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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 Gurudeva" 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 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 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 in Sri Vrindavan Dham, India. Other Vyasa Puja celebrations are being organized around the world, in Austin (TX, USA), Toronto (Canada), NOIDA (India), Bangalore (India), Jammu (India), Oman, Monterrey (Mexico), Melbourne (Australia), Phoenix (Mauritius), Mendoza (Argentina), Mayapur (India), and other locations.

We are grateful to these kind-hearted souls who have contributed in any capacity to the 2019 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 Gurudeva.

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# Meaning of Vyasa Puja - Abhay Charan Das

Attitude of Gratitude towards the Spiritual Master is the essence of Spiritual Life. In Sanskrit Spiritual master is called Guru. Guru is the direct representative of the Lord. Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja Gosvāmī says

jīve sākṣāt nāhi tāte guru caittya-rūpe

śikşā-guru haya kṛṣṇa-mahānta-svarūpe

Since one cannot visually experience the presence of the Super soul, He appears before us as a liberated devotee. Such a spiritual master is none other than Krishna Himself. (cc Adi 1.58)

Though we may not have the fortune to contact the Supreme Lord personally, the Lord's representative is as good as the Lord Himself because such a representative does not say anything unless it is spoken by the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu therefore gives a definition of Guru:

yare dekha, tare kaha 'krishna'-upadeśa

The bona fide guru is he who advises his disciples exactly in accordance with the principles spoken by Krishna. The bona fide Guru is he who has accepted Krishna as guru. This is the guru-

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parampara system. The original guru is Sri Vyasadeva because he is the compiler of all Vedic literature including the Bhagavad-Gita and Srimad-Bhagavatam, wherein everything spoken relates to Krishna. Therefore, guru-puja is known as Vyasa-puja. In the final analysis, the original guru is Krishna, His disciple is Narada, whose disciple is Vyasa, and in this way, we gradually come in touch with the guru-parampara. One cannot become a guru if he does not know what the Personality of Godhead Krishna or His incarnation wants. The mission of the guru is the mission of the Supreme Personality of Godhead: to spread Krishna consciousness all over the world.

If one becomes a sincere devotee and seriously engages in devotional service, Lord Krishna sends an instructing spiritual master to show him favor and invoke his dormant propensity for serving the Supreme.

There is no difference between hearing directly from Krishna and hearing directly from Krishna via a bona fide spiritual master like Vyasa. The spiritual master is the representative of Vyasadeva also. Therefore, according to the Vedic system, on the birthday of the spiritual master the disciples conduct the ceremony called Vyasa-puja.

The knowledge that we receive from our Gurudeva is not different from that imparted by God Himself. We adore this auspicious day as Sri Vyasa-puja-tithi, because the Spiritual master is the living representative of Vyasadeva.

#### guru-krishna-krpaya paya bhakti-lata-bija

[Cc. Madhya 19.151].

Guru helps revive our lost relationship with Krishna by enriching our heart with Krishna Bhakti, which has been dormant for who knows, how many millions of lifetimes.

Spiritual Master should be offered respects at three times a day, every day. On this special day of Vyasa puja, we all students and disciples get a unique opportunity to express our heartfelt Gratitude towards our Spiritual Master. Celebrating this day by Glorifying, offering gifts and worshipping the spiritual Master we can make immense spiritual progress, because that is very pleasing to the Lord. When the Lord is pleased, Guru is pleased and when Guru is pleased Krishna is pleased, ad-infinitum.

The more we meditate on the Glories of the Spiritual Master and abide by his instructions the more our stone-like hearts will melt in devotion. On this most auspicious day of Vyasa Puja may our hearts melt in the attitude of gratitude towards Srila Gurudeva, so we can serve in his mission of making the whole world Krishna conscious.

Your Servant Abhay Charan Das Austin, TX, USA







# Offerings to Srila Prabhupada by His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari

Collected from Daily Thought for the Day- see <u>http://sda-archives.com</u>. For more such nectar, and to receive daily spiritual treasure, sign up at <u>http://www.joincourse.com</u>

## My Dearmost 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 Krsna consciousness, just become perfect in the understanding of this science and become 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 Das Adhikari







From Srila Prabhupada's Quarters in Vrindavan

## Fifty years of desire to revolutionize this planet

For the last fifty years, this means since 1968, I have been desiring to be instrumental for bringing about a total global spiritual revolution on this planet. As a 21 years old youth who was supposed to choose his career, I was frustrated with life in the material world. I just could not find any niche in which to fit. Therefore, I decided that my career would be to renounce the world and become a holy beggar in India.

