Srila Prabhupada and his ISKCON.

Srila Gurudev your humility, kindness, authority, gravity, and wisdom along with your effulgent and infectious smile inspire us to grow and be better. Thank you for saving me from a mediocre life of temporary sense gratification and introducing me to the bliss of bringing others to Krsna consciousness. I pray to overcome my shortcomings and dedicate my every thought, word, and deed for your service.

Your eternal servant,

Pritha devi dasi - Loughborough, UK



Srila Gurudev reading from Srila Prabhupada's books

Radharaman das - I wish you every success in this missionary service

Hare Krishna dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances,
All glory to Guru parampara.

Dear Srila Gurudev, on this solemn occasion, I want to wish inexhaustible spiritual strength in carrying this important message to hungry humanity. You are reminding of their promise to God. You teach how to restore the relationship between a servant and the Lord. I got lucky and got in contact with you! I wish you every success in this missionary service for the benefit of all mankind,

Your humble disciple,
Radharaman das - Lithuania, Europe





Ram Vijaya Das - I am very happy that I met you in my life

Hare Krishna dear Srila Gurudev!
Please accept my obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada and your lotus feet!

I am very happy that I met you in my life and that you accepted me as your disciple. Thank you for your blessings and good heart. I am thankful to you and Gurumataji for your love and wisdom which you share. I am thankful for the wonderful wife Damayanti Devi Dasi. I am very much inspired by your lectures, enthusiasm, for your visits to Lithuania, and ecstatic kirtans. My congratulations on the Vyasa Puja celebration, I wish you good health and I am waiting when you will come to Lithuania.

Your servant
Ram Vijaya das - Kaunas, Lithuania



Rolanas - you are the most grateful person I ever met

Dear Master,
You are the most grateful person I ever met. Thank God who gave me this opportunity to be enrolled in your course. This is the most powerful mission ever entrusted to us, we can be a part of it. Please stay with us whatever happens until we all are able to hear and see Krishna in the way you teach us.

All glories to you and Srila Prabhupada,
Your most fallen and blind servant,
Bhakta Rolanas - Heidelberg, Germany



Rupanuga Das - You are constantly diving yourself into Krishna consciousness

Hare Krishna,
My dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances.



All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

As your Vyasapuja approaches, there is excitement and upliftment. Your instructions are straightforward and clear to us, but the "friend mind" tries to distort them and as a result we oppose, argue, ignore ... It is so stupid. Although already many years passed, but we behave like young children. But you do not give in to the influence of Maya and do not allow yourself to be identified with fake things. You are constantly diving yourself into Krishna consciousness. The recent online connection with you was like rain after a long drought and lightning burning unnecessary anarthas. After such an event, one realizes how great it is to associate with the devotees of Krishna. You are a window through which the Spiritual world is knocking and inviting us. I am very grateful for your continued service to Krishna and Srila Prabhupada in rescuing people like us.

Thank you,
Your servant
Rupanuga das - Vilnius, Lithuania



Saranagata devi dasi - You set the example of devotion to Sri Guru

My Dear Gurudev,
Please accept my respectful and humble obeisances.
All glories to you.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
First of all, I am very fortunate you entered my life and heart. Thank you for your austere and sacrificial life. Your mood is filled with genuine compassion and love. You strongly desire to facilitate Lord Caitanya's mercy to reach every town and village.

Gurudev, you set the example of devotion to Sri Guru and Gauranga and I wish only to humbly try to follow this example. Dear Gurudev, in your transcendental writings and lectures you have continually demonstrating the highest standard of pure devotional service to Srila Prabhupada, to Lord Krsna, showing me the perfect example of what a pure devotee is, and how I can attempt to follow in your footsteps. Gurudev, it is my sincere desire that I may be able to assist you in some small way in your service to Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for always stressing the foremost need to chant Hare Krsna attentively with taste, and to study Srila Prabhupada's books with great faith and enthusiasm.

Dear Gurudev, may you live a long life and continue your relentless preaching efforts. I know that I will never be able to repay you. I realize more and more how much mercy I am getting by having such a wonderful, selfless spiritual master.

Your insignificant servant,
Saranagata devi dasi - Kaunas, Lithuania





Sudama Das – Your instructions to never leave ISKCON

Hare Krishna!

Dear Srila Gurudev, please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my congratulations on this great day of your appearance!

In difficult times, when reactions to past actions weigh heavily on me, I remember your instruction to never leave ISKCON. The belief that your spiritual energy can free me from the cycle of birth and death helps me continue my spiritual practice.

I apologize for the fact that I often do things that do not adorn a Vaishnava. I hope that in time I will become a worthy representative of Srila Prabhupada's movement. Thank you for your kindness and patience.

Your humble servant,

Sudama das - Kaliningrad, Russia



Valmiki das - You are a real representative of Srila Vyasadev

Hare Krishna, dear Gurudev. Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Dear Gurudev, thank you for the opportunity to try to satisfy you, although not personally, but by trying to follow your instructions. Thanks for the opportunity to try to praise you. You are a real representative of Srila Vyasadev. By carefully passing on this knowledge to us as a ripe mango tree, you give us the opportunity to represent you in the best possible way. You are a true example to us of how one should act and follow the instructions of Srila Prabhupada. It is difficult to calculate how many towns and villages the Mahamantra has reached through your preaching. Thank you for the inspiration, thank you for connecting me to the parampara. Thank you for opening my eyes with the torch of knowledge. Thank you for spreading our ignorance. Thank you for your patience. Thank you for the opportunities. I don't want to think about what I could become if I didn't have you as a teacher. But I can see what's happening because I have you as a teacher. No matter how much I talk about you, it will always be small. Words are not enough to praise you enough. The words are insignificant to express my gratitude. I pray that I will be able to praise you and thank you for my actions. But still THANK YOU!

Your servant

Valmiki das - Burgas, Bulgaria





Vamanadeva das - Your mercy is unlimited

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O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Hare Krsna dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to you and Guru Mataji.

Srila Gurudev, your mercy is unlimited because you are distributing Krishna's mercy throughout the whole world. You are teaching us by your own example on how to be fixed in pure devotional service in all times, all places and all circumstances. We want to try to express how fortunate we are with such a great soul like you as our spiritual master. But words are not enough to explain what we are feeling in our hearts. We only can thank you for all the mercy you bestow on us. Our only good qualification is that we are fallen. But by the mercy of the guru, even a dumb man can become the greatest orator, and even a lame man can cross mountains.

On your most auspicious Vyas Puja day, I pray to you to please keep me engaged constantly in devotional service, to please you and Krishna always. Please kindly accept my prayer for the blessing to serve you, which is just like offering a ghee lamp to the sun.

Your eternal servant,
Vamanadeva das - Szabadhidveg, Hungary



Vanja- Follow your instructions



I wish you all the best, and I will try to follow your instructions through your videos of the day.

Bhaktin Vanja - Hrvatska Kostajnica, Croatia



Vraja Kishor das - Following your instructions is the most powerful experience

My dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I can see that desire for Krishna consciousness which I have is only by your mercy. Sometimes devotees say that don't hurry in spiritual life, be careful, but if I would not have done like that in my case, I think I would be gone by now. Approaching you and Gurumataji, rendering some service, asking for guidance, accepting shelter and initiation are my biggest treasures in my life. I have seen that following your instructions is the most powerful experience which I have. I have noticed that all spiritual desires which come to me get fulfilled and I can feel that it is by your mercy! Now I just need to desire more and more spiritual desires and become a completely surrendered soul without any impurities. It would be impossible from one side, but when I have your and Gurumataji's merciful help it gives me hope.

Your eternal servant,
Vraja Kishor das - Kaunas, Lithuania



Zydrunas - You so carefully spread the message of Krishna consciousness

Dear Maharaj,
We are so lucky to meet you. You help us to remember our real nature. You give us real knowledge and we can understand what real happiness is. Also, we have the possibility to understand the real essence of our life. You instruct us how to use the given knowledge in the mission of your spiritual master His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. Because of Krishna's and your Guru's mercy, we can be enlightened by you on how to live this life in the human body. Every day you so carefully spread the message of Krishna consciousness to all people and a suffering person gets a deep breath of elevating mood after years and years of bodily and mental calamities. Your humble disciples radiate that mood which you spread all over the world. Many people become inspired to chant Holy Names and it happens because of your regular tours. We wait for that moment when we can see you again and listen





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to the nectar knowledge about spiritual world, about saint persons and about the Supreme Personality of Krishna. We wait for that festival of hearts when we go deeper into understanding how to please Krishna, how to serve properly in the mood of the servant of the servant of the servant.

An aspiring servant of your servants,
Bhakta Zydrunas Lopsaitis - Kaunas, Lithuania



Srila Gurudev leading us by example



Middle East

Partha Das - Thank you for your enlightening guidance, love, and blessings

Hare Krishna Dear Guru Maharaj,

Dandavats, Pranams.

I am your humble disciple residing in the Muslim country of UAE.

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your enlightening guidance, love, and blessings, which you shower on us daily through your thought for the day.

Also, I am very grateful for the association of your dear disciples through the Bhaktivedanta online academy. The daily book reading and Q & A sessions are really wonderful.

I thank you, Guru Maharaj, for your constant blessings and your love for us. We are sure, under your guidance, we will reach the kingdom of God and will be able to serve Krishna there forever.

Dandavats,

Partha das - Dubai, UAE



Rasika Krishna Das Et.al. - Whatever you have given is priceless.

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to you and Srimati Gurumataji!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Thank you Srila Gurudev for giving us Krishna and thank you, Krishna, for giving us Srila Gurudev.

Just like Srila Prabhupada prayed to Lord Krishna to deliver the fallen souls, you prayed for us. Srila Gurudeva because of your prayers to Lord Krishna, because of your mercy, today we are able to practice Krishna consciousness. Otherwise how else is it possible that lowly persons like us are able to practice Krishna consciousness?

We pray that we always follow in your footsteps. We can only imagine how many hours of your life, how many sleepless nights you have given, just so that we, your disciples, maybe Krishna conscious. You





have so many disciples all over the world whom you provide loving guidance, but you still give us all individual attention by personally reading our monthly reports and guiding us like we are your own children. Thank you Srila Gurudev for enlightening us with the valuable spiritual knowledge of Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam through your lectures, daily "Thought for the Day", videos, books & songs.

Srila Gurudev, whatever you have given us is priceless. The most expensive thing in all the three worlds is Krishna bhakti. Had you not caught our hand; we would have been wandering in the nescience of this material world. Had you not taught us that this material world is a place of miseries and what is the ultimate goal of human life and who we factually are, we would have comprehended this material world as the ultimate goal of life and would have considered ourselves as this body.

You are our spiritual master but we think that we are not your true disciples. Disciple means a disciplined life, dedicated life with a strong determination to achieve what Guru is saying. Unfortunately, even though we reckon that we are lacking in all these things, nevertheless we are trying our best to become your true disciples. Your sublime teachings that how to remain fixed and enthusiastic in Krishna consciousness keep dwelling in our mind.

Every action you take is based on the teachings of Srila Prabhupada. Your mood "what would Srila Prabhupada do in this situation and what I should do to please him", this mood of surrender is perfection for a disciple and we want to cultivate this mood as your disciples.

We pray at your lotus feet that your desire to serve your spiritual master also becomes our desire, to serve you, our eternal spiritual master. This is our only recourse, being completely surrendered and serve you eternally.

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

Your eternal servants,

Rasika Krishna Das & Para Bhakti Devi Dasi - Muscat, Oman





North America



ISKCON Austin Texas Sunday feast lecture.

Abhay Charan Das - Familiarity breeds...

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Sriman SankarshanDās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣhna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti in order to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya.

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





My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Srila Krishnadas Kaviraj Goswami gives the exalted position of the spiritual master

*guru kṛṣṇa-rūpa hana śāstrera pramāṇe
guru-rūpe kṛṣṇa kṛpā karena bhakta-gaṇe
CC Adi 1.45*

According to the deliberate opinion of all revealed scriptures, the spiritual master is non-different from Krishna. Lord Krishna in the form of the spiritual master delivers His devotees.

Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport: The relationship of a disciple with his spiritual master is as good as his relationship with the Supreme Lord. A spiritual master always represents himself as the humblest servitor of the Personality of Godhead, but the disciple must look upon him as the manifested representation of Godhead.

Sometimes in our neophyte stage of Krishna consciousness, we drag our material consciousness even into the relation with the spiritual master proving the well-known proverb familiarity breeds contempt. Srila Gurudeva in your intense Love for your disciples you literally dragging us out of our own stubborn material consciousness and with your loving affection you are healing the wounds inflicted by Maya. All this just so that we gain the ultimate happiness of Krishna Consciousness. The greatest fortune anyone can get is the service to the supreme lord which you are so freely distributing. This is guru-kṛpā.

Lord Krishna clearly states in SB 10.80.34, what pleases him the most

*nāham iyyā-prajātibhyāṁ tapasopasāmena vā
tuṣyeyāṁ sarva-bhūtātmā guru-śuśrūṣayā yathā*

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.

Because you are the most confidential servant of Krishna, how much Krishna is emphasizing the importance of rendering devotional service to the spiritual master.

Srila Prabhupada writes, "The disciple should not consider whether he is going back home, back to Godhead; his first business should be to execute the order of his spiritual master. Thus, a disciple should always meditate on the order of the spiritual master, and that is perfectional meditation. Not only should he meditate upon that order, but he should find out the means by which he can perfectly worship and execute it."





In order to enter into spiritual life, two things are required, the mercy of the Supreme Lord and the mercy of the spiritual master. Just like the rain cloud takes water from the ocean and pours on the forest fire to extinguish it, similarly, you are directly receiving from the ocean of mercy, Krishna, and pouring it over the forest fire of my material consciousness.

May I always remember this insurmountable love and affection you are bestowing on this lowly soul. I pray my only business to be, executing your orders, and please you to the best of my ability. Srila Gurudeva on this most auspicious day of your divine appearance, it is my fervent prayer that if there is any familiarity, may it breed Love, Devotion, and Affection in my heart for your lotus feet, which is the conclusion of all the scriptures.

Praying to always remain your servant
Abhay Charan Das – Austin, USA



Abhay Kulkarni - You are a Krishna's representative

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate sankarshana dās adhikārin iti nāmine*

"I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet."

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

"I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my param spiritual master Srila Prabhupada. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet."

Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet,
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you.



Srila Gurudev, it is not possible to fully describe your glories or the depth of your devotion and attachment to Krsna. Who can understand the depth of the services that you have rendered and the nectar of Krsna-Prema that you relish constantly? How can I, a very fallen and bewildered soul, even begin to appreciate you properly?

I always felt your presence like a golden thread that kept everything together. That always offered me some hope. Your love and mercy had somehow or other kept it together. You have taught me the art of living, give more up, and put more of Krsna in. I might have offended you many times, but like a father, you never hesitated to embrace me. You are never forgetful of Krsna and through you as His representative, I can understand a bit of Krsna's nature and His personality. It is so real and tangible, not just a mental thing anymore.

Who can understand the persistence of your compassion towards the fallen souls? The services you are rendering are extremely important, yet you find time for personal exchanges with us.

Thank you for never giving up on me. Thank you for nourishing me with spiritual knowledge. All glories to you on your Vyasa-puja day. May your glories be known to all.

Your servant,
Bhakta Abhay Kulkarni - Austin, USA



Alakananda Devi Dasi - You are the blissful distributor of Krishna Consciousness

My dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble and respectful obeisances at your lotus feet!
All glories to you!
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada!

*nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate sankarshana dās adhikārin iti nāmine*

"I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet."

*namo prabhupādanugā prema-murti kṛpātmane
gauradesa-vikāsārtha uttama-bhakti-varsine*



“O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of Prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure Bhakti to spread the order of Lord Chaitanya.”

*oṁ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-salākayā
cakṣur unmlītaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

I was born in the darkness of ignorance, and my Spiritual Master opened my eyes with the torch of transcendental knowledge and thus I offer my respectful obeisances unto my Spiritual Master.

Srila Gurudev,

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa- Puja, I want to sincerely thank you for guiding me mercifully on the divine path of Krishna Consciousness. I was lost in the ocean of material nescience trying to chase illusory happiness prior to my coming to Krishna consciousness about 7 years ago. By your mercy and by the mercy of Srila Prabhupada my dormant Krishna consciousness was awakened and I gradually realized that my most important duty was to serve the Supreme Lord Krishna under the guidance of a bonafide spiritual master. Through your lectures and writings, you cleared the darkness of my mind by flooding it with the brilliant light of spiritual knowledge. I now understand that I am not the temporary material body but the eternal spirit soul- part and parcel and eternal servant of the Supreme Lord Krishna. By serving and pleasing Krishna - the root of all existence, I could please all living entities including myself. I am able to experience complete satisfaction and pure spiritual bliss by performing devotional service to Lord Krishna under your able guidance.

By your example, you have taught me how to deal with the day-to-day problems of the material world. Your valuable instructions of chanting at least 16 rounds of the Hare Krishna maha-mantra on the Japa beads daily without offense and following the 4 regulative principles have tremendously helped to cleanse my mind and heart of the material contamination that I have accumulated over millions of lifetimes in the material world. By your mercy and the mercy of Lord Krishna, I was able to develop my spiritual consciousness and deal with the material problems in a more mature, humble, and peaceful manner. Your teachings have greatly helped me to overcome my fears, anxieties, and worries related to the bodily conception of life. During the stressful COVID-19 pandemic, you remained undeterred and continued to practice and preach Krishna consciousness with determination and enthusiasm. You inspire your disciples with your high standards of deity worship and other aspects of devotional service and motivate us to do our best. You often emphasize the importance of maintaining a devotee association at all times to help us remain firmly fixed in our Krishna consciousness.

Your loyalty to your Guru His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada is exemplary. You teach by your example how to be loyal, respectful, and obedient to the guru and how to make the spiritual master's instruction your very life and soul. You have dedicated your life to following Srila Prabhupada's instruction of becoming a pure devotee and making the whole world Krishna conscious. Your instruction of reading Srila Prabhupada's books daily was very helpful in removing my ignorance and in strengthening my spiritual knowledge. You inspire me to be a loyal disciple of guru and a pure devotee of Lord Krishna.

I am very thankful and grateful to you and Gurumataji for giving me the greatest gift of Krishna consciousness which will eventually help me to achieve the highest perfection of human life - to develop pure love of Godhead. I hope to follow your instructions sincerely to become a pure devotee and preach





about Krishna consciousness to everyone that I meet. I hope to assist you in every possible way in your mission to make the whole world Krishna conscious. I am thankful to you for patiently correcting my mistakes and clearing my doubts so I could improve and progress nicely on the path of Krishna consciousness and finally achieve spiritual perfection. Thank you very much for making my life truly meaningful and purposeful by stressing the importance of remembering Lord Krishna always by constantly engaging in Krishna conscious activities. By always engaging in devotional service without giving a gap for Maya, we will be purified and liberated from the miserable material cycles of birth, death, old age, and disease. You, therefore, help us to eventually go back home back to Godhead in the spiritual sky after this lifetime to experience eternity, knowledge, and pure bliss forever. I pray to Lord Krishna to give you and Gurumataji the ability to save all the fallen conditioned souls of the material world and to continue preaching worldwide for many more years to come.

Thank you.

Hare Krishna!

Your eternal servant,
Alakananda Devi Dasi - Austin, USA



Allison - Thankful to have you as my Guru.

Hare Krishna, please accept my humble obeisances all glories to Srila Prabhupada all glories to Sri Japan Guru and Gauranga

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev

I am most grateful to have you as my spiritual master

I am very thankful for your prayers and blessing

I wish you a wonderful Vyas Puja on November 10th

I am very thankful to have you as my Guru

I thankful for your mercy

I am thankful for loving support to me as a devotee

I am very thankful that I have gotten to know you as my Gurudeva & spiritual teacher

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





Your humble servant

Bhaktin Alison - New Gokola Dham, USA.



Vision to make the whole world Krishna Conscious

Anjana Challa - I am enjoying your lessons on self-realization.

Paada namaskaram Swamiji,

Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble pranams to Your lotus feet.