So, I was in a philosophical process of denying everything material. But one night before I headed out for India, I came to the realization that if I am denying everything, I must also deny denial itself, at which point I must accept something transcendental to this material world. That's when I realized that my mission in life was to make a spiritual revolution on this planet. I tried on my own to do this for two-and-half years with no success.

But then I saw that His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the Founder: Acharya of ISKCON, the International Society for Krishna Consciousness had already successfully launched a spiritual revolution with the full potency to completely transform and purify the entire universe, so instead of going it my own I decided to join forces with Swami Prabhupada and become his initiated disciple. He very much appreciated my mood of spiritual revolution and wrote me as follows in a letter from London on 7 September 1971:

"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 Krishna Consciousness. So, continue enthusiastically as you are doing and Krishna will surely bless you."

So, I have been blessed by Lord Sri Krishna's pure devotee to continue with my desire to spiritualize this entire planet. I know that by continuing in this mood that Lord Sri Krishna's blessings with continually shower upon me like torrents of rain during India's monsoon season.





At this point my special prayer to Lord Sri Krishna is this: My dear Lord, for 50 years now I have been desiring that there should a total, complete spiritual revolution on this planet. Please, my dear Lord, for the sake of the suffering souls in all of the species on this planet and indeed for all of the suffering souls throughout all of material existence, please bless us that this entire world can be drowned in a tidal wave of pure love of God. Please fully absorb me in your world deliverance mission, no matter how many births it may take for the entire world to become Krishna conscious.



## Remembering My Most beloved Srila Prabhupada

The dearmost person in my life is my beloved spiritual master, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. It is he who, with the help of his agents such as His Holiness Vishnujana Swami, so mercifully rescued me from the most dangerous ocean of birth, death, old age, and disease. I have many super ecstatic memories of associating with Srila Prabhupada in various ways. The value of every moment in his association is inestimable, indeed worth more than of the wealth of this entire material world magnified many quadrillions of times.



## Become Self Realized

The most essential thing you have to do in this human form of life is to become self-realized. Everything else is more or less a waste of valuable time. And the most powerful and effective means, and indeed the only practical means for this age, is the bhakti yoga system. The most complete and perfect presentation of the bhakti yoga system is taught by His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, designated by him as the Science of Krishna consciousness. Therefore, anyone who wants to attain the perfection of consciousness should seriously take up the practice of consciousness according to Prabhupada's most sublime presentation of the teachings of Lord Sri Krishna.



## Begging for empowerment

I've been ordered by my spiritual master, His Divine A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada to become perfect in the understanding of the science of Krishna consciousness, to become a guru, and to deliver the whole world. Delivering the whole world is certainly an impossible task. But as it is said that by the mercy of guru a dog can swim across the ocean, by the mercy of guru even the most impossible things





can come true. Therefore, although I am deficient in so many ways, I am begging my beloved spiritual master to bless me and empower me that I can successfully carry out his order to make the whole world Krishna conscious.



## You Become a Guru

Srila Prabhupada has unlimited compassion until the fallen, suffering souls of this age. Therefore, he sacrificed himself fully for spreading the teachings of Lord Sri Krishna all over the world. This propagation of Krishna consciousness is what will actually save the today's suffering world population from their miseries. Therefore, we should take very seriously this mission of Lord Caitanya to make the whole world Krishna conscious.

In this regard Lord Caitanya has ordered us that whomever we meet we instruct him in the teachings of Krishna and this we must become gurus for delivering the suffering people of this world back to home, back to Godhead. To become a guru is not very difficult. You don't have to manufacture anything. Simply tell everyone you meet about the teachings of Lord Krishna. In this way you will become a guru.



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## Ten Million Acharyas

Srila Prabhupada told us in lecture given in Mayapur on 6 April 1975:

"So, so we want to spread Krishna consciousness. Simply prepare yourself how to repeat Krishna's instructions very nicely, without any malinterpretation. Then, in future... Suppose you have got now ten thousand. We shall expand to hundred thousand. That is required. Then hundred thousand to million, and million to ten million. (The devotee loudly cheer "Jaya!") So, there will be no scarcity of acharya, and people will understand Krishna consciousness very easily."

This is a great blessing to know that our movement will continue expanding and expanding.