I am enjoying the lessons on self-realization and working towards surrendering by trying to find the truth from the untruth and removing the ignorance I have. I am going through a particularly difficult time in life with many challenges. In Your teachings, I see my Master and I gain solace and Knowledge. Thank you for helping me on my journey. May Your blessings help me reach Self Realization. I pray to You for that boon.

Thank You.

Bhaktin Anjana challa - Memphis, USA





Krishnarjuna Bankala Et.al. - You and your disciples are very merciful

Hare Krishna,

All Glories to you Srila Gurudeva!

I have been following you through your self-realization course since November 26, 2017.

Your answers to a wide range of questions raised by different people around the world are practically applicable to us in our lives. Many times, whenever necessary, you quote the verses from scriptures to give us the correct answers instead of writing answers for the sake of writing. It is not easy to do such selfless service unless a person heartily dedicated his life to helping people to be self-realized - who they are and what is the correct goal of their life. Srila Gurudeva, I feel that the service you are doing on the order of your spiritual master (our grand spiritual master) Srila Prabhupada is merely fantastic.

My wife and I are chanting 16 rounds of Japa every day and following the four regulative principles for the last three years. We are following these instructions mainly because one of your disciple's family members inspired us and taught us to understand the goal of our life (who am I, who is The Supreme God, what is our relationship with Him and how to go back to Him to our original eternal home). Many times, I wonder, if your disciples can inspire us this much by their pleasant behavior/knowledge and kindness, I cannot imagine how merciful you are so that all your disciples got inspired by you Srila Gurudeva.

I pray Krishna for you to live a healthy life in the service of Sri RadhaKrishna!

Sincerely,

Bhakta Krishnarjuna, Bhaktin Sunanda - Michigan, USA



Bhagavati devi dasi - The deep impact you make.

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

On this auspicious day I would like to offer a few words of glorification unto the dust of your lotus feet.

*saṁsāra-dāvānala-līḍha-loka-
trāṇāya kārūṇya-ghanāghanatvam*



*prāptasya kalyāṇa-guṇārṇavasya
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

“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.”

Just as the Dr. frog cannot understand the vastness of the ocean, a fool like me finds it very difficult to fully conceive the impact that one person can make when equipped with the mercy of the Guru parampara.

It is astonishing to see the deep effect you have made on so many lives. Your mercy has transformed the bewildered souls to devotees for the pleasure of Krishna.

Being a pure representative of the guru parampara, you have given shelter to the fallen souls and with dedication you strongly endeavor to push forward this movement which Srila Prabhupada so painstakingly tried to establish.

Out of your compassionate nature seeing the suffering of so many people you disregard bodily comforts and preaching sincerely to give people the highest gift.

*tapyante loka-tāpena
sādhavaḥ prāyaśo janāḥ
paramārādhanaṁ tad dhi puruṣasyākhilātmanaḥ
S.B 8.7.44*

“It is said that great personalities almost always accept voluntary suffering because of the suffering of people in general. This is considered the highest method of worshiping the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is present in everyone's heart.”

You have shown with your personal example that Krishna consciousness isn't just an ideology, but a sweetest reality that can be experienced by all.

With your mercy I hope one day I am able to acquire just a fragment of your taste for chanting the holy names and your taste to read and distribute Srila Prabhupada's books.
That way so many problems arising from identifying with my body and mind would no longer affect me.

Thank you Srila Gurudev for showing me the right direction in my life and for the constant guidance and opportunity to assist you and Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for accepting someone like me as your disciple. Although I feel unqualified to have such a qualified spiritual master; I only desire to serve you with my pure heart and follow your instructions as my very life and soul.

Servant of your servants,
Bhagavati devi dasi - Toronto, Canada.





Bhavani Devi Dasi - Thank you dear Srila Gurudev for your boundless mercy

Dear Srila Gurudev.

Please accept my humble obeisances,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga,

All glories to you dear Srila Gurudev.

Not a day goes by that I don't give thanks for you coming into my life and bringing me such a selfless blessing and for giving me this priceless opportunity for advancement in my spiritual life. No matter how much I try, I am unable to even start to thank you for taking so much time and interest in this wretched soul.

My life was pointless before I came into your presence, you brought me into the eternal light of everlasting bliss and happiness. Every waking moment is spent in the search for ways to thank you. I will spend all of my days praying to learn how I can do more to serve you. I always feel that anything I do just doesn't come near to expressing what I truly have experienced as your devoted disciple.

May I always serve at your lotus feet? On this, your special Vyas Puja day, may I be able to convey to you my deep respect and humble devotion.

The message you bring to all the suffering souls is the greatest gift of all. May I always be aware of this and, for eternity, strive to give back as much as I am able to.

Thank you dear Srila Gurudev for your boundless mercy. Hare Krsna.

Your humble servant and devoted disciple,
Bhavani Devi Dasi - Vancouver, Canada



Bina Bhatt - I wish to chant your glories every moment.



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

I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my guru - my spiritual master, opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.

Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to you,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada,

Oh, Gurudev! My eyes were tight shut with the nescience, but your causeless mercy is my guiding path now. You showered your mercy on this insignificant soul and gave me knowledge and shelter. You gave this misguided soul vision to reach the true ultimate destination. I am such a fool that you are distributing this nectarian knowledge but due to the misdeeds of my past lives, I was not understanding this just like water rolls down the lotus flower.

Oh, Gurudev! How shall I sing your glories because every moment my dull brain neglects the chance to correct my mistakes? Due to lockdown in Coronavirus, my bad habits (such as superstition, greed, myths, anger, laziness, and forgetfulness) balloon has punctured. In this darkness, your nectarian instructions and the association of senior devotees were like the light that helped me improve all the bad habits. I got the inspiration to engage body and mind in devotional service. Just as a tree's shade gives relief from scorching sun to the body, my mind has found peace and happiness in your shelter.

Srila Gurudev, whatever Krsna has decided for us, that we are meant to get. You have many times mentioned that "Whatever Krsna does is good for us". This gives me the motivation to engage in shravan (hearing) and kirtan (chanting).

O Srila Gurudev! What Vyasa Puja offering can I write, I am a dull headed fool. Please shower your causeless mercy on me.

Dust atom at your feet,
Bhaktin Bina - Toronto, Canada



Chakravarthy Yarlagadda - You preach by your examples.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.



Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet. All glories to Gurumata, All glories to Srila Prabhupada. There are many spiritual masters in this world. Of the many available, few are bonafide. Of those few, finding one that has dedicated his life to bringing about a spiritual revolution and has a reach of thirty thousand people is rare indeed. I am blessed to be one of the thousands you can count on to bring about the order Srila Prabhupada has given.

Like Caitanya Mahaprabhu, you are ever ready to bless even unqualified people with just a desire to become devotees. This takes courage considering that some of the devotees go astray and you are left with a heavy burden to uplift them, again. I am indebted to you for the continued guidance and blessings showering upon me and others with an increased effort every year. Just like Krishna consciousness that has no end to the bliss, your effort to make the whole world Krishna conscious seems to follow in lock-step.

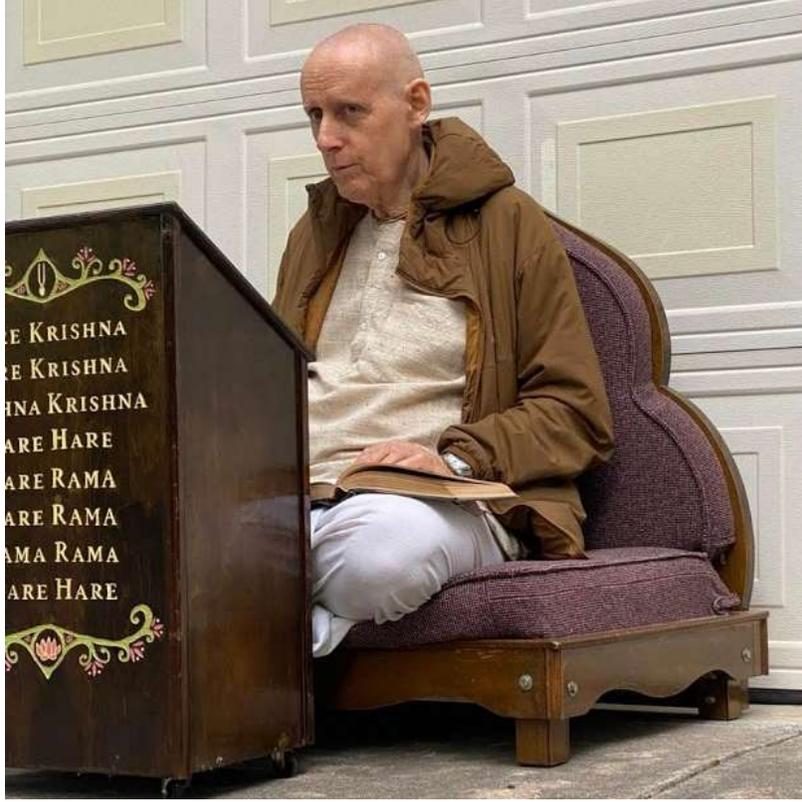
In the Caitanya Caritamrta, Antya Lila 7.19, it is said that one who can convert a mleccha into a devotee is situated on the highest level of Vaishnavism. You, Gurudev, are one of those very few exalted Vaishnavas that converted many such low-class people into devotees. It is truly a blessing to serve you.

Over the years you have shown us how to be humble. For example, when you forget something that is only human you express regret, and the great deeds you do every day are attributed to Srila Prabhupada. True the great deeds of all ISKCON devotees are the mercy of Srila Prabhupada but the honesty and humbleness that exudes from your grace is extraordinary. Another recent teach and live by example – when a devotee on the way to the airport carrying Sri Radha Damodar was three minutes away you rushed outside to receive the Lord. To my comment on how eager you are, your immediate reflex response was “Well, He is the Supreme Personality of Godhead”. You taught us that Deities are non-different from the Lord Himself. The difficulty for mortals like me is living it versus knowing it. What better way to teach us the principles of Bhakti Yoga than by living it? There are so many such wonderful things that you reinforce by example my fortune can't be measured to have the chance to associate and serve you.

Showing reverence and friendship to your god-brothers, compassion, and love to your disciples and the general public, in general, is admirable and is one of the qualities I wish to improve upon. You make the process of becoming a devotee quite easy to understand but is quite daunting to see the gulf of good qualities you have and where I stand. Catching up seems impossible and this is a sure sign that I am blessed with one of the greatest spiritual masters one could ask for.

I continue to pray to be your eternal servant.
Bhakta Chakravarthy - Austin, USA





Srila Gurudev accommodating everyone with Bhagavatam class on the drive way

Govinda Mohini devi dasi - Seeking Your Mercy Srila Gurudev

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

*namo prabhupādanugā prema-murti kṛpātmane
gauradesa-vikāsārtha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of Prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure Bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.



Hare Krishna dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to Your auspicious Vyasa Puja.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Gurudeva, on this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja, I would like to ask Your blessings so that I could always please You with my every thought, word, and deed.

Srila Gurudeva, by Your Grace and Srimati Gurumataji's mercy, I am able to hear your live lectures every day and through your divine teachings, trying to overcome my anarthas which are preventing me from tasting the unlimited bliss.

I am still immersed in the ocean of the three modes of material nature because of my offensive chanting, with hardly any taste to chant properly. Even though your teachings are simple to comprehend and still spiritually powerful, I lack sincerity and feel difficult to apply them in my daily life.

In the purport for the Srimad Bhagavatam verse 4.26.21, Srila Prabhupada says "If one accepts punishment as a reward dealt by the master, he becomes intelligent enough not to commit the same mistake again." Srila Gurudeva, I am begging you to please reveal my mistakes and give me the intelligence and determination to not fall into Maya again.

I offer my respectful obeisances unto Your Divine Grace, who is possessed of such great compassion that you lovingly care for even an insignificant rascal such as myself. Srila Gurudeva, please give me understanding and humility so I may help you in your mission without causing disturbance to others, especially Vaishnavas.

Hare Krishna!

Your insignificant servant,
Govinda Mohini devi dasi - Brampton, Canada



Guruvani Devi Dasi - Fortunate associating with an Uttama Adhikari...

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Sriman SankarshanDās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*





O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti in order to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya.

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

Srila Gurudev, every day you give me the opportunity to see how an Uttama Adhikari behaves, how one should engage completely in Krishna consciousness in spite of distress caused by external circumstances or bodily conditions, you are such an expert in everything, even garland making, you show how in Krishna Consciousness every day we can have a new way to serve Krishna by making unique varieties of bhoga. When neophytes like me get enough of learning new things, your enthusiasm to serve Krishna in new ways inspires me immensely.

Praying to stay under the shade of your lotus feet eternally.

Your servant
Guruvani Devi Dasi - Austin, USA



Hemanga Das - Your world deliverance mission is glorious

Hare Krsna Dear Srila Gurudev
Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet
All glories to your divine grace
All glories to your appearance day
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Another year has just passed by. But this wasn't the same as earlier. The whole world came to a standstill. Almost everything got closed in terms of economy, schools, transportation because of the Pandemic. The flickering nature of this material world was clearly visible and strongly felt during this time.

All the so-called rich and powerful countries of the world couldn't make a vaccine until now that can kill the virus. Srila Prabhupada repeatedly mentioned in his books that the Leaders of our society are simply exploiting the ignorant and misleading the general population. Your constant endeavors to give the message of Gita to the world leaders is glorious!

The 7th verse of Sikshastakam says *yugayitam nimeshena chakshusha pravrishayitam*. In the mood of separation from Krsna, Lord Caitanya was considering a moment to be like 12 years or more. The experience of the moment passing like 12 years was felt but not in the mood of separation but because of the cloud of uncertainty of future and anxiety of present. The pandemic came like the litmus test to gauge how much I want to and how much I can absorb myself in Krsna consciousness without being disturbed



by the pinches of passion and ignorance. I could clearly see that I didn't and couldn't absorb myself fully in Krsna consciousness. Somehow or other I was tricked by the mind to blame the external situation to be the cause of my anxiety. Your daily Bhagavatam classes came to my rescue in overcoming the influence of passion and ignorance. They really gave me hope and inspired me to continue to strive to be in Krsna consciousness in these trying times.

Your grace was never disturbed by the external situation and fearlessly continued serving Sri Sri Radha Damodar. May I develop the same conviction as You do in performing my daily sadhana and insignificant services at your lotus feet!

I know for sure that I will ditch into failure if I consider that by my own endeavors, I can make progress in spiritual life. In villages, the cyclist after being tired of the hot sun requests the tractor drivers to allow him to hang on to his tractor to reach his destination. If I dedicate my life to simply hang on to your instructions and follow them sincerely, seriously, and strictly, I will reach the destination of pure love of Godhead.

This year, I have also taken the responsibility for being a father. Please bless me that I do my duty properly, even though I do not possess all the qualities as a devotee father

On this most auspicious day, please bless me that I gain intelligence to fully embrace your instructions and fully depend on your mercy and Krsna at all times.

Your servant,
Hemanga Das - Brampton, Canada



Iswar Puri Dasa - I adore your daily transcendental messages.

I have not missed any day reading His messages, I adore the whole newsletter including His class lessons.

Yours,
Iswar Puri Das - a disciple of His Holiness Bhakticharu Swami. California, USA



Kardama Muni Das - You are Srila Prabhupada's pure representative

Hare Krishna Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada,
All glories your divine grace.



Gurudev, I always have a desire to be able to make a suitable offering on your Vyas Puja but as I sit down to write I find it very difficult to express what I feel. It is said that the spiritual master knows the heart of the disciple better than the disciple himself. Even though my heart is full of material desires I can't help but feel deep appreciation and gratitude for the mercy that I have received at your lotus feet. I can't help but ask myself again and again how have I become so fortunate in this life? I have done nothing to deserve such mercy and yet Lord Krishna has blessed me with the association of His pure devotee.

Gurudev, as time goes by, I realize more and more the difference between what I was and what I am today, and I also realize where I would be right now if I hadn't taken shelter of your lotus feet. I also see that I have been able to understand the knowledge that Prabhupada has given to some extent without deriving different interpretations only because I have been connected to his pure representative. It is only by your love, guidance, and association that I have been able to walk this path. I have a very long way to go Gurudev and it will be possible for me to succeed in this life only if I can hold unto your lotus feet close to my heart and never let them go.

Gurudev, I have done nothing to please you and have become a burden, and even on your appearance day, I have nothing to offer. Even on this day, being unable to give anything, I can only beg for your blessings that one day, giving up all personal desire and consideration, I may be able to think, speak, and act in a way that may be pleasing to you. Please grant me this boon Gurudev. If I fail everywhere else but I am able to do this one thing, my life will be successful.

Your unworthy servant,
Kardama Muni Das - Houston, USA



Srila Gurudev's merciful smile

Kirtan Nagavarapu - So full of mercy, compassion, and care

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale





śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Sriman SankarshanDās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti in order to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya.

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

On this most auspicious occasion the appearance of your grace I offer my humble obeisances.

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

“A devotee is only attracted by the good qualities in other people and does not see their faults” - A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

This quote gives us a guide to find a pure devotee
Putting two and two together it is clear for me to see

In this world of plastic love and true hate
It's clear to see what makes a guru especially you, so great

So full of mercy, compassion, and care
Going places and saving souls where no one else would dare.

To repay my debt would take an eternity
But to try is my duty as your devotee

Even to someone as blind as me
Your devotion to Prabhupada is clear to see.

Your humble student, servant

Bhakta Kirtan Nagavarapu - Austin, USA



Mahabhagavat Das SDA - I shall bring the whole world to your lotus feet

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories unto your divine grace.

*nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate sankarshan dās adhikārin iti nāmine*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srilā Sankarshan Dās Adhikāri. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

*namo prabhupādanugā prema-murti krpātmane
gauradesa-vikāsārtha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

O follower of Prabhupāda! O personification of Prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure Bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

This Vyasa Puja of yours is the most special Vyasa Puja ever! Every year it gets sweeter and sweeter. Srila Gurudeva, I am feeling extremely fortunate to be a "sa-natha", or "one who has a master". Srila Prabhupada pointed to a stout healthy dog walking next to his master during his walks, and also to hungry, emaciated, diseased dogs. Srila Prabhupada pointed out how the dog with a master was happy and a dog without a master was miserable.

In May 2011, on Narasimha Chaturdashi, during my initiation ceremony, your eternal disciple and my eternal Godbrother His Grace Sriman Abhay Charan Prabhu changed the Tulasi Mala around my neck saying "this is your collar, now you cannot escape". Over time I appreciate his statements more and more. I have seen so many people fall away from the path because they didn't take the next step - formal initiation. I feel extremely fortunate to be in a position of no escape. Srila Gurudeva, please keep me at your lotus feet birth after birth. I want to serve you and be wherever you are serving Srila Prabhupada. Even if I were to fall down, please chastise me, reform me, and keep me with you. Of course, I am almost daily praying for your mercy not to fall down, and each and every single one of your instructions are potent in this regard. So, I will strive to keep following in your footsteps.

I met you in 2004 and yet it took me 7 years to get to the point of initiation! What a colossal waste! I lost 7 years as your disciple! And even though I was initiated in 2011, I have not yet fulfilled even 0.0001% of your instructions to me.

In this pandemic, we have lost many Vaishnavas, including a spiritual master Srila Bhakti Charu Swami. There was also a scare with regard to Gopal Krishna Maharaja. All those events came as a shock to me. Not that there is any doubt that all of us will need to depart from these bodies, but that we could be suddenly and unexpectedly stuck without merciful active guidance. We could end up at any moment in the same situation as the disciples of Srila Prabhupada, who have the burden of carrying forward his mission in his mood and spirit without his direct active guidance. Right now, it is so easy to just reach out to you with my questions, or call Srimati Gurumataji, and get a clear reassuring direction. It is a nightmare



situation for me to not have that opportunity. So, I pray that I want to be fixed up in your mood right now, at this very moment. I am like that bird whose wings are not fully grown yet. I need to get out of my comfort zone and actually take up the responsibility of being your disciple! I need to grow up!

I strive to remind myself of that every time I miss your class or your call or act in any way less than your expectation of me.

Meanwhile, in terms of age, I am gradually approaching 50 years of age in this body. Who knows how much time I have left in a sound body and mind? I look back and realize that I have wasted most of my life in a useless endeavor. I have spent practically no time serving Krishna and His devotees. I have done but a tiny fraction of what I was capable of doing. I have been weak and miserly. All that lost time and energy, I will never get that back again. And yet, I still have the delicate balancing act to perform to ensure that my family or I will not become a burden on this world or otherwise useless for Srila Prabhupada's mission. I am doing everything I can every day to maintain strong sadhana, engage myself actively in services, and try my best to be Krishna conscious, but I feel completely inadequate.

During the pandemic, online preaching seems to have increased. But I get the feeling that the basics are not happening due to the nature of this infectious disease COVID-19. Simple things like going out on Harinam Sankirtan are major outreaches filled with major risk to the body. However, I am continuing to do my best, by email, by phone call, by zoom, Facebook, and my website dasadas.com. I also strive to continue an in-person program though at a much-reduced scale with those who are inspired to be with me.

Right now, while I am still in the thick of family life and a corporate career, I am striving to maintain my annual target of 108 Sankirtan outings annually, in addition to temple visits, classes, services, etc. But these are my current goals, to participate in distributing a minimum of 100,000 Bhagavad Gitas or equivalent books, to serve and encourage 1008 devotees to commit themselves to Srila Prabhupada's mission, and to help support at least 16 ISKCON centers around the world. I know that these goals are but a tiny drop in the mission that is given to you by Srila Prabhupada "Make this world Krishna Conscious". I know that you will either do it or will die trying. My dear Srila Gurudeva, I strive to follow in your footsteps, life after life, planet after planet. Please don't leave me behind, even though I am almost completely useless.

You have instructed me that whenever I meet a great personality, I should fall at their lotus feet and beg for pure devotional service. You are such a great personality. So, I am begging this blessing from you Srila Gurudeva - to be able to please you with my service. Actually, I am not very expert in serving you, in every service, I can see first-hand how your other disciples are much much better than me. But regardless of my inability, my goal is to continue to try to serve you life after life even if I remain a stumbling fool.

Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport of SB 2.9.43...

quote

*yasya deve parā bhaktir
yathā deve tathā gurau*





*tasyaite kathitā hy arthāḥ
prakāśante mahātmanaḥ*

Only unto one who has unflinching devotion to the Lord and to the spiritual master does transcendental knowledge become automatically revealed. (Śvetāśvatara Upaniṣad 6.23)

Such a relationship between the disciple and the spiritual master is eternal. One who is now the disciple is the next spiritual master. And one cannot be a bona fide and authorized spiritual master unless one has been strictly obedient to his spiritual master. Brahmājī, as a disciple of the Supreme Lord, received the real knowledge and imparted it to his dear disciple Nārada, and similarly Nārada, as a spiritual master, handed over this knowledge to Vyāsa and so on. Therefore, the so-called formal spiritual master and disciple are not facsimiles of Brahmā and Nārada or Nārada and Vyāsa. The relationship between Brahmā and Nārada is reality, while the so-called formality is the relation between the cheater and cheated. It is clearly mentioned herewith that Nārada is not only well-behaved, meek and obedient but also self-controlled. One who is not self-controlled, specifically in sex life, can become neither a disciple nor a spiritual master. One must have disciplinary training in controlling speaking, anger, the tongue, the mind, the belly, and the genitals. One who has controlled the particular senses mentioned above is called a gosvāmī. Without becoming a gosvāmī one can become neither a disciple nor a spiritual master. The so-called spiritual master without sense control is certainly the cheater, and the disciple of such a so-called spiritual master is cheated.

unquote

I was wondering how I can be surrendered as a grown man... but quite clearly, Narada Muni who is ageless is leading the way "It is clearly mentioned herewith that Nārada is not only well-behaved, meek and obedient but also self-controlled". So, in your hands, I strive to be well-behaved, meek, and obedient, and also self-controlled.

My only desire is to be your bona fide disciple somehow in this lifetime.

In a recent phone call, you have instructed me like this, very strictly and with great power "Why are you not a pure devotee yet? When will you be a pure devotee? What are you waiting for? Right now, this very second I want you to be a pure devotee", and "Become pure devotee and deliver the whole world, this is your mission", and "You must be a bridge between me and those you meet, we must attract the whole world to Srila Prabhupada", and "By your purity people must become moved in their hearts. This is not an external thing.". I feel utterly and completely incapable of fulfilling any of those instructions Srila Gurudeva. I can simply try, like that sparrow you quote, who wanted to dry up the ocean. I shall dry up the ocean of my own anarthas by your grace Srila Gurudeva. I shall be your actual disciple. I shall bring the whole world to your lotus feet. When O When will that day be mine?

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja, I beg to remain the servant of your dedicated servants.

Your servant,
Mahabhagavat Das - Toronto, Canada





Melanie Boodoo - I am proud to call you my Spiritual Master

*oṁ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-salākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my guru - my spiritual master, opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.

Jaya Srila Gurudev! Hare Krishna.
Dandavat Pranams. Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories onto your lotus-like feet.

Srila Gurudev, on this most auspicious occasion of your appearance day, I come to you once more, with a humble and sincere heart, as a most insignificant servant of the servant of the servant, to wish you Krishna's blessings for a most glorious appearance day!

Srila Gurudev, in my eyes, you are a most divine personality, you are a sincere and genuine son of Srila Prabhupada. You are true and faithful to your Spiritual Master and you honor and spread his teaching unadulteratedly, like it is your very life and soul, without seeking any praises or glories for yourself. You have firm faith and genuine love for Lord Shri Krishna, and you have His mercy and blessings. For this, I am beyond proud to call you my Spiritual Master.

Your tireless efforts in spreading Krishna Consciousness around the world to your thousands of initiated disciples, and non-initiated followers, your Thought for the Day, Self-Realization course, and travels all around the world make you a stalwart soldier in Srila Prabhupada's army of fighters against Maya and spreading Krishna Consciousness in every town and village. You are indeed following in the footsteps of your great Spiritual Master, his Spiritual Master, and all the great Acharyas before them. Because of this, I am proud to call you my Spiritual Master.

During this year, through all the upheavals and turmoil in the world, I have sought shelter in your daily messages. There were days when I was down and out, and your message would hit home as if you knew exactly what I was going through. You were directly guiding and inspiring me to keep the faith and stay strong in Krishna Consciousness. You continually remind me that Krishna is my best friend and ever well-wisher, not to give up, not to despair, not to allow myself to become depressed, not to allow myself to suffer any more in this material world, like a fish out of water. You remind me that I am not this material body, I am an eternal spirit soul, full of knowledge and bliss and my only purpose on this earth is to be a loving servant of Krishna for His pleasure only. And for this, I am proud to call you my Spiritual Master.



Srila Gurudev, I thank you for all that you are and all that you do in service to Srila Prabhupada's and Lord Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's mission. I thank you for the care you take of all of us. Like a loving father, you only want what is best for your children, which is the performance of loving, sincere service to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga, so that each one of us can find our way back to home, back to Godhead. Only by your mercy and blessings can I be so fortunate. For this, I am proud to call you my Spiritual Master.

Srila Gurudev, may Lord Krishna bless you on your auspicious Vyas Puja day with long and healthy life, full of blissful, transcendental loving service at His lotus feet and at the feet of your beloved Spiritual Master Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krishna.

Your most insignificant aspiring servant,

Bhaktin Melanie Boodoo - Toronto, Canada



Milan Raval Et.al. - You are our strength & hope in the midst of uncertainty

Humble Obeisances to His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

*jnanashaktisamarudhah tattvamalavibhushitah
bhuktimuktipradata ca tasmai shrigurave namah*

To the one who is well-grounded in wisdom and carries unimaginable strength, who is adorned with the garland of truth and bestows worldly happiness as well as the lasting joy of liberation, I express my gratitude to that Guru through my salutations.

As the world passes through this difficult period, your timeless teachings and priceless truths help guide us onto the path of spiritual awakening to realize the ultimate joy of serving Lord Krishna.

Your guidance and lessons are rooted in the simplest principles of truth, devotion, and worship, keeping us grounded and focused on our goal of self-realization. And for that, we are eternally grateful and humbled.

Hare Krishna

Raval Family (Milan, Rena, Natasha, and Ipshita) - London, Canada





Muralikrishnan - You are my strength and inspiration

Hare Krishna!

Please kindly accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Gurudev and Gurumataji,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I pray that you and Gurumataji are blessed with good health.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev,

Thanks a lot for teaching us - the unfortunate souls who are immersed in material nature. You have been a rare gift and the moment I started receiving your "Thought for the Day" email, it has added meaning to my life. In adverse situations and also in situations of doubt your emails and Spiritual guidance have given me strength and inspired me to become a devotee of Supreme Lord Krishna. The time you and Gurumataji blessed me with your association in Toronto temple will be always present in my mind and would seriously consider your advice.

I would like to express my gratitude and thank you for guiding us - the misdirected souls and always motivating for the true devotional life.

Happy Vyasa Puja.

Hare Krishna,
Bhakta Muralikrishnan - Toronto, Canada



Nityakishori Devi Dasi - Srila Prabhupada's staunch devotees

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*



I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of Prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure Bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Srila Gurudev, a very very happy appearance day to you. What a fortunate day for us all that we are able to celebrate life in Texas. I always used to think on this day when I made an offering and sang Guru Puja to your picture at my home altar, when will that day come when I can personally offer Vyasa Puja service. This day has come! Krishna is merciful!

You are the epitome of Krishna Prema. Without you, our lives would have been boring, lethargic, and practically dead. Your classes and kirtan are so encouraging and enlivening that we forget about our bodily consciousness and remember our spirit soul and Paramatma.

I have been practicing Krishna consciousness for about 30 years now. But I was directionless until 2006. That's because there was no pakka devotee to guide me. When I came to Austin to study at the University of Texas at Austin, I didn't have a car or knew anyone that could take me to the temple. But one day during grocery shopping, I saw you picking up milk by Dairy section at the HEB on i-35 and greeted Hare Krishna and at once saw the effulgence and humility of an exalted devotee which is your grace! I thought to myself, "thank you, Krishna, now I know you are guiding me in the right direction". As Lord Buddha said, "when a student is ready, the teacher appears".

I visited the ashram in Austin and then again, I felt transcendental. Your and Gurumata's faithful and loyal devotion to Srila Prabhupada and Krishna was transparent. The way you serve Sri Sri Radha Damodar is first class, which is rare. The purity and sanctity of the temple are indescribable. I feel fortunate to be able to get your personal blessings often in Texas. I always pray, wherever life may take us, hope we come back to Austin and serve Srila Prabhupada's staunch devotees which are yourself and Gurumata.

Thank you Srila Gurudev for presenting Srila Prabhupada's teachings as it is and touching many of our lives.

Your fallen servants,
Sundarmukunda Das, Nityakishori Dasi - San Antonio, USA



Paramahansa Das - I am blessed with Guru, Sadhu, and Sastra

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev,



Please accept my humble obeisances.

All Glories to you and Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Gurudev, thank you for kindly accepting me as your menial servant, that is my only hope. I see myself as the most fortunate and have a positive sense of pride in being called your servant. Many times, I compare myself before and after taking shelter at your lotus feet and feel so sad for wasting these many years berefting myself from your shelter. I was engaged in so many abominable activities and your shelter has provided “higher taste” from which I beg, at your lotus feet, to never leave. Becoming your servant, I have gained my real position and I have a sense of purpose in this rarest human form of life.

During these past years, I have seen so much turbulence and have got so much encouragement from you and Srimati Gurumata to keep pushing towards my ultimate self-interest. COVID-19 has been a blessing to me in disguise as I have been able to somehow or other able to have constant association of your grace from Austin Dham whether it be just the most auspicious Janmashtami, Srila Prabhupada Vyasa Puja, or most ecstatic daily Mangla Aarti. Such an amazing example you and Gurumata set for the fallen souls like me that just the act of following in your footsteps makes me realize more and more of the real Krishna consciousness movement and I see some hope. As Srila Prabhupada mentions in the Purport to Srimad Bhagavad Gita Chapter 3 verse 41 “Kṛṣṇa consciousness is so powerful that even a late beginner can become a lover of God by following the regulative principles of devotional service”.

Who else to see as my role model for a late beginner on this path other than Guru, Sadhu, and Sastra? I can only say that in the morning Bhagavatam class all three support systems are present right in front of me. You as my Guru, Gurumata as Sadhu, and Bhagavatam as Sastra.

At every step the words from the scriptures come true in front of me, thank you for traversing this earth and making your association so easily available.

My only prayer is to imbibe the right mood and keep following in your footsteps.

Your servant,
Paramahansa das - Toronto, Canada





Srila Gurudev departing from Toronto Airport

Paramatma Dasa Et.al - Gurumata and You are true Sadhus

Hare Krishna,
Dearest Srila Gurudev,

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

I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my guru - my spiritual master, opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.

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I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of Prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure Bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

All glories to Jagad-Guru, His Divine Grace Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.

*mukam karoti vāchālam pangum langhayate girim
yat-kripā tam aham vande sri-gurum dina-tāranam*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, the deliverer of the fallen souls. His mercy turns the dumb into eloquent speakers and enables the lame to cross mountains.

All glories to your grace on this auspicious day of your Vyasa puja. We wish you a very happy Vyas Puja celebrations Srila Gurudev, and we beg at the lotus feet of Their Lordships Srimati Radharani & Lord Sri Krishna to bestow you the best health & Their choicest blessings.

Srila Prabhupada writes in one of the purports of Srimad Bhagavatam 10.80.34 verse “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”. While I read these words of Lord Sri Krishna to Sudama, we remember you both Your Grace Srila Gurudev and Her Grace Srimati Gurumata as the perfect emblems of breathing examples showing us how you both are living and acting only for the pleasure of Srila Prabhupada.

Hence, we derive great inspiration from Śrīla Śrīdhara Svāmī’s prayers in the purport of SB 10.87.33:

*yadā parānanda-guro bhavat-pade
padaṁ mano me bhagaval labheta
tadā nirastākhila-sādhana-śramaḥ
śrayeya saukhyaṁ bhavataḥ kṛpātaḥ*

O transcendently blissful guru, when my mind finally achieves a place at your lotus feet, all the tiresome labor of my spiritual practices will be finished, and by your mercy I will experience the greatest happiness.

As Srila Prabhupada many times quoted this example of a boat represented as the body and the boat’s caption as Guru, he concluded that one has no chance of achieving the goal of human life without accepting Guru. In this context, there is a great explanation given by Lord Sri Krishna to Uddhava especially when he expresses his confusion from the contradictory statements in Vedic scriptures referred in Srimad Bhagavatam 11.20.17 that pure devotional service surpasses knowledge and detachment.

*nṛ-deham ādyaṁ su-labhaṁ su-durlabhaṁ
plavaṁ su-kalpaṁ guru-karṇadhāram
mayānukūlena nabhasvateritaṁ
pumān bhavābdiraṁ na taret sa ātma-hā*



The human body, which can award all benefits in life, is automatically obtained by the laws of nature, although it is a very rare achievement. This human body can be compared to a perfectly constructed boat having the spiritual master as the captain and the instructions of the Personality of Godhead as favorable winds impelling it on its course. Considering all these advantages, a human being who does not utilize his human life to cross the ocean of material existence must be considered the killer of his own soul.

It is very true as stated by avadhūta brāhmaṇa in Srimad Bhagavatam 11.7.46 which is the narration given by Lord Krishna to Udhava how mercifully a Spiritual Master burns away all the karmic reactions of his disciples:

*kvacic channaḥ kvacit spaṣṭa
upāsyah śreya icchatām
bhuṅkte sarvatra dātṛṇām
dahan prāg-uttarāśubham*

A saintly person, just like fire, sometimes appears in a concealed form and at other times reveals himself. For the welfare of the conditioned souls who desire real happiness, a saintly person may accept the worshipable position of the spiritual master, and thus like fire, he burns to ashes all the past and future sinful reactions of his worshipers by mercifully accepting their offerings.

We are greatly and highly indebted to you both eternally, as, by your grace and Srimati Gurumata's blessings, we along with other local members in Chicago received your causeless darshan and an opportunity to serve you both when you visited Chicago last year. It was inspiring and that experience reminded us of the statements of Lord Sri Krishna who spoke with Yamala-Arjuna trees after delivering them from the curse they got from Narada Muni from Srimad Bhagavatam 10.10.41:

*sādhūnām sama-cittānām
sutarām mat-kṛtātmanām
darśanān no bhaved bandhaḥ
puṁso 'kṣṇoḥ savitur yathā*

When one is face to face with the sun, there is no longer darkness for one's eyes. Similarly, when one is face to face with a sādhu, a devotee, who is fully determined and surrendered to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, one will no longer be subject to material bondage.

Finally, we are begging to become your servant of your servant of your servant as inspired by Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura in one of his songs says:

*tāndera caraṇa sevi bhakta-sane vāsa
janame janame haya, ei abhilāṣa*

One should not be anxious to offer direct service to the Lord. Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu advised that one become a servant of the servant of the servant of the Lord (*gopī-bhartuḥ pada-kamalayor dāsa-dāsānudāsaḥ*). This is the process of approaching the Supreme Lord. The first service should be rendered to the spiritual master so that by his mercy one can approach the Supreme Personality of Godhead to render service. While teaching Rūpa Gosvāmī, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu said, *guru-kṛṣṇa-*



prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bīja: one can achieve the seed of devotional service by the mercy of the guru, the spiritual master, and then by the mercy of Kṛṣṇa. This is the secret of success. First one should try to please the spiritual master, and then one should attempt to please the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Dear Srila Gurudev, on this auspicious day of your appearance day we beg your causeless mercy that we become more sincerely determined to continue to assist you in your preaching mission and take chanting Hare Krishna Mahamantra attentively to be rescued from the disease of avidya.

We have left with no words to express our feelings of boundless gratitude in our hearts for your grace and for our beloved Gurumata. We want to thank you for rescuing us and saving us from the clutches of the material world.

Srila Gurudev ki Jai !!

Hare Krishna !!

Your insignificant servants,

Paramatma Das, Mohana Mohini Devi Dasi, Bhaktin Yetvakshara Radhika - Chicago, USA



Prabhakaran Arcot Kumaravel - Thank you for bringing me closer to Krishna

Srila Gurudev, thank you so much for dedicating your life for the past 50 years to deliver fallen souls like me. Your daily "Thought for the Day" email is my greatest connection with you. Thank you for bringing me closer to Krishna. I have learned so much about Krishna from you and would like to listen to you more in this birth and also in the next several births if need be. Please be sure that I will do my best to help you in your mission.

Bhakta Prabhakaran Arcot Kumaravel - Austin, USA



Priya Harinath - You are the ray of transcendental sunshine

Hare Krishna

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to Srila Gurudev

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*



I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

*namo prabhupādanugā prema-murti krpātmane
gauradesa-vikāsārtha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of Prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure Bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

*oṁ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave 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, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.

Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

On this glorious day of your Vyasa puja, I feel fortunate to be able to offer my deepest and humble gratitude for picking me up from this dark illusion and giving me your shelter. Your daily thoughts for the day, your emails patiently answering every question, and your daily Bhagavatam classes are like the rays of sunshine that keep me steady in the path of Krishna consciousness in spite of my many disqualifications. I have no other hope than the shelter of your feet. Thank you, Gurudev for your unconditional mercy.

I sincerely pray to Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Krishna and Gaura Nitai that I may always be able to serve you and the Vaishnavas and stay fixed in pure bhakti. Please bless me that I may always be engaged in devotional service by my every thought, word, and deed in all places, times, and circumstances in a way that will please Guru and Krishna.

Your humble servant,
Bhaktin Priya Harinath - Monmouth Junction, USA



Rohini Kulkarni - Equipoised in both situations.

*nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*





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*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

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

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. I am truly unqualified and insignificant to write you an offering but making this humble attempt to describe your glories. I consider myself very fortunate to have gotten an association of pure soul like you. You are the true embodiment of all the Vaishnava qualities. Out of compassion towards the suffering souls, you travel all over the world for extensive preaching. You also use every opportunity to give Krishna to everyone unconditionally.