## Turning the Hippies into Happies

Srila Prabhupada wrote a letter to his disciple, Damodar Das, 3 December 1971 in which he said that this Krishna consciousness movement was turning the hippies into happies. I have first hand experience of this since I was one those hippies who became a happy. This was the great kindness of Srila Prabhupada that by his unflinching loving mercy thousands of hippies became his disciples.

In this regard Srila Prabhupada wrote to his disciple, Sridama Das on 8 July 1970, "It is a fact that the hippies are our best clients. I had very good response in San Francisco during Rathayatra festival. I saw that they were taking up the chanting of Hare Krishna maha mantra very feelingly even without the presence of any devotee to lead them. They appreciated my lecture and I appreciated their attitude. They joined in Rathayatra very enthusiastically. So, try your best to convince them by very nice preaching and in particular very nice Sankirtana party and distribution of our literatures."

Now we are praying that just as Krishna consciousness became very popular with the hippies, that now it will become popular with the entire world.



## Save Them - They are dying

Srila Prabhupada ordered us to fully absorb ourselves in Krishna consciousness and to then preach to the suffering souls of this world to save them from their dying condition without Krishna consciousness. In a Srimad Bhagavatam lecture given on 31 May 1972 in Los Angeles Srila Prabhupada stated as follows





regarding the plight of the people in this world who are suffering without Krishna consciousness:

"There is no life. So, life is Krishna consciousness. So, if you actually feel for your country, for your community, for your people, just spread this Krishna consciousness. They're dying. You spread this Krishna consciousness. They'll come again to life, and everything will be actually beautiful. That is my request."

Let us all now fully surrender to Srila Prabhupada's most merciful instruction and dedicate ourselves fully to awakening the suffering souls of this world to Krishna consciousness.



### Make the whole world Krishna conscious now

Our mission given to us by Lord Caitanya and Srila Prabhupada is to now make the whole world Krishna conscious. Of course, seeing how materialistic the whole world is at the present time this seems to be completely impossible, a mere utopian dream. But by the grace of Lord Sri Krishna even the most highly impossible things can become possible. It is very encouraging to read in this connection what ISKCON's Founder-Acharya HIs Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada has written in this connection. In his purport to Srimad Bhagavatam, First Canto, Chapter 5, Text 23 he states:

"The expert spiritual master knows the art of utilizing everything to glorify the Lord, and therefore under his guidance the whole world can be turned into the spiritual abode by the divine grace of the Lord's





servant."

This is why we must now flood this planet with Srila Prabhupada's books so that everyone can come to understand the great benefit of following Srila Prabhupada's guidance and mold their lives accordingly.



## Become Guru and Deliver the whole world

On 17 December 1973, in a lecture on the Srimad Bhagavatam given in Los Angeles, California USA, Srila Prabhupada requested that those persons who have taken to Krishna consciousness should become perfect in their understanding of this science and should become guru and deliver the whole world. Thus we, his followers, are obliged to carry out this order and make the whole world Krishna conscious as soon as possible. To become empowered to do this we must chant Krishna's holy names the prescribed minimum of at least sixteen rounds of japa daily without offense and we must understand and repeat the teachings of Krishna exactly as Srila Prabhupada has given them to us without any misrepresentation or adulteration. In this way our movement will never be checked and we will be successful in making the whole world Krishna conscious as soon as possible.



## Turning the World into a Paradise

In a conversation in Detroit, Michigan USA on 15 June 1976 my beloved spiritual master, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, taught us that if we master the art of engaging our mind, words, anger, tongue, belly, and genitals fully in the service of the Lord that we can then make the whole world our disciples. So, this is our mission. We want to attract the whole world to becoming awakened to the eternal identities as pure spiritual beings qualitatively one with God. If this can be accomplished this entire planet will be transformed into a paradise.







Preaching Boldly in Sri Vrindavan Dham

## We can conquer the world in 18 days

My spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada, said that if we simply co-operate with him, we can make the whole world Krishna conscious in 18 days. Krishna conscious means a state of perfect peace and prosperity for all by being perfectly in harmony with the Supreme Person, who is the source of all existence. Therefore, out of compassion on the millions and billions of people who are in suffering conditions on this planet those who are wise and compassionate follow the directions of this great spiritual master for the ultimate benefit of all living beings. I have been. personally, molding my life according to his sublime instructions for the last 47 years, and I can confirm from my own multi-decades experience how valid and uplifting his divine instructions are for me and for all those who have the made the wise decision of following them.