I really enjoy your nectarian lectures and kirtans. Your lectures are simple to understand but at the same time deep in the philosophy of Krishna consciousness. I still remember you explained beautifully how we should pray to Krishna in the morning that our every thought, word, and deed should be pleasing to Him. And that we should purely be absorbed in serving Krishna. It really touched me so much and gave me the right understanding of praying.

Another Vaishnava quality that I admire in you is that you are equipoised in both favorable and unfavorable situations. You continue to enthusiastically preach even in the most difficult situations, like bodily suffering or COVID-19. You are always fixed on worshipping Lord Krishna and spreading the message to all suffering souls.

On this auspicious day, I beg you for your mercy so that I can make some progress on the path of bhakti.

Your humble servant,
Bhatin Rohini Kulkarni - Austin, USA



Sanjay Bhat - Thank you

Thank you Srila Gurudev for being a never-ending source of spiritual light amidst the darkness of material misery.

Bhakta Sanjay Bhat - Austin, USA.





Satyavan Das - You are the living Bhagavata

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
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Hare Krishna dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet,
All glories to Srila Gurudev and Srimati Guru Mataji,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Gurudev, I offer my heartfelt gratitude to you for kindly accepting this fallen soul as a disciple and giving me the opportunity to take up Krishna consciousness. As a neophyte devotee, I am taking the help of Book Bhagavatam to glorify Person Bhagavata. As mentioned in Srimad Bhagavatam 1.6.26

*nāmāny anantasya hata-trapaḥ paṭhan
guhyāni bhadraṇi kṛtāni ca smaran
gāṁ paryaṭams tuṣṭa-manā gata-sprhaḥ
kālaṁ pratikṣan vimado vimatsaraḥ*

Thus I began chanting the holy name and fame of the Lord by repeated recitation, ignoring all the formalities of the material world. Such chanting and remembering of the transcendental pastimes of the Lord are benedictory. So doing, I traveled all over the earth, fully satisfied, humble, and unenvious.

Purport: The life of a sincere devotee of the Lord is thus explained in a nutshell by Nārada Muni by his personal example. Such a devotee, after his initiation by the Lord or His bona fide representative, takes very seriously chanting of the glories of the Lord and traveling all over the world so that others may also hear the glories of the Lord. Such devotees have no desire for material gain. They are conducted by one single desire: to go back to Godhead. This awaits them in due course on quitting the material body.



Because they have the highest aim of life, going back to Godhead, they are never envious of anyone, nor are they proud of being eligible to go back to Godhead. Their only business is to chant and remember the holy name, fame, and pastimes of the Lord and, according to the personal capacity, to distribute the message for others' welfare without motive of material gain.

Srila Gurudev, from the above purport, I can visualize how you are living by scriptures and has no other business other than following your spiritual master instructions in spreading Krishna Consciousness to the whole world.

Srila Gurudev, you are showing us an example with many situations, how to tolerate the bodily problems, and focus on practicing devotional service and relish Krishna Consciousness fully.

I pray to their lordships Sri Sri Radha Damodhar to bestow upon you more health to spread Krishna Consciousness to more and more people & save fallen souls like me from the clutches of Maya.

Your insignificant servant,
Satyavan Das - Austin, USA



Savitri devi dasi - Gurumata and You are the perfect Vaishnavas

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev and Smt. Gurumataji,
Please accept my humble obeisances,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Guaranga and Nityananda.

On this auspicious occasion of your appearance day, I want to quote the words of Srila Prabhupada, "Lord Sri Krishna is Jagad guru and guru is the representative of Krishna." Srila Prabhupada also explained in Nectar of Devotion as we should acquire the spiritual energy through the mercy of guru and Krishna. So, Krishna is within as caitya guru and Krishna manifests Himself externally as a bona fide spiritual master.

*prathamam tu gurum puja tatas chaiva mamarchanam
kurvan siddhim avapnoti hy anyatha nisphalam bhavet*

If anyone worships his spiritual master first and then Me, he certainly achieves perfection.
Otherwise, his worship remains fruitless.
(Hari Bhakti vilasa 4.344 spoken by Supreme personality of Godhead)

Srila Gurudev,
You are magnanimous, enthusiastic in carrying out the orders of your spiritual master with full faith every



day and tolerating so many problems on your way. You are unselfish and generous in forgiving, as you have accepted a degraded soul like me as your disciple. You have completely surrendered your intelligence, words, mind in Krishna consciousness thus always maintained calm and peacefulness. You are clean both externally and internally, that reminds me of your explanation, "bahir narasimho- hridaye narasimho". You are indifferent to material possessions and material desires as you are always absorbed in doing service to Krishna, reading/listening to Krishna Katha. Being grave you have been equipped in all circumstances and always guiding us on how to use our six bad qualities, lust, anger, greed, illusion, madness, envy in Krishna's service. You are an expert in teaching the science of Krishna consciousness to my imperfect senses and guiding them towards devotional service. You are so compassionate to deliver me from this material suffering though I don't deserve it. You are always eager to talk about Krishna and nothing else, to show us how to be silent /Mauni. you have written Krishna conscious songs to exhibit the quality of being a poet. You and Gurumataji are so merciful towards me and have accepted my incomplete services. I am so fortunate to get the association of a perfect Vaishnava couple like you & Gurumataji. Please bless me that I should not fall from obeying your instructions and from serving Krishna throughout my life.

Your servant,
Savitri devi dasi - Austin, USA



Sudarshan Das - You guide us by your actions

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

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O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of Prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure Bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

My Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you Srila Gurudev,
All glories to Srimati Gurumata,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

My dear Srila Gurudev, a very happy Vyas puja to you. On this very auspicious day, I would like to try and show my gratitude towards you and Srimati Guru Mataji.



I feel very fortunate to have the greatest opportunity of having your personal association. You are a loving representation of the mercy from Krishna and the very amazing parampara that you connect us to. I am very grateful that you remind us about our duty in all respects, towards us, towards our material and spiritual family, towards human society, and toward the universe in general. I am a forgetful soul who was lost in the darkest alley from here you have picked me and showed me the real meaning of life.

All this is made more meaningful by the mercy of Srimati Guru Mataji, who practically engages us in your and Krishna's service. I am always indebted to her.

Srila Gurudev and Srimati Guru Mataji, you both are exemplary and you guide us by your actions. You help us understand that Krishna consciousness is not speculative but a practical and perfect science which should be our only goal of life.

On this very auspicious day, offering my obeisances at your lotus feet would thank you for teaching us and being tolerant of our mistakes and would also offer my prayers that I will be sincere in following my vows and your instructions. Without your mercy, I am an orphan with no hope. Guru Mataji and You are my parents and I surrender unto you.

Your Servant,
Sudarshan Das - Toronto, Canada



Sulakshana devi dasi - Thank you for planting the seed of Bhakti

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

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My dear Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet!

Lord Krishna says in the Bhagavad Gita: "Out of many thousands among men, one may endeavor for



perfection, and of those who have achieved perfection hardly one knows Me in truth". BG 7.3. Gurudev, I am eternally indebted to you because it was only by your mercy, my fortune opened. I sometimes wonder how I became so fortunate to receive such a rare gift of understanding the knowledge of Absolute Truth. Otherwise, like many others, I would be also engaged in animal propensities, namely eating, sleeping, defending, mating, and wasting my valuable human form of life and hardly interested in transcendental knowledge.

It is said that Lord Krishna can be known by persons who are in Krishna consciousness and only such pure devotees are able to plant bhakti seeds in conditioned souls like me. Now I am very much eager to become a pure unalloyed devotee of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Only by your mercy, I will be able to accomplish that lofty goal and stop the cycle of birth and death and this is possible only in the human form of life and not in any other species.

Thank you, Gurudev for planting that rare bhakti seed in my heart and all your compassion on this most fallen soul. On this auspicious appearance day of yours, I pray to Lord Sri Krishna that you have a very long and healthy life, and your desire to spread Krishna consciousness all over the world be fulfilled. I hope I will be able to assist you somehow or other in a small way to fulfill your mission. Thank you for accepting this worthless foolish person as your disciple.

Yours most fallen and unworthy servant,
Sulakshana devi dasi - Billings, USA



Tak Fong David Lio - Thank you for preaching Srila Prabhupada's mission

Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I want to express my gratitude to you today for your very determined and steady effort to preach Srila Prabhupada's mission.

Your mood is filled with genuine compassion and love. You strongly desire and endeavor to facilitate Lord Caitanya's mercy to reach every nook and cranny, every town and village. It manifests in powerful, cutting, and thought-provoking preaching. The result of this kirtan which has been singing and ringing for many steady years now is a dynamic culture of sweet, wonderful enthusiastic devotees, fully sold-out to the mission of Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for truly caring for devotees and putting their needs ahead of the institution. That's the formula for strengthening the institution.

Thank you for training them in sound Vaishnava principles in line with Srila Prabhupada's instructions and also for painstakingly helping them on all levels of their life, including physical and emotional.



Thank you for always stressing the foremost need to chant Hare Krsna attentively with taste, and to study Srila Prabhupada's books with great faith and enthusiasm.

Thank you for tasting and illuminating the unlimited nectar ocean of Srila Prabhupada's personal ecstasies in his transcendental books.

Thank you for having a long term vision for the implementation of Krsna Consciousness in the modern world and not being blind to the inevitable collapse of society as we know it.

Thank you for helping to unfold the wonderful plan of Srila Prabhupada for Krsna conscious lifestyle in New Zealand.

May you live a long life and continue your relentless preaching efforts right to your very last breath.

Yours,
Bhakta Tak Fong David Lio - Toronto, Canada



Urvish Mahant - I am truly influenced.

Hare Krishna
All glories to A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

Sriman H.G. Sankarshan Das Adhikari, a practitioner and a spiritual master who has dedicated over 5 decades to spread the consciousness of Lord Shri Krishna. As I am fortunate to receive daily thoughts for the day, I am truly influenced by his thoughts and the way he makes the material life simpler when one's asked to get answers for the question.

Bhakta Urvish - Kitchener, Canada.



Vasundhara Devi Dasi - You taught me how there is no reason to be in any anxiety.

Hare Krsna Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet,



All Glories to you on the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa puja,

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate sankarshan dāsādhikāri iti nāmine*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

*namo prabhupādanugā prema-murti krpātmane
gauradesa-vikāsārtha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of Prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure Bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

The epidemic of COVID 19 was declared in March 2020 and the whole world was shut down. There was uncertainty everywhere and almost everyone was affected, be it economic or mental health. But I remember you always say in your lectures that there is no reason to be in any anxiety, the only anxiety is if we forget Lord Krsna. I have taken this calamity as a blessing in disguise because every day we could still take darshan of Sri Sri Radha Damodar and attend Guru puja on the start meeting, so for me, there was no calamity at all as we could always take your darshan.

Moreover, you always quote this particular verse from Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 9, Chapter 4, Verse 63:

*śrī-bhagavān uvāca
ahaṁ bhakta-parādhīno
hy asvatantra iva dvija
sādhubhir grasta-hṛdayo
bhaktair bhakta-jana-priyaḥ*

The Supreme Personality of Godhead said to the brāhmaṇa: I am completely under the control of My devotees. Indeed, I am not at all independent. Because My devotees are completely devoid of material desires, I sit only within the cores of their hearts. What to speak of My devotee, even those who are devotees of My devotee are very dear to Me.

Thank you Srila Gurudeva for giving me a caring God sister Patita Pavana Mataji who always motivates me in my chanting, reading, and discussing Sri Sri Radha Krsna pastimes and how merciful Caitanya Mahaprabhu is. Thank you for allowing me to serve her on every Vyasa puja in whatever insignificant service that I can perform.

I continue to pray to our sweet Lord Sri Sri Radha Ksir Chor Gopinath to bless you with all good health.

Your insignificant servant
Vasundhara Devi Dasi - Toronto, Canada





Yugadharmā Devi Dasi - You are a Sadhu

Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet,
All Glories to Your Grace,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*nama orṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate sankarshana dās adhikārin iti nāmine*

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*orṁ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-salākayā
cakṣur unmīṭarṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

I was born in the darkness of ignorance, and my Spiritual Master opened my eyes with the torch of transcendental knowledge and thus I offer my respectful obeisances unto my Spiritual Master.

*titikṣavaḥ kāruṇikāḥ
suhṛdaḥ sarva-dehinām
ajāta-śatravaḥ śāntāḥ
sādhavaḥ sādhu-bhūṣaṇāḥ*

The symptoms of a sādhu are that he is tolerant, merciful and friendly to all living entities. He has no enemies, he is peaceful, he abides by the scriptures, and all his characteristics are sublime.

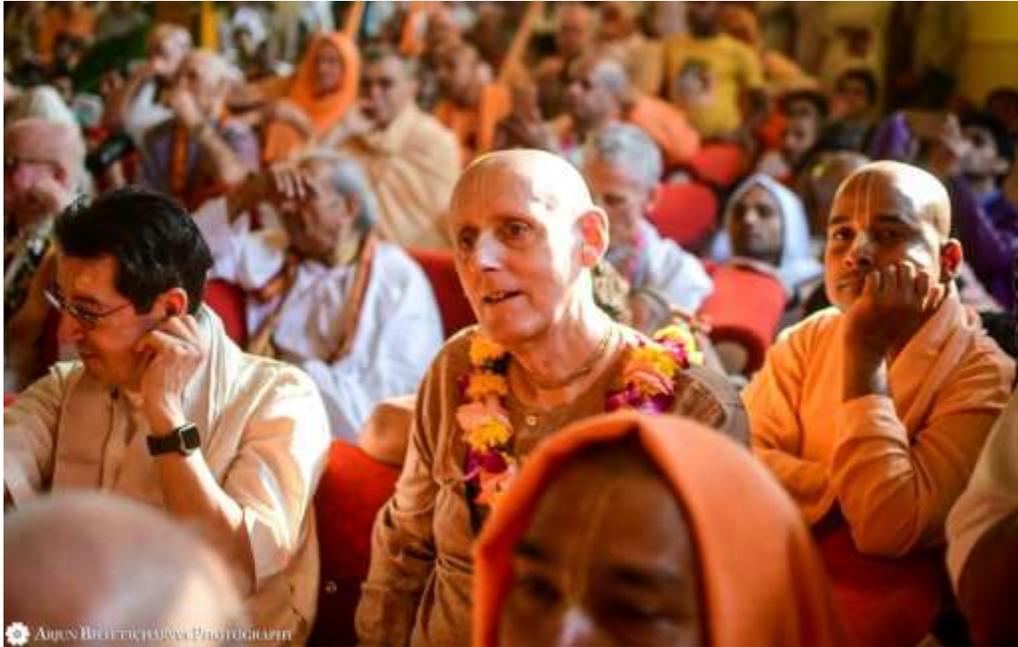
As an unqualified neophyte, I am unable to express my gratitude enough. I was ignorant and lost in material life. Your grace brought me to hope to make spiritual progress. I wasted so much time by not engaging in Krishna consciousness early enough. Krishna has blessed me with the greatest spiritual master. How can anyone be more fortunate than this? Srila Gurudev, your devotion towards Srila Prabhupada is extraordinary. Your grace and Srimati Gurumataji set a great example of pure devotion to us. From now on, my only wish to Krishna is to serve your grace with the best of my ability and I beg Krishna to give me the strength to overcome all obstacles.





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Your servant,
Yugadharna Devi Dasi - Berlin, USA



Srila Gurudev during Srila Prabhupada's disappearance day





South America

Draupadi Devi Dasi - You are the source of my inspiration.

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*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Srīman Sankarshan Dās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti in order to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya.

Dear Srīla Gurudev,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

All glories to Srīla Prabhupada!

I want to thank you for everything you have done for me. I will never forget the day when Krishna put me in contact with you through the internet in 2005. It has been 15 years since I met you and since then my life changed forever and there was no turning back. You instructed me about the spiritual life through emails and you kindly answered all my doubts and questions. And then when I met you in person it was something wonderful as my heart said that I had finally found my spiritual master. The happiest days of my life have been when I have served you personally. Many things happened but thanks to you I remained firm in this process. On this day of your Vyasa puja, I want to thank you for everything you have done for me, for you I am the person I am now, if I had never met you, I do not know what would have happened to my life. You have saved me from this empty material existence and thanks to you now my life has meaning. You have brought me closer to Krishna through devotional service. I try to follow all your instructions with all my heart. And every day I think of you and when I do service, I always think of how to satisfy you, you are my daily guide even if you are not physically with me. But I always carry you in my heart and you are the source of my inspiration to do devotional service. I want to thank you for all the tolerance and patience you have had for me. I always carry you in my thoughts and in my heart and you are the most important person in my life. I wish one day that I could become a good devotee and be able to serve you and Krishna forever. Thank you very much, Gurudev for always instructing me with your love and patience. I always carry you in my heart.

Your eternal servant

Draupadi devi dasi – Monterrey, Mexico





Haribuddhi Dasa – Gurudev represents the triumphant spirit of Srila Prabhupada.

Dear most Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to you and Srila Prabhupada!

On this day, we celebrate this wonderful honor of honoring our spiritual guide. Srila Gurudev represents the triumphant spirit of Srila Prabhupada to sow the seed of bhakti all over the world seeking to attract all sleeping souls attracted by the illusory energy. Now, in the midst of this pandemic, it is when we see the sincerity in the spiritual practice of devotees; a healthy practice involves sharing the nectar we live with others. It's a great challenge to share and excite others, and Srila Gurudev is an expert in using every tool possible to achieve that goal. For this reason, I thank again and again this transcendental Sri Guru Parampara so that it allows us to be sure to follow perfectly what Srila Prabhupada wanted through the guidance of His dear and beloved disciple, Srila Gurudev.

Your servant,

Hari Buddhi Dasa - Shangrilá, Uruguay



Indumati Devi Dasi - Krishnaize the whole world.

Please accept my humblest obedience at your feet, all glories to you
Dear spiritual father, thank you very much for giving me a part of your infinite mercy and spiritual guidance to become perfect in Krishna consciousness and I know that I can only achieve it under your shelter, I ask for your blessings to serve you without deviation in your long-awaited desire to Krishnaize the whole world.

Always at your feet
Indumati Devi Dasi - Lima, Peru.

Por favor acepte mis más humildes obediencia a sus pies , todas las Glorias a usted
Querido padre espiritual muchas gracias por darme una parte de tu infinita misericordia y guía espiritual para llegar a ser perfecta espiritualmente y sé que solo puedo lograrlo bajo tu refugio, pido tus



bendiciones para servirte sin desviación en tu tan anhelado deseo de krishnaizar el mundo entero.
Siempre a tus pies



Jacinto Esteban - Effulgence of God is reflected in you.

His Grace Srila Gurudev Sankarshan Das Adhikari

Please accept my humble prostrate at your lotus feet on your Vyasa Puja.

It is an honor for me to express my gratitude for your immense effort to try to get us out of the darkness of ignorance in which the majority of the world population is. You are like the mirror in which the effulgence of God is reflected, for the forcefulness of your messages to Krishnaize people has inspired me to take the path of devotional service very seriously and help you spread this wonderful knowledge of liberation from material captivity because even though I am just not initiated student yet, I do not spare any opportunity to spread the thought of the day to my relatives and friends that you so gently sends me every day

May God in his infinite mercy fill you with blessings of eternal bliss.

Hare Krishna.

Bhakta Jacinto Esteban - Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Ecelentísimo Srila Gurudeva Sankarshan Das Adhikari humildemente me postro a sus pies de loto en su Vyasa Puja.

Es para mi un honor expresar mi gratitud por su inmenso esfuerzo de intentar sacarnos de la oscuridad de la ignorancia en la cual estamos mayoritariamente la población mundial. Ud es como el espejo en el cual se refleja la refulgencia de Dios, pues la contundencias de sus mensajes para Krishnaizar a la gente me ha inspirado para tomar muy en serio el sendero del servicio devocional y ayudarlo a difundir éste maravilloso conocimiento de liberacion del cautiverio material, pues a pesar de que solo soy un estudiante no iniciado no escatimo tiempo ni oportunidad para difundir el pensamiento del día que tan gentilmente me envia todos los días entre mis parientes y amigos.

Que Dios en su infinita misericordia le colme de bendiciones y dicha eterna Hare Krishna.