# Offerings in English



Srila Gurudeva leading group mantra meditation in 1973, Austin Texas





## North America

#### Abhay Charan Das - Because it is Your desire...

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

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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.

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā cakṣur unmīlitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ On this most auspicious occasion the appearance of your grace I offer my humble obeisances.

I always wondered what is the cause of my good fortunate, even though I do not have any qualifications, I am still somehow practicing Krishna consciousness. For someone to even chant the names of the Lord they must at least have some good qualities as Austerity, feelings of Mercy towards other living entities, cleanliness or truthfulness, which are the four legs of Dharma. I have none of these. What is the privilege that I have, what have I done to deserve such causeless mercy from the Lord. Srila Prabhupada in his poem Markine Bhagavat, prays:

ki bhāve bujhāle tārā bujhe sei rasa eta kṛpā koro prabhu kori nija-baśa

How will they understand the mellows of devotional service? O Lord, I am simply praying for Your mercy so that I will be able to convince them about Your message.

tomāra icchāya saba hoy māyā-baśa tomāra icchāya nāśa māyār paraśa

All living entities have become under the control of the illusory energy by Your will, and therefore, if You like, by Your will they can also be released from the clutches of illusion.

taba icchā hoy jadi tādera uddhār bujhibe niścai tabe kathā se tomār

I wish that You may deliver them. Therefore, if You so desire their deliverance, then only will they be able to understand Your message.

Just like Srila Prabhupada prayed to Lord Krishna to deliver the fallen souls, You prayed for me. Srila Gurudeva because of your prayers to Lord Krishna, today I am able to practice Krishna consciousness, it is your mercy, how else is it possible that a lowly person like me will be able to practice Krishna consciousness.





I pray that I always follow in your footsteps. Srila Gurudeva, you always desire to come back again and again to this material world so you can serve Srila Prabhupada's mission. Once you shared that it is your desire to report to Srila Prabhupada that you were able to be an instrument for fulfilling his desire to make the whole world Krishna conscious. You are just hankering to see Srila Prabhupada smile with satisfaction when he hears your report. Srila Gurudeva, though as insignificant as I am, it is still my desire to be of assistance to you in your service to Srila Prabhupada, life after life.

As Srila Prabhupada says it takes gallons of blood to convince one person to become a devotee. I can only imagine how many hours of your life, how many sleepless nights you have given, just so that I may be Krishna conscious. Your desire to deliver me can override all my Anarthas, all my disqualifications, only because it is your desire. How can I ever repay you, how can anyone repay such unconditional mercy of yours?

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, I want to cultivate this mood as your disciple.

I pray that someday I will be able to realize and comprehend that I have no shelter other than the shelter of your lotus feet. I have nowhere to go except to serve your grace. Please do not let go off this fallen soul who is struggling hard in this material world with the mind and senses. I pray at your lotus feet that your desire to serve your Spiritual master also become my desire, to serve you, my eternal spiritual master. This is my only recourse, being completely surrendered and serve you eternally.

your Servant

Abhay Charan das

Austin, TX, USA



Alakananda Devi Dasi - You show us how to be loyal to the Guru

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble and respectful obeisances at your lotus feet!

All glories to you!

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada!

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

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

Srila Gurudeva,

On the auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja I take the opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for guiding me patiently in the divine path of Krishna consciousness. You have bestowed upon me unlimited amount of kindness, grace, and mercy ever since I took shelter of your lotus feet few years ago.

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As a neophyte devotee learning to walk on the spiritual path, I stumbled and fell down several times. You kindly picked me up each time I fell and helped me to walk normally again. You mercifully corrected my mistakes and showed me the right way to behave in order to become a good disciple of guru and a good devotee of the Supreme Lord Krishna.

You have enlightened me with the valuable spiritual knowledge of Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam through your lectures, daily "Thought for the Day", videos, books, songs, etc. You have removed the darkness of ignorance from my mind and heart and cleared my consciousness. You are a pure devotee and a great disciple of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada - the Founder Acarya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) and have relentlessly worked hard to please him by following his instructions diligently. You lead by example and show us how to be loyal and respectful to the guru, practice and preach about Krishna consciousness with sincerity, enthusiasm, and determination. You have thus inspired and helped me to become a good devotee and a good human being. Since my initiation in March 2018, I have been trying hard to follow the four regulative principles strictly and to chant sincerely at least 16 rounds daily of the Hare Krishna mahamantra on the japa beads. There were times when I fumbled and slacked off but then you mercifully saved me each time. Firmly but kindly you rectified my mistakes and helped me to become steadily fixed in the sublime spiritual path of Krishna consciousness.