Mario Mendez Bautista - Happy Birthday.

Sriman Sankarsham Das Adhikari





Happy Birthday, dear master.

Bhakta Mario Mendez Bautista - Bogotá, Colombia

Feliz Cumpleaños querido Maestro.



Srila Gurudev with devotees in South America



North West India + Nepal

Aakash Kumar - Your wonderful and encouraging Bhagavatam

Hare Krsna Gurudev.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

I still remember those days when I was devoid of association with devotees and really struggling to maintain my spiritual practices. Krsna somehow directed me to your most enlightening e-course. I still do not remember how I enrolled myself for the course. But it must have been Krishna's plan to put me under the shelter of your lotus feet.

I keep facing so many challenges but your wonderful and encouraging Bhagavatam classes have always been my savior.

Whatever devotional service I am able to render is only due to your mercy Gurudev. Whenever I feel like giving up or I get morose by my inability to practice Krishna Consciousness, I just remember your divine instructions. I sincerely pray to Krsna to keep me always under the shelter of your association in the form of the divine message of Bhagavatam.

Kindly bless me Gurudev so that I can assist you and be instrumental in this wonderful movement of Lord Sri Caitanya and Srila Prabhupada.

Your insignificant servant.

Bhakta Aakash - Patna, India



Abhay Ashray Das - Your ever-energetic personality.

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Hare Krishna

Please accept my humble obeisance unto your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to you and Srimati Gurumata on this auspicious day of your appearance in this world.

Again, I find myself very much blessed to write heartfelt feelings through this Vyaspuja offering letter which is a once in a year opportunity to purify myself, this poor soul.

This year is much different than all the previous ones because this year we are painfully deprived of your personal association and Vapu-Seva, thus we all feel the total pangs of separation from your Holiness,



though the daily live lectures/Mangal Aarti and writings on the e-course brought us much-needed solace and soothing of the mind.

Your words of wisdom with your ever-energetic personality totally enmeshed in propagating Krishna consciousness all over the world is a matter of deep appreciation and accord in the echelons of exalted Vaishnava fraternity raised by the auspicious hands and personal tendering from Srila Prabhupada.

Your writings and ability to answer the doubts and questions are matchless and bear profound marks on the mind of a seeker. For example, one devotee asked for your guidance on how to earn a lot of money? And your answer to that was really wonderful and touching to the core of heart, answering him "May you lose your desire for money", further elaborating how this basing of happiness on the false premise of material advancement (at the cost of love for Krishna) would render frustration.

This is just a single example amongst the thousands that you easily threw to the satisfaction of the seekers and all of us. The orders received from Srila Prabhupada to preach the Krishna consciousness have become a very life and soul of your Holiness, therefore even at this juncture of advancing age and personal inconvenience, during which one tends to take rest, your Holiness is as enthusiastic as a young brahmachari in the early twenties.

Due to the unlimited compassion and mercy to reclaim the fallen souls, you are willfully accepting the troubles of trotting the globe twice a year. No one knows better how to live in solid empathy and understating for the wretched souls than your great Vaishnava. You are the personification of working forgiveness, renunciation, and earnestness for all.

Actually, I am a very insignificant and wayward person totally unfit to receive the mercy and care from you, but because of your fathomless and indiscriminate kindness many-many souls like me, are somehow placed on the way back to godhead, back to home. I do not know how I would ever be able to repay for this life-saving, clement gesture from your Holiness. I beg to pray to Sri Krishna and Srimati Radharani to bestow all kind favors unto your Holiness to execute the mission of Srila Prabhupada to make the whole world Krishna conscious, to the fullest. Also, I beg to pray unto your lotus feet to please forgive me for any act of error, omission, and ignorance while remembering the lotus feet of Sri Krishna and Srimati Radharani. Always indebted to you for staying in my heart.... always indebted to you for saving myself from the unlimited and repeated agonies of material existence.
Hare Krishna.

Abhay Ashray Das - Pune, India



Acharya Das - I can always count on

Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances.



All glories to Srila Prabhupada!
All glories to you and your appearance day!

During the past six to seven months with the world mostly under full or partial lockdown due to COVID 19 pandemic, I got a chance to reflect on your teachings when I first attended your lecture way back in 2003, that material world is a horrible place to be in and taking shelter of Krishna is the only solution and one must be firmly fixed up in Krishna Consciousness to get out of this material world. Whatever advancement science makes for increasing material comfort and improved way of living, one still has to suffer here, there is no other way. This is a practical realization for all of us during this pandemic time. No one within this material world can escape the clutches of birth, death, disease and old age. Just like the example you quoted many times, how in rural India, cycle riders cling to a moving vehicle to reach their destination thereby saving their energy, similarly clinging to the feet of the spiritual master who will take us back home back to godhead is the only way.

In Bhagavad-Gita Krishna tells Arjuna how he may come to understand the science of Krishna consciousness.

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

Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him submissively and render service unto him. The self-realized souls can impart knowledge unto you because they have seen the truth.

Srila Prabhupada continues in the purport to explain that advancement in spiritual life is undoubtedly difficult, but with the guidance of a genuine spiritual master, a bona fide submissive disciple can come to understand how to traverse the path. I feel myself most fortunate that Krishna has blessed me with such a merciful and genuine spiritual master as you Gurudev. As the fog of material conceptions slowly clears away from my heart, I realize more and more, how far away from the goal of pure devotional service I am and how lost I am in even understanding what constitutes the path of devotional service, and what to speak of how to get along in it.

However, I can always count on your lectures, your kirtans, your instructions, and your personal example to shed light and push me and encourage me further along on the way towards Krishna. It is clear to me that your experience of the truth of Krishna consciousness is light-years away from whatever little glimpses I get, and seeing this gives me hope that I may also be so fortunate if I follow your guidance in practicing spiritual life. Although undeserving, I hope that I may continue to be blessed in receiving your mercy and that my desert-like heart may one day realize the nectar of service and submissive inquiry to you and Krishna.

Thank you for reaching out to help me time and time again.

Your eternal servant,
Acharya Das - Mumbai, India





Aishwarya Sharma - Please stay with us forever...

Hare Krsna!
Please accept my humble obeisances Gurudev

Dear Gurudev, you have helped me a lot to walk on the right path and revive my real identity in Krishna consciousness

You are the spark of glory for the people living in dark shadows of ignorance. I cannot describe your glories in words because I have been left speechless to describe your Grace

Please stay with us forever...

Hare Krishna!

Bhaktin Aishwarya Sharma - Meerut, India



Akshay Bhardwaj - Your daily routine is a perfect example

Respected Dear Srila Gurudev
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Srila Gurudev, you are a special person being so much absorbed in fulfilling the dream of Srila Prabhupada. Your daily routine is a perfect example of how a disciple lives by the words of his spiritual master. We cannot describe or express your potency and abilities, so please forgive us for our insufficient words in glorifying your unlimited qualities. Still, I want to say a few words just as a token of appreciation on this grand occasion.

Srila Gurudev, you appeared on Annada Ekadashi in the year nineteen forty-seven, That is Madhava tithi, bhakti janani, what to say more.

Srila Gurudev, everywhere, just celebration mood of Janmashtami was going on, Krsna sent one more soldier in the preaching mission of ISKCON
Srila Gurudev, you have made the teachings of Srila Prabhupada as your life and soul, You keep on moving to fulfill them, Srila Bhagavatpada.



Srila Gurudev, to serve Guru and Gauranga is the supreme privilege,
You have proved it with your world-wide coverage.

Srila Gurudev, our humble obeisances at your lotus feet again and again,
You have accepted us in this disciplic succession chain

Srila Gurudev, we do not have mind and intelligence to describe the glories of His Holiness,

Bhakta Akshay Bhardwaj - Ghaziabad, India



Bharat Bhushan Dhawan - Given me the purpose of life

Hare Krishna,

My dandvant pranam to Srila Gurudeva.

Srila Gurudeva for me is the divine source of knowledge which is continuously connecting me with Lord Sri Krishna. I have been receiving emails from November 2011 onwards and daily it provides me more knowledge than the previous day. Srila Gurudeva is so attentive that he always replies to my questions. Daily postings of the Question & Answers section of Srila Gurudeva has enlightened my devotion towards Lord Sri Krishna. I will be very happy if I get the chance to touch Srila Gurudeva feet either in Austin, Vrindavan or New Delhi. Srila Gurudeva always teaches me what is good and what is bad, particularly what is adorable by Lord Sri Krishna. Srila Gurudeva's answers have made my heart purified for Krishna consciousness. Srila Gurudeva has given me the purpose of life. I am very thankful to Srila Gurudeva for accepting me as his disciple.

Bhakta Bharat - New Delhi, India



Devahuti Devi Dasi - Holding your lotus feet to heart.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*





I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Srīman SankarshanDās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you Srīla Gurudev

All glories to Srīmatī Gurumata

All glories to Srīla Prabhupada

On this most auspicious occasion the appearance of your Grace I offer my humble obeisances.

This year as the Vyas puja was to be held in Vrindavan, but due to coronavirus your Grace and Gurumataji are not able to be in Vrindavan, so we are missing too much the association, the services, Vrindavan, on this auspicious occasion of our life also.

It is by your forever causeless mercy that you accept me in your loving devotional service. And to begin to even approach rightly to Sri Kṛsna, Srīmatī Radharani and Lord Caitanya is only by your Grace. The mercy of the spiritual master is always there for everyone, but we have to take it. Just like the Sun, it is for everyone but we at least have to stand in a receptive place to get benefit.

Thank you for all your instructions in your lectures.

Thank you for giving us the means to remember Kṛsna always by chanting His holy name

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛsna Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛsna
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rīma Rāma Hare Rīma*

By the mercy of spiritual master, one receives the benediction of Kṛsna. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement. We hold your lotus feet to our hearts, our only real and fearless shelter. I will never be able to repay the limitless love affection and mercy of his Grace and Gurumataji. I can only pray that you will continue to be merciful to me despite my lack of gratitude.

Your servant,

Devahuti devi das - Gujarat, India.





Initiation Ceremony Vrindavan 2019

Dhananjaya Das - Let me take full shelter

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Srīman SankarshanDās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti in order to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya.

My dear Srīla Gurudev,
Please accept my humble and sincerest obeisances.
All glories unto you and Srīmati Gurumataji.
All glories to Srīla Prabhupada.

I am eternally grateful to you for being a guiding light of my life. I was initiated and accepted as a disciple by you during Kartik month in Sridham Vrindavan last year. Although I am full of faults and materially attached, I was given shelter at your lotus feet. It is very difficult to surpass this vast ocean of material sense gratification on my own strength. But this very ocean can be surpassed easily by one who is accepted and given shelter by a bona fide spiritual master. You are helping me every single day by your personal guidance in the form of your Thought for the day quotes. Your Ultimate Self Realization course has attracted many fallen conditioned souls to Krishna consciousness movement and thus giving them a refuge. Your Q & A section in the Ultimate Self Realization course needs a special mention because you are personally answering each and every question asked by your students/disciples. You answer every question so perfectly and without compromising the teachings of Srīla Prabhupada. It has become a fashion in kali yuga to dilute everything to get cheap followers, name, fame and money and people are being cheated and exploited by so-called Godmen. Srīla Prabhupada and his army are a great boon for



Kaliyuga people. You are a perfect follower of Srila Prabhupada and a living embodiment of his teachings. Let me take full shelter and become a disciple in true sense by engaging my thoughts, words and deeds in all times, places and circumstances in pleasing you. I can't and won't be able to repay the debt I owe to you but one thing I can do is follow my vows that I had taken at the time of initiation and preach as much as possible. May Sri Dhananjay Radha Giridhari give you a healthy and long life so that your desire to make the whole world Krishna conscious come true. Thank you Gurudev for taking time out to read my Vyas-Puja offering.

Your servant,
Dhananjaya Das - Khambhat, India



Dhiraj Shetty - Please continue to engage me

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev,

Thank you for your unparalleled guidance to fallen souls. You have imbibed the humility and discipline of your spiritual master Srila Prabhupada and have thus inspired many. Please continue to engage me in the service of Guru, Krishna and Vaishnavas.

Regards,
Bhakta Dhiraj - Pune, India



Dristadyumna Das - I always desire the dust of your lotus feet

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to you dear Gurudeva!!

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-salākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave 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, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.





*sñ-guru-carana-padma, kevala-bhakati-sadma,
bando muñi savadhana mate
jahara prasade bhai,e bhava toriya jai,
kṛṣṇa-prapti hoy jaha ha'te*

The lotus feet of our spiritual master are the only way by which we can attain pure devotional service. I bow to his lotus feet with great awe and reverence. By his grace one can cross the ocean of material suffering and obtain the mercy of Krishna

Srila Gurudev, you have been my inspiration for the last 5+ years. Becoming your disciple empowered me with a lot of service, dedication and opportunities to serve this mission of Srila Prabhupada more perfectly. I am just trying to dedicate myself more and more but it is impossible without your mercy. Kindly bless me with your association every moment. I wish one day will come when I will hear from your grace in the abode of Krishna.

Srila Gurudev, I am having no good qualities, but still your grace blessed me with bhakti-lata seed. It's up to me now how I am going to water it, nourish it; but I always desire the dust of your lotus feet so that I can become perfect as you are. You are the ocean of mercy. You are the best and perfect example of being a disciple. In simple words, you are the personification of discipline.

Wish you a happy appearance day and a healthy and long existence.

Thanks for saving us always

Your unworthy student
Dristadyumna Das - Jammu, India



Gunn - My true well wishers

Hare Krishna
My humble greetings to you.

You are like a spiritual typhoon which ends whole miseries of the world.
You are my true well-wisher and at last with my humble feelings, I wish you "Happy Birthday". May you live for thousands of years to spread Krishna consciousness.

Bhakta Gunn - Haryana, India





Guruvandana devi dasi - I have to become very serious from this moment

My dear Srila Gurudeva,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!
All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumata!

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

I beg to offer my respectful obeisances unto your Grace. The most important day in my life is the Vyasa Puja day of my spiritual master because it is the day Lord Krishna has arranged the appearance of my spiritual master to wake up and save fallen conditioned souls like myself. I express my sincere gratitude to the Lord for the appearance of Srila Gurudeva.

Srila Gurudeva, you have educated us with the real knowledge to attain pure devotional service on behalf of Srila Prabhupada. Yes, you have given the best, though I am an unworthy and ignorant fool. My desire is to take this sublime process seriously and attain perfection of life.

Your Grace and my beloved Srimati Gurumataji have been showering blessing and mercy throughout the tough time of bodily sickness I am undergoing now, where I am immobilized to do my regular devotional services. During this period, I was very much overpowered by anxiety and had difficulty even to chant. Your blessings and encouragement gave me powers to chant. Sometimes I cried like a kid when I was feeling that I was unable to walk and do my own work, totally in bodily consciousness. Srimati Gurumataji's phone calls and blessings acted as a healing touch and uplifted me. I am now realizing how much I am a show bottle devotee. As you both are still showering your mercy, my prayer is I should not be a cheater any more. I understand I have to become very serious from this moment to engage in the process of Krishna consciousness.

I bow down and offer my humble prayers unto the Lord that somehow, I always be engaged in pure devotional service, pleasing to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji.

Your insignificant servant in the dust of your lotus feet,
Guruvandana devi dasi - Noida, India





Haladhar Das Et.al - Captain of our ship

*om ajnana timirandhasya jnanajana salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

We offer our respectful obeisances unto our spiritual master who has opened our eyes which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance with the torchlight of knowledge. Therefore, we offer our respectful obeisances unto him.

*nama om vishnu padaya krishna presthaya bhutale
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

We offer our humble obeisances at the lotus feet of our spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

*namo prabhupadanuga prema murti kripatmane,
gauradesa vikasartha, uttama bhakti varsine*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! We offer our obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers, pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Hare Krsna Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories unto yours and Srimati Gurumata Divine lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Srila Gurudeva, we don't know how to glorify your Grace. We have very limited understanding of your unlimited qualities, which too has developed only by hearing your transcendental lectures and reading your daily thoughts of the day. Every word from your Grace describes your divine qualities only. You are the ever well-wisher of everyone *suhrd sarva dehinam*, you are the living Bhagavata, you are the captain of our ship back home back to Godhead, *karna-dhara ivaranam*.

You are the representative of sages like Srila Vyasadev, Srila Prabhupada, rajrishi like Ambarish Maharaj, demigods like Lord Shiva. For us you are the guiding torchlight in this world full of darkness of nescience. Once our five year old son asked a question while coloring in his drawing book "Twelve Mahajans", that why Srila Prabhupada picture is not among the Twelve Mahajans. We could not give him a convincing reply, so we asked you Srila Gurudeva, and you lovingly replied "Tell your son that Srila Prabhupada is the sum total of all the Twelve Mahajans."

Dear Gurudeva, I hope that by serving you, Srimati Gurumata, all your dear followers, your instructions diligently, we would always be able to remain under the soothing shade of your merciful glance.

Kindly bless us with proper insight so like your grace, we can too in every time, place and circumstance, understand and follow the mission statements of ISKCON, which is non-different from your revered





spiritual master Srila Prabhupada.

Always indebted to you.

Thanking you,

Haladhar Das & Parashakti Devi Dasi - Punjab, India



Harihara - Sanskrit translation of your nectarean holy messages

श्रीमन् शंकर्षणदासाधिकारिवचनामृतम्

Sriman Sankarshanadasadhikari's nectar -based messages.

(This offering is based on holy messages of revered Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari in Sanskrit slokas)

*व्यासपूजा मनुष्यस्य जीवनानन्दसाधिका
अध्यात्मप्रेरणा चैव गुरुशक्तिविकाशिका*

The event "Vyasapuja" is a very important inspiration to get prosperous and progressive knowledge about the self and omnipotent God.

*स्वपरिचयताज्ञानं पूर्णानन्दप्रकाशकम्
तदर्थं जीवनस्यैव परं लक्षं विचार्यते*

The knowledge about self is cause for bliss in human life.

*तत्र गुरुः सदा ध्येयः समग्रमार्गदर्शकः
पूर्णभक्तिसमाविष्टः सर्वकल्याणधारकः*

To get self-realization, the presence of Guru is inevitable for spiritual awareness and achievement.

*जीवनस्य फलं सर्वं स्वभावनापरात्मकम्
तदर्थं चोत्तमः मार्गः सेवनीयः प्रयत्नतः*

The core result of human life is based on its visionary thought flows and reformative and qualitative approaches.

*अध्यात्मता परा ध्येया सर्वदुःखविनाशिका
मनुष्यजीवनस्यैव तत्रामृतप्रवर्षिणी*

Self-realization is the only solution to all types of suffering in human life.



वृन्दावनं सदा सेव्यं पूर्णचैतन्यसाधने
यत्र स्वयं जगन्नाथः लेभे जन्म नरात्मकम्

The place Vrindavan is most important to achieve complete consciousness since that is famous for the holy birth of Godhead Sri Krishna.

भगवान् सर्वनिष्ठः वै जडजीवसमात्मकः
तद्दर्शनपरा स्वेच्छा मनुष्यत्वविकाशिका

The lord is omnipresent equally in all living and non-living materials in this world but the quest to see him is the best humanity on this planet.

भक्तो हि सर्वदा ज्ञेयः सर्वसामर्थ्यधारकः
लोकस्य विवृत्तौ नित्यं परमकरुणात्मकः

The devoted person has unlimited strength and abilities to change human life in this world.

आत्मघाती स मन्तव्यः समस्ते भुवने सदा
आत्मज्ञानविहीनश्च सर्वदुःखी नराधमः

Human life without self-realization is not only meaningless but that is demonic to destabilize the whole universe.

वसुधा चाल्यते नित्यमध्यात्मज्ञानता युता
वैपरीत्यं तु तस्यैव तद्विनाशपरात्मिका

The management of the universe is fully dependent on self-realized personality but without that, it may be most poisonous to that.

भवरोगविनाशाय जीवनामृतसाधने
अध्यात्मसाधनं सेव्यं सिद्धगुरुसुसन्निधौ

To get relaxation from various worldly sufferings the knowledge of spiritualism which is achieved through the devotional service of Guru is best for human life.

Dr. Harihara Hota - Puri, India



Himavati Devi Dasi - Nothing to lose, but everything to gain



Hare Krishna,
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Gurumataji
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Gurudev,

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your blessings and your resolve for sharing the most boundless knowledge with us and also hope to remain in your caring and instructive light for years to come.

I sincerely pray to Sri Radha Madhav and Gaura Nitai that I may always be able to serve you and stay fixed in pure bhakti. Please bless me that I may always be engaged in devotional service.

Before initiation I was looking for a Guru for many years, but it was all Krishna's plan to gift me such a merciful Guru and Gurumata. I wish to do as per your instructions. I find myself very lucky to be your disciple, please save me from falling down, you are the only hope.

Srila Gurudeva, to follow you I have nothing to lose, but everything to gain. I want to thank you so much for your guidance,

Your eternal servant,
Himavati Devi Dasi - Chandigarh, India



Ishan gaur das - Hari bol.

Haribol.

Ishan gaur das - Bhayander, India



Janmejai Kumar Sah - Your dissemination of knowledge

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev!
My humble obeisance at your lotus feet.



Thank you for sharing the knowledge of Krishna with all of us. Your dissemination of knowledge about the Supreme Lord Krishna is a lifeline for all the poor souls and has a soothing effect in this materialistic age of Kali.

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude and obeisance.
Hare Krishna

Bhakta Janmejai - Ranchi, India



Jitu Narayan - My Only Shelter

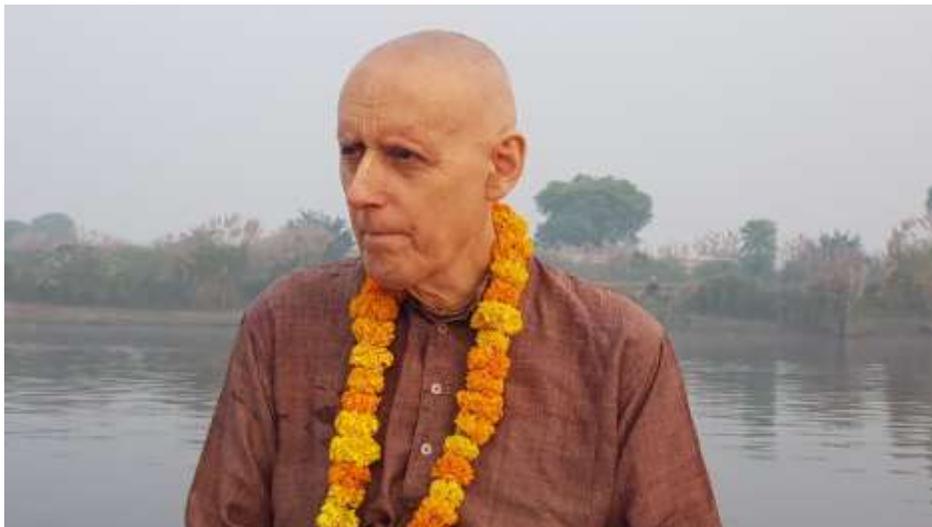
I offer my most humble obeisance in the divine dust of the lotus feet of my most exalted spiritual master, His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

Srila Gurudev, I was totally unaware about the goal of my life. I was the most unhappy and depressed person. But by mercy of you and Lord Sri Krishna, I am coming out slowly from the darkness of material existence.

I thank you from the core of my polluted heart for giving me spiritual knowledge that I am an eternal servant of Lord Sri Krishna and only my business is to please Lord Sri Krishna.

Now, by your grace, I am begging you to always use me in your service in any way you desire. Oh, most merciful Srila Gurudev, please let me never leave your lotus feet, because you are my only shelter.

Your insignificant servant
Bhakta Jitu - West Bengal, India



Srila Gurudev in deep meditation of Krishna



Khushbu Bhardwaj - A loving, caring person who has given...

Please accept my humble obeisances Gurudev,
Hare Krishna

On this auspicious occasion of Vyasa Puja of yours, Srila Gurudev please accept my offerings

I am really grateful to get connected to you. Few months back I got connected to you through your e-course and since then every day I eagerly wait for your email, your teachings. In our journey back to Godhead many times we feel obstacles to move forward in this journey but your teachings, your thoughts help us a lot to remain steady in our journey towards Krishna consciousness. You are doing incredible work. In this age of Kaliyuga where everyone is busy in their own life you are among the great devotees who took lots of pain to help other people to realize what is their true purpose of life and how they can be happy all the time even in this world. Gurudev your teachings, your thoughts enlighten our hearts with true knowledge, wisdom and give us inner peace. I am really grateful to Lord Krishna for making me connected to Gurudev, a loving, caring person who has given his whole life to this Krishna consciousness movement. Really grateful to you Gurudev. Please shower your blessings on us

Regards,
Bhaktin Khushbu Bhardwaj - Ghaziabad, India



Krishna Seva Das - All we need is your unlimited blessings and love

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my most humble obeisance at your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji.

Srila Gurudeva, I have no words to thank you for guiding me to crossover this material ocean of miseries. By obeying your orders and following your footsteps, I believe anyone can do that in this lifetime. All we need is your unlimited blessings and love Srila Gurudeva. By your mercy, I got initiated as your disciple even though I have no qualifications for that. By your mercy, I am trying to propagate the Holy name in the form of kirtan. I need your blessings to do more and more kirtan to please Lord Krishna. I don't know what to write more Srila Gurudeva. Always begging at your lotus feet for getting a drop of Krishna Prema.

Sending all my prayers on the occasion of your Grace's Vyasa-puja. We really miss your physical association due to this pandemic situation. I hope Krishna will bless us to meet you next year in Vrindavan Dham for the next Vyasa-puja.

Your most insignificant servant,
Krishna Seva Das - Kerala, India





Krishnapriya Devi Dasi - Difficult situations doesn't deter you

Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Even the most difficult situation does not deter you or reduce your utsaha, nischaya and dhairya (enthusiasm, determination and patience) to serve Srila Prabhupada. This experience is simply unimaginable for us.

Gurudev, *kripa bindu diyā*, please give me a drop of your ocean of mercy so that I can incessantly without any impediment serve you with my heart and soul.

I bow down to your humbleness, caring and protective nature. You are an ocean of mercy. You are personally guiding us, sitting in the core of our hearts as caitya guru. You are the spiritual father who connects us with the supreme father in our heart.

I have no quality to do any service. I am still in the training period. I feel very protected, safe and blessed under your shelter. My only desire is to serve you, so please teach me, instruct me to preach Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission, even though I am incapable and incompetent servant of yours.

I beg to remain the servant of your servants. Please forgive me for my offenses.

Your eternal servant,
Krishnapriya Devi Dasi - Mumbai, India



Krutika Chaple - Your mercy, guidance and gift keeps me alive

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

Thank you so much for tolerating my questions with a lot of patience. To guide us and motivate us to chant the holy names of Lord, give solutions to all problems, to give us a wonderful gift of Krishna consciousness. I was fed up being in the material world. Your mercy, guidance and gift keeps me alive, makes me ready, gives me courage to fight tough situations.

I am extremely foolish and in ignorance, please always shower your mercy like this upon me, so that I can also come out of ignorance.



Thank you.
Your aspiring student,
Bhaktin Krutika - Nagpur, India



Lakshman Das - You bear the torch light of knowledge

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev.
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories unto you and Srimati Gurumataji.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Vaishnavas.

Srila Gurudev, I am very much indebted to everything you have done to spiritually nourish me for my advancement in Krishna consciousness. Although I lack in qualification and competency, similarly I lack in all the exalted qualities of a Vaishnava, yet still you have accepted me as your disciple out of your boundless compassion. I have transmigrated in 8.4 million species of life since time immemorial, suffering the reactions of sinful life. So many life times I also had the rare privileges of being in a human body yet I never managed to take shelter of and fully surrender myself to a bonafide Vaishnava Acharya who will shower his mercy on an insignificant little jiva like me and guide me back to home, back to Godhead.

Srila Gurudev you bear the torch light of knowledge by which all of humanity can be brought to light, a light that will guide all of humanity out of the dense darkness of illusion and ignorance. I pay my humble obeisances unto you Srila Gurudev. You are a great, kind, merciful, compassionate, loving, caring Vaishnava Acharya, bona-fide Spiritual Master who is a pure representative of the Lord Himself, and I always aspire to purify myself with the dust of Your lotus feet.

Srila Gurudev, you and Srimati Gurumataji are so beautifully representing Srila Prabhupada, always walking in the footsteps of Srila Prabhupada. This also serves as an ideal example how a disciple is meant to live in the spirit of the Spiritual Master and always working towards fulfilling the mission of the Spiritual Master.

Srila Gurudev, recently Srimati GuruMataji had asked me in the Srimad Bhagavatam class if I wished to go back to Godhead? And this thought came to my mind that 'if I can become a good dog of Sri Guru and Gauranga then I can see myself as being fortunate enough to enter the Spiritual sky/Kingdom of God, Goloka-Vrindavan where swan like devotees of the Supreme personality of Godhead Sri Krishna reside, always engaged in the service of their Lordships Sri Sri Radha and Krishna'.

Srila Gurudev, I am absolutely convinced that this material existence is as bad as hell or perhaps even worst and thus have complete faith in the words of Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakur Prabhupada that 'This material world is not the place for a gentleman to live.'



Srila Gurudev, I will never be able to fully understand my great good fortune of having you in my life, yet somehow or other, if I can spread this message of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, the most magnanimous incarnation, combined form of Sri Radha and Krishna, who has appeared to shower His causeless mercy to the most fallen and lost souls like myself. Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu fulfilled His words that a pure devotee will come to spread the glories of the holy name in all the towns and villages of this planet and sent Srila Prabhupada to fulfill His prophecy. Srila Gurudev you are a completely sold out servant of Srila Prabhupada and thus to Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu also, this it is my profound realization that you have the potency to elevate all of humanity to Krishna consciousness. It behooves for a dull and fool neophyte like me to take complete shelter of your lotus feet so that I can also do at least a little contribution to this great movement of Srila Prabhupada, to help awaken the dormant Krishna consciousness of the people of this age.

Just like no one could cross a vast ocean by holding on to the tail of a dog swimming in the ocean, similarly the spirit soul could not cross the insurmountable ocean of material existence by one's own efforts, it is not possible, no matter how hard one tries, one has to please the pure representative of the Lord so that he can simultaneously please the Lord also and become qualified to receive the mercy and grace of Sri Guru and Gauranga.

Ideally, a disciple has to work hard to render service to the Guru but ironically just the opposite is taking place, Guru is working harder than the disciple to bring about a spiritual revolution on the planet. Srila Gurudev, I pray at your lotus feet that I become more and more dedicated and organized to work towards yours and Srila Prabhupada's mission of global respiritualization, by which there will be a ray of hope for this troubled planet and the misled human race.

Srila Gurudev, material world is a place where there is danger at every step and it is a matchless gift of Lord Sri Krishna to have advanced devotees like yourself and Srimati Gurumataji by my side, by our side, who are guiding us closer and closer to their Lordships, for a life of eternity, knowledge and bliss.

Your insignificant servant,
Lakshman das - Jhulsan, India



Lila Manjari devi dasi - I have full faith

My Dear Srila Gurudev
Please accept my humble obeisance
All glories to your Grace and Srimati Gurumata
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale



śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Dās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha-uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti in order to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya.

I am very grateful to get this opportunity to submit the Vyasa puja offering at your Grace's lotus feet.

My Dear Srila Gurudev, my life has completely changed from the time I came in kind association with your Grace and Srimati Gurumata.

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge.

I am so adamant on keeping my eyes closed in deep ignorance but your Grace very very kindly forced me to come out of that ignorance.

Srila Gurudev, presently my position is like:

*śaiśava-yauvane, jaḍa-sukha-saṅge, abhyāsa hoilo manda
nija-karma-doṣe, e deho hoilo, bhajanera pratibandha*

"Due to attachment to worldly pleasures in childhood and youth, I have developed bad habits. Because of these sinful acts my body has become an impediment to the service of the Supreme Lord."

But the divine words emanating from your Grace's and Srimati Gurumata's lotus mouth are so strong that they can cut through all anarthas. I am so blessed to have the association of your Grace and Srimati Gurumata everyday in the classes.

I sincerely pray at your Grace and Srimati Gurumata's lotus feet that I can put each and every instruction into practice. I have full faith that if I put them into practice, exactly as it is, then my human life will become successful. May this faith become stronger and stronger. May I use this lifetime in purely practicing Krishna consciousness and sincerely put effort to assist in your Grace's world deliverance mission, and dedicate myself by widely distributing Srila Prabhupada's books.

I pray to the Lord that the present situation gets resolved and once again we can be blessed by your Grace and Srimati Gurumata's association in Vrindavan.

Praying that I may always be rolling in the dust of your Grace's lotus feet and may I always be engaged in





assisting your Grace lifetime after lifetime.

Thank you.
your insignificant fallen servant
Lila Manjari devi dasi - Greater Noida, India



Mukunda das - I have taken shelter

Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet on this Auspicious Vyas Puja Day .

Oh Gurudeva,

You are my Father, Mother
my Sun and Moon
my Lord and Master
my Guide and Savoir
my Maintainer and deliverer
my Love
my Suhrd
my Refuge

Dear Gurudeva,
You are Rupanuga
You are Prabhupadanuga
You are embodiment of love and mercy
You are spreading the Sankirtan Movement of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, showering mercy, distributing love of Godhead to fallen souls like me.

I have taken shelter at your lotus feet.

Please engage me in the service of Krishna.

Your insignificant servant
Mukunda das - Pune, India



Nandapriya devi dasi - Please award me your special grace.



I offer my respectful obeisances unto the Vaishnava devotee His grace Srila Sankrshan Das Adhikari Gurumaharaj, my beloved master and my loving father a very dear devotee of the Lord. He is just like a desire tree and can fulfill the desires of everyone, and He is full of compassion for the fallen conditioned souls.

Hare Krishna

My dear loving father and my master

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to you O' glorious Vaishnava!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!!

It's an auspicious day for all of us, the day you chose to descend on this material world only to shower your mercy and show your compassion to the fallen soul through the pure teachings of Acaryas. Appearance day of Vaishnava is very auspicious and we should take the opportunity to submit our humble offerings so have their mercy divine, what power do I have to glorify you, my master, your glories knows no bound. But out of my ignorance and un-mitigating pride, I do so anyway, thinking myself so qualified. Please do accept my humble offering at your lotus feet.

Happy Krsna conscious appearance day Srila Gurudev

This year brought many realizations and taught us to leave in the separation of devotees that's not that easy Srila Gurudeva, especially for me, because I can never move or can imagine to grow in devotion an inch without the association, and every year I always keep my eyes on the calendar when you and Gurumataji will be coming to India and will get the opportunity to have both vapu and vani sanga of yours and will get to meet my God family that inspires and enthuse me in my devotional life.

This year though was not easy for me, ups and down remain there but Srila Gurudev Gurumataji see how you both never let us lessen our enthusiasm, by showing your own example that inspired and encouraged me thousands of times. There are no devotees in Austin but still with full enthusiasm and joy at this age you both serving the mission of your spiritual master His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada and lovingly engaged in the service of Sri Sri Radha Damodar. And make yourself available to us through live classes.

Once I told Gurumataji in Bhagavad Gita class about my realization that though we are not able to get physical sanga and not able to go Dham, Gurumataji I felt like I am already in Dham, as we are having the same schedule as we used to have in Vrindavan whenever you come to Vrindavan, we had morning Bhagavatam class, evening Bhagavad Gita class, here we are now getting same life, with live discussions and questions and answers. And it's said devotees carry Dham in their heart and I felt it in the association with you and Gurumataji, you both manifested Dham for us all in online meetings only. Jaya!! All glories All glories. Thank you so much for taking care of us, your children in a very loving way. And teaching is through your own example that is a sign of an Acharya and we just don't have one Acharya but two You and Gurumataji in front of us that is enough for us to always remain ecstatic and enthusiastic in devotional service.

Your preaching mood and inspiring us also to carry on the same mood of spreading Krsna consciousness all around the world, has given me a direction that I have to do. And by your and Gurumataji 's grace, I am trying a bit though insignificant efforts Srila Gurudeva but I always feel happy, it gives me solace that I am able to assist my spiritual master may be in an insignificant way, and that also m able to do by my masters' mercy. You are a true spiritual revolutionary.



In your one lecture, you said, we should carry the mood like “I have to become a pure devotee and I want to become now. That conviction by which you said Srila Gurudev and it just imprinted in my mind, I might have never got that inspiration on my own ever but your one statement just brought that thing to mind that no I have to do. I don't know how long it will last but I will try my best to act on it. The thing struck me after hearing this statement, you say in the lecture that the more you are convinced the more you can convince others. And your conviction is really a source of encouragement for us all, it gives me constant hope that I may be a useless case but if I remain under you and Gurumataji 's sublime shelter no way I can struggle in this desert of the material world.

Without the association of advanced devotees and hearing from them about Krsna and His pastimes, the various illusions that pain the heart of the inquisitive devotee will not leave Him. He will fail to achieve the love of Krsna. I realized this and am grateful to Krsna that I'm getting to listen to you and Gurumataji every day. This is the pivot or center point on which my devotional life stands on. Straight forward instructions and replies from You and Gurumataji, inspires me a lot or can say brings me to life. Thank you so much for guiding us on how to get pure devotion. You are truly uttama bhakti pradyani and true Prabhupadanuga.

Your glories have no bound Srila Gurudev, you are the living embodiment of pure devotion uttama bhakti, as Srimad Bhagavatam is Amalapuram, your teachings are spotless straightforward as it is from sastra and in discipic succession.

Gurudev you can award the perfection of all desires, including freedom from death, and even that rarest treasure not found in this world – Prema!

Even though I am dumb and unable to express your greatness, still my heart is joyful due to my great good fortune (that the Vaishnavas have accepted me as their own and Sri Gurudeva has given me harinama full of blissful pastimes). Forgive the faults of this fallen soul and make me your servant.

On this most fortunate day, I beg forgiveness for all my anarthas and aparadhas at your lotus feet and Gurumatji's lotus feet. And praying for your and Gurumataji good health, so that we can get more and more of your personal association with either vapu or vani.

And I am begging from you Srila Gurudev and From Gurumataji on this auspicious day that I am a rascal jiva and offender, not worthy of your mercy but Vaishnavas are compassionate and merciful so m daring to ask you today, please never ever bereft me of your divine shelter, I don't want to lose myself in the darkness of the material world, I have no hope and shelter and refuge other than you and Gurumataji, though conditioned I am, but I don't want to spoil this precious human birth, whose importance I have realized only after meeting you and Gurumataji.

I want to fully surrender at your and Gurumataji lotus feet and want to dedicate my whole life to your service, want to live my life as per your instructions. Please award me this special grace of yours that my life situations or circumstances be molded in such a way that I live my life in full surrendering to you and dedicating my life for this yours and Srila Prabhupada mission of spreading Krsna consciousness.

Your dog barking for mercy my master, have your grace...
Your loving daughter and unworthy servant,

Nandapriya devi dasi - Jammu, India





Nandini Munjal - Helping so many on the path.

Hare Krishna.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

Dandavat pranam.

My journey towards Krishna consciousness started when one day I came across Srimad Bhagavad Gita, for most of my questions were answered there itself and I knew this is the only word that makes sense, this is the ultimate reality and only treasure that matters. To love and devote yourself to Krishna and vaishnavas, as Lord Krishna Himself says to Arjuna. That Krishna Himself is the ultimate goal but this goal cannot be achieved by an individual on his own as he has to follow or be devoted to guru/vaishnavas.

In the same way in this kali yuga, it's extremely difficult to identify the real guru out there, the one who will help you in this journey to properly follow the principles and elements of Krishna consciousness and only to be surrendered to Krishna and his love not material attachments.

I consider this the blessings of Krishna in some form that somehow, I came to know about join course online program where Srila Gurudev and Gurumataji are doing such a beautiful service to help so many on this path. May their mercy and blessings brighten their hearts. I'm sure one day through their blessings we all devotees would progress with flying colors.

Bhakti Nandini Munjal - Ranchi, India.