I feel very fortunate to have you as my spiritual master. In the present day of nescience and widespread chaos we fallen conditioned souls feel helplessly lost and vulnerable. You are the kind messiah who dedicated your life to pick up the fallen conditioned souls of the material world and deliver them home back to Godhead in the spiritual world so that we could experience eternity, knowledge, and pure bliss forever. I understand that you have a highly responsible job for which you have to practice great austerities, make many sacrifices, and work hard round the clock. I therefore feel that I should work hard to obey your instructions and please you. I sincerely pray to Lord Krishna to help me to always think, talk, and behave in a way that is pleasing to you. Lord Krishna tells Arjuna in Adi Purana:

ye me bhakta-janāḥ pārtha na me bhaktāś ca te janāḥ mad-bhaktānāṁ ca ye bhaktās te me bhakta-tamā matāḥ

"Those who are My direct devotees are actually not my devotees, but those who are the devotees of My servant are factually My devotees."

This indicates that by pleasing you I will be pleasing the Supreme Lord Krishna and will thus attain the highest perfection of life. Hence, I dedicate my life to serving you with humility, sincerity, love, and devotion always. I sincerely thank you again for helping me to gradually purify myself by practising Krishna consciousness sincerely under your able guidance. I am sure you have helped several fallen souls like me and I genuinely pray that you continue to do so for many more years to come.

Srila Gurudeva ki jai!

Hare Krishna!

Your eternal servant,

Alakananda Devi Dasi - Austin, TX, USA

Abhay Kulkarni - You still give us all individual attention

nama om visnu-padaya Krishna-presthaya bhu-tale

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#### srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine

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Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances to your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to the Vaishnavas! All glories to your grace on this auspicious day of your Vyasapuja.

I want to express my gratitude to you today for your very determined and steady effort to preach Srila Prabhupada's mission.

I thank you for showing so much mercy towards me. You have so many disciples over the world that you provide loving guidance, but you still give us all individual attention like we are your own children. Your endless love and devotion to Krishna and the previous acharyas makes me feel more determined and devoted towards pleasing you.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I beg for you to please continue to allow me to remain within your family, and please let me continue trying to serve you, though I am riddled with many faults.

I pray that Lord Gauranga will look after your health so that you can continue your glorious mission of preaching worldwide year after year.

your servant

Bhakta Abhay Kulkarni - Austin, TX, USA



#### Arundhati Devi Dasi - You are the beacon in my life

Dandavats to Gurudeva and Gurumata!

You are the beacon in my life, guiding us out of darkness and misery and materialism.

Without you, we would be mired in mundane breathing, life after life.





Please let me always be attached to your lotus feet and may Krsna give you the mercy to drag us all out of this material world and remain His servants forever.

Arundhati Devi Dasi - New Jersey, USA



Bhagavati Devi Dasi - Your mercy is all I am made of

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet

All Glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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While writing this Vyasa puja offering, I find myself incapable of doing this task justice because of me being so tangled materially. But whenever I write my offering, I cannot stop myself from thanking you for all your endless and causeless mercy on me. I am the most fallen, weak and ignorant and I have no qualities. Your mercy is all I am made of. Without the shelter of your lotus feet, I will not be able to maintain my life and will be fooling myself by gratifying my own senses. Srila Gurudeva, please give me all help, give me strength and intelligence to know you correctly so that I am able to follow your instructions as my very life and soul, and serve you with all I have.

Being a fool and ignorant I keep making mistakes again and again and again, but I have nowhere else to go other than surrendering at your lotus feet and begging your forgiveness for the inconveniences I've caused and offenses I've committed. I pay all respects my Spiritual Master; please let me be always with you and be like you without any desires and aspirations. Please be merciful to me and utilize me in your service. Give me your blessings so that I can always stay on the path of Bhakti you have shown me and realize the pure love of Krishna in my heart someday.

Servant of your servants,

Bhagavati Devi Dasi - Guelph, Canada







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### Bhakta Das - My heart has a longing......

My Dearest Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

My heart has a longing......

Please bless me that I might honor you more

Please bless me that I might worship you more

Please bless me that I might love you more

Please bless me that I might fall as a tree at your lotus feet

For in blessing me, I can help you to make the whole world Krishna Conscious and that will fulfill the longing in YOUR heart.

your insignificant, unworthy servant,

Bhakta Das - Port Alberni, Canada



### Bhavani Devi Dasi - I am now blessed

Please accept my humble obeisances All glories to Srila Prabhupada

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#### All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga

Dear Gurudeva, on this very special day, I sincerely offer my gratitude for what you have done, and what you continue to do for me. I know that no matter how hard I try, I will never be able to thank you for the many blessings you have showered on me, this insignificant soul. You are saving me, in every moment from the pain and suffering of this material world and teaching me that everything is a blessed opportunity to see the mercy of Lord Kṛṣṇa and our dear Srila Prabhupada. In the past, there were moments when I was unable to see this but through your never-ending patience and compassion, I am now blessed to always see Lord Kṛṣṇa in everything.

I cannot effectively thank you for the great compassion and love that you shower on me, in every moment. You set a great example, by which we must live and serve and show us what it really means to be a pure devotee. I pray that I follow with all my heart this process of Kṛṣṇa consciousness that you have taught me and ask for nothing more than to be eternally immersed in devotional service at your lotus feet. I pray that I may always work in a way that pleases you.

Thank you, Srila Gurudeva. I am indeed blessed. Hare Krsna!

your humble servant and devoted disciple,

Bhavani Devi Dasi - New Gokula Dham Vancouver, Canada



#### Chakravarthy - You teach and live by example

#### Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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.

There are many spiritual masters and there are some that are bonafide such as your grace. 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 everyday are attributed to Srila Prabhupada. True the great deeds of all ISKCON devotees are mercy of Srila Prabhupada but the honesty and humbleness that exudes is extraordinary. Another recent teach and live by example - when a devotee on the way to airport carrying Sri Radha Damodar was three minutes away you rushed outside to receive the Lord. To my comment of 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. 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.

Great spiritual masters struggle to deliver every soul. Some place minimum requirements to meet and some others like you are ready to uplift them unconditionally (as long as they meet the four regulative principles) and are glad to return to material world repeatedly for such cause. What better way to show another lovable quality of selflessness, by example?





I continue to pray to be your eternal servant.

Chakravarthy - Austin, TX, USA



### Dharmik - I'm very grateful to have come in contact with You and Guru Mata

All my respectful obeisances to Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari, Our beloved Srila Gurudeva and Guru Mata.

It is my privilege to offer this text to you as the Vyasa puja offering.

Even though you don't belong here, to this material world, I'm glad that Krishna has arranged for you to be here with insignificant souls like myself, so that we can benefit and make progress. I'm a huge fan of your sincerity and enthusiasm. Many of us are struggling through the process, always in anxiety. Seeing you enjoy each and every aspect of the process, be it giving or hearing classes, playing Mridangam, Kartals, leading Kirtan, reading Srila Prabhupada's books over and over again, etc. amazes me. I remember the other day you were trying to come up with some new tune for bhajan. On this auspicious day, I have nothing to give you in return for your overwhelming teachings and service; except for these few words. I'm very grateful to have come in contact with You and Guru Mata.

Hare Krishna!

your insignificant servant,

Bhakta Dharmik - Austin, TX, USA



Govinda Mohini Devi Dasi - Please engage me in your service life after life

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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, I wish to offer you my heartfelt good wishes and prayers to Lord Krishna that He give your Grace good health in order to continue enlightening many fallen souls like me.

When I started writing this offering, I was thinking how I can glorify my Spiritual Master in the best way possible. Srila Gurudeva, you have so much faith in Guru's words that it is possible to deliver the world in 18 days. But Srila Gurudeva I struggle with following your instructions. Srila Gurudeva, please free me from my attachment to the mountains of maya so that I can hear your kind and gentle instructions. You teach us that being a nice and well-respected devotee is not enough, we need to become perfect and achieve the highest platform of pure Krishna Bhakti. You weed out even a slight tinge of false ego from us and make sure we act with humility. When you smile looking at our foolishness, that's the most beautiful smile I have ever seen.

I humbly thank your Grace for giving inspiration through your daily thought for the day emails. Srila Gurudeva, you are so humble yet so powerful. In one of your emails, I found one of many wonderful realizations of your Grace.