Nikhil Mishra - Your grace kept me floated

My dear Srila Gurudev and Gurumata, please accept my humble dandavat pranams on this Vyas-Puja occasion. You saved me many times from falling into the mud of women, wine, gold and gambling. Your grace kept me floated over this mud just as lotus flowers do. May I continue to deepen my sadhana and bring glories to you.

Bhakta Nikhil - Gurgaon, India



Nivedita Sharma - Thank you

Dear Srila Gurudev,
I thank your grace & Gurumata for everything.

Bhaktin Nivedita - New Delhi, India.



Pooja Gupta - Fortunate to receive

Dear Srila Gurudeva, I am fortunate to receive your blessings every day and every moment. Aspiring to get freedom of all cycles of karma in this lifetime. Grateful to you!

Bhaktin Pooja - Dehradun, India



Pratiksha - Having your personal association was so joyful

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you.
All glories to Srimati Gurumataji.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*



*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha-uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

Dear Srila Gurudev, I feel blessed to have this chance to write the Vyasa Puja offering on this auspicious day of your grace Vyasa Puja for the first time. I owe all my gratitude to you and Srimati Gurumataji for tirelessly preaching Krishna consciousness and helping the fallen souls like me to be a part of this Krishna consciousness movement.

Though I am very new and know very little but having met you personally, I feel a change in myself. Last year in 2019, I got the wonderful opportunity to meet you and Srimati Gurumataji for the first time and as we have heard from your lectures "one moment's association with the pure devotee can change your life", I feel this is so true. Earlier I struggled so much to get up early and was not able to, but now I have been able to improve on it.

Having your personal association was so joyful and I feel so happy remembering it. I remember during your visit once, after attending the morning program when I was about to leave, you asked me "Did I get prasadam?". I said "No", then you personally gave me Mahaprasadam from your lotus hands and I was so happy.

Your words of guidance, each day after Srila Prabhupada lecture, is very very helpful, it acts like an instruction of the father to the child.

Your daily thought for the day, which personally addresses each one of us and motivates us on how we can preach and get out of this miserable condition of life is also helping me crawl in Krishna bhakti.

I was excited this year also to meet you personally but due to COVID-19 this was not possible. I really missed your personal association. But I am happy and I thank you that because of your mercy I could hear more from you, attending all the festivals Live. I am excited to attend the Vyasa Puja as well, Live for the first time.

I beg for your mercy always and want to engage myself in your service. Please keep me in the shelter of your lotus feet.

I am eternally indebted to you.

Thank you very much Srila Gurudev.

Jai Srila Gurudev.

Your servant,

Bhaktin Pratiksha - Noida, India



Preeti Arora - I am totally indebted to you.

Dear Srila Gurudev, I am falling short of words to describe the mercy you and Srimati Gurumataji have showered on me by giving me shelter at your lotus feet. Srila Gurudeva, your and Srimati Gurumataji's inconceivable mercy and immense tolerance towards me, helps me in my struggle in overcoming my anarthas. You are a Prabhupadanuga - follower of Prabhupada and you are not scared to speak the truth, with which you endeavor to cut the rope of material attachments of your disciples.

I am totally indebted to your Grace and Srimati Gurumataji and want to serve you and Srimati Gurumataji for eternity. Srila Gurudev, I do at least 16 rounds every day and follow the 4 regulative principles. I also render service of teaching in Hare Krishna Sunday School organized by ISKCON Punjabi Bagh.

In addition, I am also contributing Rs.5000 every month for the construction of ISKCON Rohini Temple (in Delhi)

Your most insignificant Servant
Bhaktin Preeti - New Delhi, India



Premananda Das - I desire to assist you in your mission

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gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha-uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

On this most auspicious divine appearance day of your Vyasa puja, I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude at your lotus feet to guide me in the divine path of Krishna consciousness.

Your nectarean lectures on livelectures.net, together with nectarean discourses from Srimati Gurumata, help me to get rid of lust, anger and greed in my heart. They are full of unlimited mercy and cutting the ignorance with a sword of knowledge.

It is very enlightening to hear on kcoradio.com, the digital radio on Expedition Truth, by Jack Ashcraft where Truth never fears questions. Another amazing series of interviews with Firebreathin Rob, Jeff Krishman the Supreme Nirvana, Homsa the surprising solution to climate change were truly encouraging and insightful. One superb and truly informative interview with Bill Ballenger from the political insider from



Michigan and Nancy Pearlman and Nick Pernado were very enlightening to hear and learn from.

You are an emissary or messiah, who has appeared only to deliver the fallen conditioned souls in the material world. It is very difficult to achieve Lord Krishna but as you mentioned that, if one makes his only desire to become a pure devotee of Krishna it is very easy to achieve Lord Krishna and He will become his personal property. You preach purely and tell everyone to engage in pure devotional service because that can only give the heart complete satisfaction and happiness it is seeking.

I desire to assist you in your mission, together with the mission of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya and let my life be an offering of love at your lotus feet.

It was amazing to see the Ultimate Self Realization Blog and the Android and Apple phone app, called Supreme Nirvana, to connect with you on the phone instantly with daily Thought of the day ezine and the questions and answers.

I pray to Lord Sri Krishna to empower me to fully surrender to the instructions of my spiritual master, as my very life and soul, pleasing and satisfying with my every thought, word and deed in all times, places and circumstances, for the pleasure of Krishna and be an instrument in the mission of ISKCON.

Time is the most valuable asset that I possess and even if I owed all the wealth found in the entire universe, it could not buy back one second of wasted time and thus by following and obeying your instructions will only liberate me from all miseries and qualify me to enter into the spiritual world at time of leaving my present body. Whenever I find myself getting frivolous with my time, I get serious and remember to follow your instructions and get back on track and make proper use of my most valuable human form of life.

Your endless love and devotion to Srila Prabhupada and Krishna and being an embodiment of mercy and personification of prema, make me more determined and devoted towards pleasing you. You are the beacon in my life, guiding me out of darkness, ignorance, misery and materialism.

I meditate on one of your enlightening discourses where you mentioned that all problems are special blessings of Krishna to take complete shelter of Him. Feeling always meek and insignificant, taking complete shelter of Krishna by totally surrendering unto Him, all problems will be gone.

I can never thank you enough for so kindly picking me up from this rotten material existence. Thank you again and again, millions and millions of times for saving me from this most hellish material existence.

Your servant,
Premananda Das - Mumbai, India



Priya Balani - My hankering stopped

Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet,
All glories to Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumata ji,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

While writing this Vyasa Puja offering for the first time, I find myself very much fortunate enough to glorify such a magnanimous personality I have never met but am looking forward to in near future. I have attended many of your and Gurumatajis' online sessions and with every session my faith in Krishna consciousness has become more and more stable.

Before coming to Krishna consciousness I was in constant search of something that could give me peace and satisfaction being so much frustrated with the material world. I went to many institutions. I learnt Reiki, I went to Art of Living, I read so many books, heard many Swamijis and Maharajas online. But once I touched Bhagavad Gita, I don't know what happened, my hankering stopped.

I read it once by myself. I tried but couldn't understand more than 2-3%. After completing it again hankering started and I ordered Srimad Bhagavatam. By Grace of Krishna I was approached by Lila Manjarimataji and started attending your classes and her Gita classes too.

In your classes, very little I am able to understand but it is changing my life slowly. I initially felt very lazy to chant but that too by matajis' inspiration and Krishna's grace I am chanting 16 rounds daily.

Krishna consciousness has given me stability in life. My hankering has stopped. No Gyana is Purna Gyana except Krishna Gyana. I can't thank you enough for showering your mercy upon me and my family. I am a very very great sinner Gurudev and feel like I am hankering from uncountable births, but I have full faith in you that you will surely guide me to the highest perfection.

Regards at your Lotus feet,
Bhaktin Priya - New Delhi, India



Rahul Vijan - Thank you.

Thank you very much for your sincere efforts to help us become krishna conscious.

Bhakta Rahul Vijan - Mumbai, India.



Rama Shanker Vyas - I offer my Sashtang Pranam

On this auspicious occasion, I offer my Sashtang Pranam and obeisances to the lotus feet of revered Guru Maharaj.

May Lord Sri Krishna bless him with a long life, enabling him to fulfill his pious and noble mission of making the whole world Krishna conscious.

Bhakta Rama - Pune, India



Rashmi Chhabra - Thank you for this inspiration!

Hare Krishna Respected Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah
sri-caitanya-mano-'bhistam sthapitam yena bhuta-tale
svayam rupah kada mahyam dadati sva-padantikam*

Twice a year, I await your and Srimati Guru Mataji's India visit. But it has not been possible this time. All these are Krishna's plans! This has nonetheless motivated me to chant with more concentration, though my mind still runs here and there. With your and Guru Mataji's blessings, my husband has also started chanting more regularly. He has also been reading Bhagavad Gita. Thank you for this inspiration! The thought of the day mails is really a soul stirrer, which keep guiding us.

Thank you so much for caring for fallen souls like me. Still many times the material world gets me, but with your blessings I will always keep striving hard.

Thank you,

Your insignificant servant,

Bhaktin Rashmi Chhabra - Noida, India



Ratin Mandal - Reservoir of mercy

Hare Krishna,

Please accept my humble obeisances,



All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

I pay respectful obeisances 1000 times onto the lotus feet of Srila Gurudeva. Gurudeva, you are a reservoir of mercy in this ocean of nescience. You are like the bright sun in this dark material world. It is by your grace and mercy that a fallen person like me can chant the Holy Name and read about pastimes of Lord Sri Krishna. It is only by your mercy that I can remember a few pastimes of Lord Sri Krishna.

Srila Gurudeva, compared to other years, this year is upside down due to the pandemic. It seems like the world is now caught in a never-ending cycle of fear of disease. Like others, in me too, it creates fear for health, family, job, etc. The scenario is extremely gloomy. In this dark time, your daily emails come as nectar to thirsty. By reading Thought for the day, it helps to understand that all the fear and anxiety is due to material identification of the body. By reading your email, it helps to understand that what we are suffering is due to past karmas. Until and unless we take up Krishna consciousness, it is not possible to end this anxiety in any way.

During this pandemic time, attending the temple program has come to standstill. Noida temple has organized a few weekend courses to keep the learning in-progress. By your mercy, I attended a few courses and cleared the exam for them. GuruVandana Mataji is trying her best to keep us in the devotee association. She was organizing daily evening Bhagavad Gita classes for us. But due to health reasons, now Sacinandan Prabhujī and Lila Manjari Mataji are continuing those classes. This is giving us a good devotee association and helping us to listen to Lord Sri Krishna's words.

I pray to Lord Sri Krishna, for your and GuruMataji's good health. You are an ocean of mercy for this fallen world. By your grace, a fallen soul like me can understand the mercy of God. I pray to Sri Krishna, to keep your lotus feet in my heart and enable me to serve and follow you obediently. I pray to Sri Krishna that whatever state of life I am in, please keep me in touch with devotees so that I can remember you and Lord Sri Krishna all the time.

Your servant,
Bhakta Rathin - Ghaziabad, India



Richa - You are like my father

Please accept respectful obeisances
Swami Maharaj

I am your insignificant servant trying to express my realizations

Some time back, when I was searching for Srila Prabhupada's lecture on YouTube I got to know about your e-course that time I do not know, I received the mercy of Srila Prabhupada in the form of you, His enthusiastic disciple

Maharaj your action not with your age because your interest, vow of surrendering, motivating to others, helping useless souls is the same today as 50 years back

Maharaj, you are like my father because in these 2 months whenever I have faced any miseries you simply answered me, and when you said that you are my well-wisher it touched my heart because nobody said this before you.

Maharaj just because of your daily marvelous quotes I literally realized my duties toward Krsna. One day I asked you - I am in pain of doing material studies without any use and my family forced me to take out good results, then you are there as a Krsna representative who helps marvelous you told me to not become sad, just do 16 rounds of chanting. Literally, I got to know about ISKCON last 1 year but I started chanting 16 rounds after orders from you Maharaj. Now I try to complete the same. Your question and answer part are just amazing, my 90% doubts are resolved there. This course and you Maharaj give me beautiful learnings ever just because of your mercy now I understood the Bhagavad Gita concepts also. I feel the best part is your very adjusting and preaching in such a manner that each and every class of men understood the same. I have seen your lectures and I see the purity and reality while you are expressing your mood of love to Krsna.

I feel so blessed by Krsna and Srila Prabhupada because such a pure devotee comes into my life as my spiritual guru to convert my life also, I have no words of thanking you but today I feel like a millionaire, why? Because I have such a spiritual master who is ALWAYS ready to help me out in any situation of my life so simply, I do not require any so-called money/fame in my life in front of my Guru.

Lastly, I pray to Krsna that He spreads His blessings always unto you, and please take care of your health, and please I beg you to spread this transcendental knowledge forever. And give me such power so that I can help you in the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

your useless servant,
All glories to Prabhupada
Bhaktin Richa - Delhi, India





Sacinandana Das - It was only by your mercy

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Dear Srīla Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances in your lotus feet.
All glories to your Grace and Srīmatī Gurumata ji.
All glories to His Divine Grace Srīla Prabhupada.

I still remember my second visit to Sri Vrindavan Dham where you took us for Govardhan Parikrama. I came without my family members and I thought I can do whatever I want. We were travelling in an auto after walking for 10kms or so and there was no space in the auto to sit so I was standing at the back of the auto but as soon as there was some space in the auto you immediately called me to sit in the auto. I was so touched by your kindness.

I was so unfortunate that even after living for 5 years in Kolkata and Delhi respectively, I could never enter Vrindavan or Mayapur Dham. It was only by your mercy, which came through your wonderful disciples, I could visit the holy Dham.

In 2012, before meeting you, I was reading Nectar of Devotion and it was written that one should reside in the Dham for 15 days and I was thinking how can I reside in the Dham? I have a job to do but by your mercy now I have lived in the holy Dham for almost 6 months.

This year due to COVID-19 you could not visit India. I missed you and Srīmatī Gurumataji very much on the Rama Navami as since last 6 years or so I was always in Sri Vrindavan Dham for celebrating Rama Navami. But you are very kind to broadcast daily mangal aarti, Srīmad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita lectures for our benefit. I hope COVID-19 goes away and you and Srīmatī Gurumataji can come to India soon.

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja, please bless me that I can assist you in your preaching mission of making the whole world Krishna conscious.

Your eternal servant,
Sacinandana Das - Greater Noida, India





Sadbhuja Das - You are a true follower of Srila Prabhupada

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Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances,
All glories unto your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumataji,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I find myself incapable to write the Vyas puja offering because of my entanglement in material consciousness. But I want to take this great opportunity to glorify such an exalted Vaishnava like you to purify myself, to bring myself in the spiritual consciousness. You are an acharya in the true sense of the term as you not only speak but also follow what you are saying. You do not fear to tell the truth even though it may not sometimes satisfy the audience. You are a true follower of Srila Prabhupada, presenting the teachings of Srila Prabhupada without any addition or subtraction.

Srila Gurudeva, you have taught me to accept every situation of life as Krishna's blessings. Previously I used to be disturbed due to my sickness but your grace has nicely replied that Krishna is giving me a token of suffering for training me to remember Him in the presence of suffering. Otherwise how can I be able to remember Him at the time of death? What an awesome realization. I am eternally grateful to you for providing me transcendental knowledge through your classes, Ultimate self-realization course etc.

One may not have a bonafide spiritual master in millions of lifetimes, I am so fortunate in this regard that you have accepted me as your initiated disciple. But at the same time, I am most unfortunate that I am not able to take full advantage of your guidance and instructions. I pray at the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha Krishna may their Lordships give me sufficient knowledge, intelligence and strength so that someday I can become your worthy disciple.

On this auspicious day, please be merciful upon me and bless me so that I can progress on the path of Krishna Bhakti. May Lord Gauranga keep both you and Srimati Gurumataji always in good health so that





many fallen souls may take shelter of your lotus feet.

Your insignificant servant,
Sadbhujā Das - Kharagpur, India.



Srila Gurudev on a sacred boat ride on river Yamuna.

Sadhu Bhushan Das - I'm much more than glad

Hare Kṛṣṇa Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisance,
All glories to you

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge.

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Dear Gurudev,



You are the life-giving force for my spiritual life and inspiration that is so practical. I can see that if I would not have come in your contact I would be constantly engaged in my whims and fancies. Your resolution to preach Krishna consciousness is so strong that it inspires spiritual desire in anyone who comes in your contact.

In Bhagavad Gita Krishna says that I reciprocate according to the surrender of the devotee. I have seen you put efforts with everyone regardless of their level of surrender to make them understand that Krishna consciousness is the ultimate fruit to aspire for in this material world. I am highly impressed and inspired to see your strong desire to follow Krishna consciousness "As It Is" and spread to the whole world without any deviation. I see that your words sow the seed to accept Krishna as supreme personality of godhead and act as per the instructions of Krishna.

Srila Gurudev, you have intense efforts around the world to wake people from slumber of material ignorance. You travel across the world in distant corners to let them be aware of the importance of Krishna consciousness, which is full of mercy and joy for devotees. In most cases they would not have any guidance if you would not visit them. It is your sheer efforts that souls ignorant of their constitutional position come to light of bhagavata knowledge and get to know how to properly execute their duty of service towards Krishna by seeing you do it personally.

It is simply impossible to conceive for a materialist that you put so much effort to benefit others and make their life perfect. My wish and desire on the day of your kind appearance is

Dear Gurudev,
Today is your birthday,
I'm so happy to say.
My wishes and appreciation,
I'd like to convey.

For being your disciple,
I'm much more than glad,
With you in my life.

Only best things,
I hope dearly for you.
May all your sweet Krsna consciousness plans,
continue to come true.

Your humble servant
Sadhu Bhushan Das - New Delhi, India



Saloni Sharma - You are most precious



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My dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances unto your Lotus feet.
All glories to you and Srila Prabhupada.

I write this humble offering to you with great awe and reverence. One can understand your greatness by simply observing your daily life which is completely devoted to the Lord. Your dedication for the service of Sri Sri Radha Damodar, your ever-enthusiastic mood of preaching and love for Srila Prabhupada is so inspiring. The lotus feet of such an exalted Vaishnava like you, who is so dear to Lord Krishna, are eternal shelter for conditioned souls like me.

You are most precious because you have introduced me to the process of pure devotion, you have told me the real meaning of life & you have given me your shelter. Nothing of this I deserved, yet so causelessly merciful you have been upon me.

I can vividly remember all the moments I have spent in your association in Vrindavan, it was ecstatic and magical! I cherish those memories with fondness. It is a pure blessing from the Lord to have you in my life.

Gurudev, I am highly ignorant. Due to my idiocy, I get bewildered by the things that happen in my life, but deep in my heart I know that surrendering to you is the best thing I can do with my life. I know you are my truest well-wisher. So, I always want to stick to your lotus feet.

Thank you for everything,
Your insignificant servant,
Bhaktin Saloni - New Delhi, India



Sanjit Satish Ghadage - Now I realized my goal

Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my blessings.
All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja

One year ago, I joined an email course presented by you. After one month I realized you are spreading pure knowledge and I decided to follow your instructions. That's why I purchased Bhagavad-Gita As It Is and started reading 2 verses every day. Last 5-6 months, I have enjoyed a blissful life regularly chanting and reading books written by Srila Prabhupada, your email course and listening to Kirtans via YouTube.



This happens because of your instructions. Every day you share with me your pure knowledge about devotional service or Supreme Lord, you awaken my dormant Krishna consciousness. Now I realized my goal is to go home, back to Godhead. You are so kind, because you gave me secret knowledge. This knowledge changed my suffering life into a blissful life, in association with the Holy Name of Lord.

I chant for you,

*Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Ram Hare Ram Ram Ram Hare Hare*

Your servant,
Bhakta Sanjit - Mumbai, India



Sevananda Das - No one to go to except you

Hare Krishna!
My dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Sirla Prabhupada and Navadvipa-Bihari Sri Gaurahari!