"The most humbling statement we can say is I am nothing without God. The most powerful statement is with God I can do anything. So, I know that I have no power to accomplish anything regarding the enlightenment of the human society. But I also know that since God helps those who help themselves, if I make the sincere endeavor to do so, by God's grace the most inconceivable miracles can happen including even the spiritual enlightenment of the entire human society."

Srila Gurudeva, the words emanating from your lotus mouth are like valuable gems. I could collect some gem like words from your lectures by the mercy of your disciple His Grace Hare Krishna das prabhu who sends out these gems very profusely every day on WhatsApp. These beautiful gems are from a Srimad Bhagavatam lecture by Your Grace in Mayapur on March 2nd, 2019.

"We should not just practice Krishna Consciousness; we have to perfect Krishna Consciousness."

"One who comes to Krishna Consciousness by mental whims; he can leave Krishna Consciousness by mental whim; so, we have to rise above mental whim; by intelligently packed up. "

"Krishna Consciousness is not one of the religions; it is the science of religion."

Question: "How can I put love in the activities which I do?"

Your Grace answered; "If you express loving feeling to other devotees; and in a cooperative spirit; by that act you will be able to put love in your activities."

Srila Gurudeva, I pray to be given the ability to serve your Grace with the expertise of a surrendered soul. By the causeless mercy of the Spiritual Master all things are possible. To make advancement in devotional service one must facilitate the pleasure of the spiritual master. By doing so one gets the grace of Krishna. Srila Gurudeva, on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, my sincere prayer to your Grace is please engage me in your service life after life.

#### Hare Krishna!





Your insignificant servant,

Govinda Mohini Devi Dasi - Brampton, Ontario, Canada



#### Guruvani Devi Dasi - These verses describe you so accurately

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Srila Gurudeva, when I read the meaning of gurvastakam, I see that you are living example of all the descriptions, especially the 3 stanzas

mahāprabhoḥ kīrtana-nṛtya-gītavāditra-mādyan-manaso rasena romāñca -kampāśru-tarańga-bhājo vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam

śrī-vigrahārādhana-nitya-nānāśrńgāra-tan-mandira-mārjanādau yuktasya bhaktārńś ca niyuñjato 'pi vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam

catur-vidha-śrī-bhagavat-prasādasvādv-anna-trptān hari-bhakta-sańghān krtvaiva trptim bhajataḥ sadaiva vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam

2) Chanting the holy name, dancing in ecstasy, singing, and playing musical instruments, the spiritual master is always gladdened by the sankirtana movement of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Because he is relishing the mellows of pure devotion within his mind, sometimes his hair stands on end, he feels quivering in his body, and tears flow from his eyes like waves. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.





3) The spiritual master is always engaged in the temple worship of Sri Sri Radha and Kṛṣṇa. He also engages his disciples in such worship. They dress the Deities in beautiful clothes and ornaments, clean Their temple, and perform other similar worship of the Lord. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

4) The spiritual master is always offering Krsna four kinds of delicious food [analyzed as that which is licked, chewed, drunk, and sucked]. When the spiritual master sees that the devotees are satisfied by eating bhagavat-prasada, he is satisfied. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

I see you do the activities that are described in these prayers verbatim every day. In a humble discreet way, while I do little service and feel like I have done a lot. I went over these verses over and over and they describe you so accurately and it made me realize the magnitude of service you do for me as disciple, while I do not repay even a little bit of that. I am so fortunate to have a spiritual master who is perfect embodiment of sastra and perfect example also how to be a disciple by your dedication to Srila Prabhupada.

your Servant

Guruvani Devi Dasi - Austin, TX, USA



#### Heather Hooten - Increasing more and more

Dear Respected Sankarshan Prabhu,

Please accept my respectful obeisances. All glories to you!!

Over the years my appreciation for your teachings is increasing more and more.

I have started taking very small baby steps in my spiritual journey. I have a long way to go and am not even qualified to offer my thanks to you, as I'm still a rascal. I have not read enough of your writings to be qualified to thank you, but the little that I have read have impacted me positively.

You're a sincere guide and best well-wisher to all beings.

Thanking you for picking from the illusion of matter. Hare Krishna Please keep me in your divine contact.