By your Grace, whatever little spiritual insight that you have so kindly revealed to me in my despicable heart, is transpiring a feeling of great awe and gratitude in me. Of course, you are the reservoir of spiritual insights, but I don't have the receptacle to hold it all. My dear Srila Gurudeva, currently I am in awe, hearing of the unfathomable glories of Sri Gaurahari, and even more so because I have been blessed to be a successor of that incomparable supreme glory – for I am your disciple, for I have been given to chant the Hare Krishna Mahamantra, which is the virus of the prema espoused by Sri Gaurahari, for I have been awarded the blissful company of the devotees of Sri Gaurahari, and by their combined mercy, I am being primed to engage in the most confidential service of the Divine Couple, Sri Radha-Krishna, in the pleasure groves of Sri Vrindavan Dham, which is inaccessible to all except for those who contract the virus of prema from the dust of the lotus feet of the associates of Sri Gaurahari.

My dear Srila Gurudeva, what more is there to be had, to receive? There is literally no measure of my good fortune. I cannot even begin to count my blessings. And yet, I am languishing in despair due to my utter devotion to material sense gratification. The rabid dog of sense enjoyment has bitten me so deeply that no matter how much I try to emulate your divine instructions to raise my consciousness to a higher platform, I keep failing again and again. I so deeply connect with the song of Srila Narottam Das Thakur that you shared in your Thought for the Day for October 13, 2020. I feel Srila Narottam Das Thakur is speaking for me when He says:

Although I've come to this human form
My Lord I've spent my life uselessly.



I do not care to serve Radha-Krishna
So I swallow poison knowingly.

Hare Krishna mantra comes straight from Krishnaloka,
But with chanting I have no connection.
Day and night I'm burning in this dark world
Without working to make the correction.

My dear Srila Gurudeva, by your grace, I have also come to realize that I will never be able to conquer Maya with the strength of my own devotional service. I have no capacity to do anything, what to speak of devotional service? No doubt, I will continue to carry out your instructions to the best of my capacity, but without the false assumption that my activities qualify as devotional service. Devotional service is that which pleases Sri Gaurahari who is the unified form of Sri Radha-Krishna, but who can say when and what pleases Him? For the Lord is not pleased by the activities itself, He is rather pleased by the feelings of love and surrender behind the activities. Arjuna slayed his own kinsmen, including his grandfather Bhishma, a great devotee of the Lord, and that was accepted as devotional service by the Lord. Mata Sabari fed her own leftovers to Lord Rama and that was also devotional service.

My dear Srila Gurudeva, I have no doubts about your instructions, but I have absolute doubt that I can carry it out with the certitude that it will please Sri Gaurahari, for I have no love for the Lord, nor have I surrendered my false ego. I still consider myself to be the body and the doer and enjoyer of its activities, which are being carried out by the modes of material nature under the supervision of the Lord. Thus, being stuck in the quicksand of lust, anger, and greed, I have no hope of escaping the clutches of Maya on my own, what then to speak of engaging in devotional service?

However, my dear Srila Gurudeva, I am not utterly hopeless, because I still have a lifeline, only one lifeline and a surefire one – and that is your causeless mercy. No doubt, Sri Gaurahari bestows His causeless mercy upon all living beings, but you are Sri Guru and you are renowned to be even more merciful than Gaurahari Himself, for you are the embodiment of Sri Nityananda, whose pleas in favor of Jagai and Madhai obliged Mahaprabhu to submerge them in the ocean of prema. you can do the same for me, my dear Srila Gurudeva. There is nothing impossible when you are merciful – yasya prasādā bhagavat-prasādo.

My dear Srila Gurudeva, between a father and mother, who love their children equally, the mother's love is considered to be greater, because when the child is full of stool all over its body, the father will hesitate to hold him, but the mother will take him in her arms not caring for the fact that she will get the stool all over her body and clothes, and she will cleanse him and get him ready to be placed in the father's lap where he belongs and wants to be. You are like that mother and I am like that child full of stool. I cannot cleanse myself, just like the child is unable to cleanse itself. Hence, Sri Gaurahari might hesitate to hold me, but not if you plea on my behalf. My dear Srila Gurudeva, please keep a blind eye towards my faults and accept me as I am, full of stool, for I have no one to go to except you.

My dear Srila Gurudeva, I don't deserve your mercy, but what can you do now, for you have already granted me the shelter of your lotus feet. Once upon a time, there was a saint who tried to rescue a spider from drowning in a river. The saint took the spider in his hands in an attempt to rescue it, while the spider was repeatedly stinging the saint's hand, but the saint did not give up until the spider was safely back in its original environment. An onlooker inquired from the saint, "Why did you have to rescue that



ungrateful spider taking so much risk to your own self?" The saint replied, "If the spider cannot give up its dharma to sting, how can I give up my dharma to show mercy?" I am that ungrateful spider drowning in the ocean of material existence, and you are my all merciful savior. Now I am yours, and you are mine. I know no one and have no other shelter except you, my dear Srila Gurudeva. So, kindly take me under your wings, kicking and screaming, and carry me to the other shore to the lotus feet of Sri Gaurahari, for that is the only way I can be free of my bondage to material sense gratification.

A servant of your servants eternally,
Sevananda Das - Kathmandu, Nepal



Shridhar das - Giving us the best commodity selflessly

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śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Srīman Sankarshan Dās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti in order to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya.

Please accept my humble obeisance Srila Gurudeva & Srimati Gurumataji.
All Glories to your grace & Srimati Gurumataji!
All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada!

Recently I have been reflecting on the great fortune I have received by being a disciple of your graces. Serving in the midst of so many devotees here, I always felt lacking in some sense. Owing to unknown offenses within I was experiencing this. Being saved by your graces and representatives, I can count my blessings now.

I am highly grateful to Sri Sri Radha-Krishna, for bestowing such a great blessing upon me and sending me to your lotus feet. Despite my offensive mentality, your graces accept me without any reservation.

*saksad-haritvena samasta-sastrair yuktas tatha bhavyata eva sadbhih
kintu prabhor yah priya eva tasya vande guroh sri caranaravindam*



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 Sri Hari [Krishna].

Since countless births I have been lording over and now I have been blessed with this process, but I miss the blessings holding on to the pride. I am a fool and an offender. I beg eons of times at the lotus feet of your Grace & Srimati Gurumataji to forgive my offenses, help me curb my false ego and live with real ego. Forgive my rebel and give me opportunity to improve by encouraging me to get up for I am weak, but simultaneously eager to march.

You are giving the complete nutrition diet to us kids. Whether it is truth about this material world, or the goal of life being pure devotional service, the rarity of human form of life and the process of Krishna Consciousness, or firsthand experience of this process in form of yatras, or your personal association and personal services... you are giving us the best commodity selflessly.

I celebrate how your graces are "Prabhupadanugas". And your dedication and spirit to please your spiritual master in the form of various attempts to expand the movement is exemplary. Despite so many health obstructions, your graces continue to extend for all disciples besides other engagements. One devotee appreciated that at the age of 70, people care for their body but your grace is willing to even visit hell or take repeated births to tell Srila Prabhupada "Mission Accomplished". Such is your dedication! I can appreciate how your graces are attracting so many sincere devotees because of your genuine service to Srila Prabhupada, especially by following the same mood of preaching without any compromise, while continuing to make us disciples feel loved and cared for personally. You are an exemplary acharya who has always woken up for attending Mangal Arti till date, joyfully inspiring us by your strict sadhana!

While performing this service of Vyasa Puja offerings compilation, I came across few offerings and while reading them I could appreciate the fresh, innocent & genuine devotion for your graces these devotees had, reading which I felt that I swayed from this some years back.

At this moment, I only desire to again become serious and dedicated in my heart. Enthusiastic, to please, to always aspire and attempt for pure devotional service, to always prayerfully connect with your mood and mission...

I find myself missing out on your association in so many ways because of a heart contaminated with anxieties and material desires. But I seek your help on this auspicious day to receive the strength to only water the seed received from your graces and align my lifestyle as per your teachings in this very lifetime. Without your help, I can run towards the goal but without moving an inch from where I stand.

Your servant

Shridhar das – Pune, India





Siddhartha Rastogi - Thankful

Really thankful to Gurudev for inspiring me

Bhakta Siddhartha - Greater Noida, India.



Snehal S Bergal - I really can't thank you enough

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

*titiksavah karunikah
suhrdah sarva-dehinam
ajata-satravah santah
sadhavah sadhu-bhusanah*

Dear beloved master Sankarshan Das Adhikari Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja.

Srila Gurudev,

It gives me immense pleasure to express myself before you, how my life has changed in spiritual aspects, specifically since the day I have started receiving your emails. Every morning starts by reading and assimilating your own kind words. They teach me a lot. You are the one who got me here Gurudev. I am able to face any kind of difficulties coming my way, specially I have gained lot of patience in my daily routine and will surely work for more.

I really can't thank you enough. You hold a great place in my life and will forever!
I feel lucky that I have met such a pure devotee of Lord Krishna! Wholeheartedly, I thank you Gurudev for always showering your blessings upon me. I pray to our Supreme Lord to be with you at all times in this world. Such a humble servant, pure devotee you are, the one who loves each one of us!

Thank you so much!



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

Bhaktin Snehal - Mumbai, India



Sunil - Words are not sufficient to thank you

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances,
All glories to you and Srimati Gurumataji
All glories to Srila Prabhupada,

Srila Gurudeva, it is a great fortune to have come in contact with you and to be connected to Srila Prabhupada's teachings via you.

For a long time, I have repeatedly asked questions, and your Grace has answered all. Your Grace's answers have helped me to progress in spiritual life.

Thank You.

Although I say Thank you, I feel that words are not sufficient to thank you.

I would like to confess that I am very fallen, but I have hope via your mercy.

If any good qualities, or appreciation I have got, the full credit is to your Grace

Thank You for coming into my life, because of you I could change my life.
Before coming to Krishna consciousness my habits were meat and anger,
I was a spoiled brat, but after getting to know and enrolling and following the teachings of the Ultimate
Self Realization e-course, my bad habits vanquished.

I would like to confess that I feel fear about my future. If relatively difficult situation comes, I find it difficult to maintain Krishna consciousness,

I pray to Lord Krishna that I can always obey you and Srimati Gurumataji

Your insignificant servant,
Bhakta Sunil - Mumbai, India





Sunil Kumar - With your blessings.

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj.
Please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Guru and Gauranga,

Dear and respected Guru Maharaj,

I have not a single word about how I describe what you are distributing, how much you love each and every soul, you are the one of true servitor of Srila Prabhupada, and please accept my apologies if I have disrespected you by not following the vows, with your blessing I can fix my mind on Krishna, become a perfect sadhu one day in future and serve you by distributing Krishna message at every place.

Your ever servant
Sunil Kumar - Chandigarh, India.
(Aspiring disciple of Gopal Krishna Goswami Maharaj)



Suraj – I ask pure devotion and love.

Hare Krishna Prabhu,
Dandavat Pranam.

I don't know what to ask from Lord Krishna but you can ask anything as you wish from my behalf for me. And I ask one more thing: May this ISKCON movement of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada flourish like a speed of mind and all the jivas achieve the love of Krishna's lotus feet. And I would also like to ask for the devotees who very sincerely helped me in Krishna Consciousness. I ask pure love and devotion for them and success in their preaching of Krishna consciousness.

Haribol!
Bhakta Suraj - Pune, India





Sushil Vashist - Hare Krishna Mahamantra

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

Bhakta Sushil Vashist - Burari, India



Vidit Ganotra - A personal instruction

Hare Krishna dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisance onto your lotus feet
All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to your Grace and Srimati Gurumataji.
All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa puja

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śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane
gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha-uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge.

Srila Gurudev you are always shining; your eyes are the ocean of mercy.

In your presence the evil also becomes good. You are never scared of telling the truth as it is. You are very approachable, every time I have a question, I know that you will direct me to the right path.

Srila Gurudev I do at least 2 rounds every day and I listen to lectures. I also attend Hare Krishna Sunday School classes (ISKCON Punjabi Bagh) every Sunday and Bhagavatam reading classes for children every Saturday. In these classes I learn Bhagavad Gita slokas and stories from Bhagavatam.

Last week in your Bhagavatam class, you gave me a personal instruction to make preaching as my goal.



I am very thankful to you for this and I will make this as the goal of my life.

Your humble Servant
Bhakta Vidit - New Delhi, India
(9 years old), son of Bhaktin Preeti Arora



Vrindavan Das Et.al - We remain indebted.

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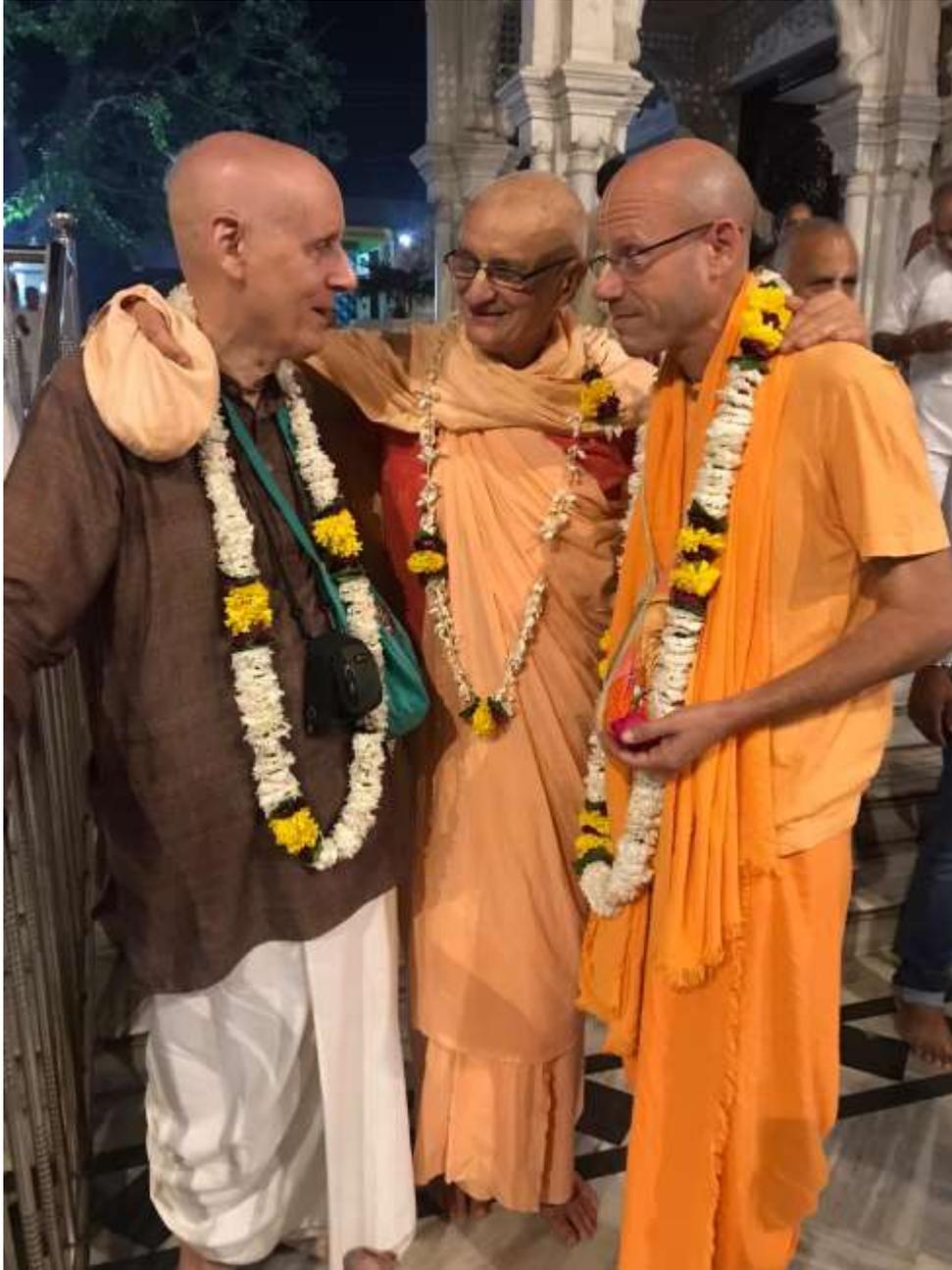
My dear Srila Gurudeva,

On this most auspicious occasion of Your Vyasa Puja, we offer our obeisances.
Every day we get up at 4 am, we chant our 16 rounds, and more. After Japa, we perform Mangala Aarthi.
You have given us this opportunity to live a devotee life, we remain ever indebted.

We pray for your blessings that we always remain at your lotus feet.

Your servants,
Vrindavan Das and Pournamasi Devi Dasi





Srila Gurudev has loving exchange with devotees.



Others

Baladeva das – Gurudev you are truly expert.

Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Words cannot express the deepest gratitude I feel for being a recipient of your causeless mercy. Under the dark veil of ignorance, I was rotting away in material life, becoming increasingly more degraded. Through your causeless mercy, your deepest compassion for the fallen souls of Kali-Yuga, you lifted that dark veil and revealed the light of transcendental knowledge. While preaching, you shine with purity, enthusiasm, heart-warming humor and the deepest devotion. Your lectures have always been a treasured source of shelter, challenging my materialistic conceptions and inspiring me to become Krsna Conscious. Your ecstatic kirtans are also very inspiring. They radiate the bliss of devotional service and show us how to give everything for Krsna's pleasure.

Gurudeva, you are truly expert at Vaisnava dealings, knowing exactly what to say to soften the hearts of your disciples and inspiring them to give more in their service. You are showing me the power of the Holy Name to purify both the mind and body from all material contamination, for ever-increasing engagement in devotional service. For this I am eternally grateful. I pray that the instructions you have so kindly given me become one with my heart, so I can serve you selflessly with sincerity and devotion, assisting you in your service to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for giving me the association of disciples and the opportunity to engage in devotional service. Please allow me to always take shelter of your lotus feet.

Your servant,
Baladeva das



Mrutyunjay Mallik – You are my savior.

Hare Krishna!!
Please accept my respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet.

How can I greet you? No words seem to be beautiful enough to praise you. I can only say that you are my mother and you are my father but most importantly, you are my





savior, who opened my eyes from ignorance. By instructing me you have become my instructing spiritual master. I greet a happy Vyasapuja to my spiritual master and savior.

Your servant,
Bhakta Mrutyunjay Mallik



Praveen Kumar - Guru Puja is duty.

Guru,
Guru is a higher state of attainment in spiritual terms. Guru Puja is duty. Guru's blessings are pure. Best wishes to guru.

Bhakta Praveen Kumar



Radhe Radhe devi dasi - Srila Prabhupada will be pleased.

Hare Krishna

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada
All Glories to your Grace.

On this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa puja, I would like to thank you sincerely for your determination in spreading Krishna consciousness to a global audience. The daily Thoughts for the day are very inspiring. When I lived in the UK, a devotee introduced me to your courses. Even though I only had your association once, at the Soho Street temple, we all can associate with you daily via the internet.

Srila Prabhupada will be very pleased with your wonderful preaching. Thank you for cultivating the seeds of devotion in so many hearts and watering our devotional creepers.

Eternally grateful for your dedication and support over the years.

Aspiring to be of service to the Vaishnavas,



Radhe Radhe dasi



Vibha – Please bestow your mercy upon me.

Hare Krishna Maharaj

Thank you so much Maharaj.

Because of 'Ultimate Self-realization course ' now I am getting everyday motivation to do bhakti. To chant more rounds. As I m a student so sometimes I don't get time to hear Hari Katha but I read your e-mails everyday which motivates me to take out some time for Krishna. Because of you I have got a boost to my bhakti. I had been chanting Hare Krishna mahamantra for two years alone staying around non-devotees. I had read Bhagwat Geeta and hear some lectures from ISKCON preachers. That's how I got inspired to chant Mahamantra. But since I was not so much allowed to go out very far alone so I could never connect to any ISKCON temples. I prayed a lot to Srimati Radharani and Krishna to give me some vaishnavas association. And then one day, in some lectures comments section someone suggested me this course. I was really scared as to what will parents say but then I did it. And now I am not only receiving motivation but my doubts are also getting answered.

Please bestow your mercy upon me so that I can do some bhakti properly.

I am really sorry Maharaj if I have said anything wrong or something that I should not have said. I am writing Vyas Puja for the first time so please excuse me for my shortcomings.

Sincerely,

Bhaktin Vibha.