Bhaktin Heather Hooten - Columbia, United States



### Hemanga Das - Regular hearing of your lectures helps

Dear Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet





All glories to your grace All glories to Srila Prabhupada

> nama om visnu-padaya Krishna-presthaya bhu-tale srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

The most auspicious day in year has come. A day to glorify your causeless mercy, to celebrate your appearance, to internalize your lifelong instructions on being Kṛṣṇa conscious. I'll never be able to understand fully all your divine qualities but would like to share the ones that makes me strive to be Kṛṣṇa consciousness. You have shown by your own example on How to walk the talk that Srila Prabhupada showed to the world. Kṛṣṇa in BG 9.14 says - endeavor with great determination. In all these years, you have shown that determination in sharing Kṛṣṇa consciousness consistently through your worldwide travels, constantly replying to the questions from your thousands of subscribers, by sharing video snippets and thought for the day.

You mentioned that one should plan one's life for 80th sec and 80th year. You spend the last 30- 40 years in sharing the message of pure devotional service throughout the world. As the Austin congregation is growing, you want to cut down your traveling time and focus more in congregation development. You have shown by your example how to be fully absorbed in Kṛṣṇa consciousness in all the circumstances.

Your teachings are fully based on foundational principles of Kṛṣṇa consciousness and how by practicing them will help develop pure Devotional service towards Kṛṣṇa. Its only a change in consciousness to turn devotional service into sense gratification. Regular hearing of your lectures helps me to remind that whatever service I render is and should be for the pleasure of Guru & Kṛṣṇa.

Just like a patient who is suffering from Alzheimer doesn't remember his past, but by constantly telling him about the good times that he spent with his friends and family, and showing the pictures of past, his memory can be bought back. Similarly, by hearing to your lectures and following your instructions are the only hope for me to regain my true identity as servant of Lord Kṛṣṇa.

On this most auspicious day, I beg your grace to develop attachment onto your Lotus feet and continue to share Prabhupada's message with everyone.

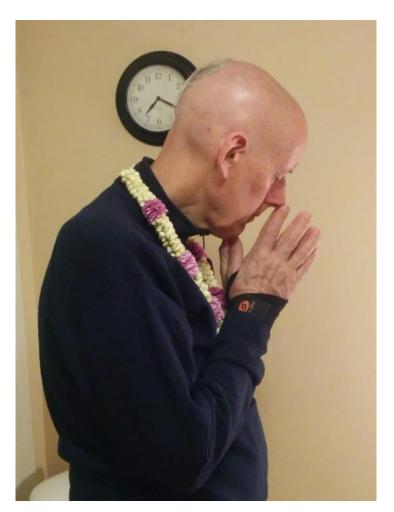
your insignificant servant,

Hemanga Das - Brampton, Canada









Gurudeva meditating on Srila Prabhupada during Guru Puja in Toronto, Canada

### IsvarPuri Dasa - Your thought of the day is my daily nectar

I respectably submit my offering on your Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari Vyas Puja celebration on Oct 23, 2019

I have not missed a single day your thought of the day in the form of a newsletter

I especially like the answer to any kind of questions are asked.

Your Grace answers on the basis of Vedic version. You never mind what kind of Question it is.

Also, you ask Questions on the basis of your lessons to us on some instances.

Please continue, this is my daily nectar.

Of course, I also ask Questions, if there is any doubt in my mind,

Your servant,

IsvarPuri Dasa (Disciple of HH Bhakti Charu Swami) - Irvine, CA, USA

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### Jambavati Devi Dasi - One of the greatest devotees who ever lived

My Dear Srila Gurudeva, please accept my obeisances.

All glory to his Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada and to you.

Every day you set an amazing example for all of us with your courage, your fortitude, and your compassion to save as many as possible from this ocean of birth and death.

I'm sure that others as well as myself feel entirely unworthy of your mercy and wonder what kind of pious activities we must have performed in our past life to have received the extreme mercy of your association in this lifetime.

I feel so inadequate to offer anything worthy of you. Surely, you are one of the greatest devotees who has ever lived on this planet.

I thank you with all my heart.

Jambavati Devi Dasi - Austin, TX, USA



#### Jennii - It is my greatest fortune to have met you

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to his Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you.

I am so overwhelmed with feelings of gratitude that I know I will never be able to adequately express. It is my greatest fortune to have met you, Gurudeva. I don't feel as though I could ever possibly understand why Krishna has been so kind to me in this way.

For so long, I felt so worthless. I was so lost. Fervently searching to find my purpose and give meaning to my life. Even after finding a copy of the Bhagavad-Gita and realizing that life's greatest truths were hidden inside- I was still so, so miserable. Unable to comprehend the divine words on my own.

It is only by your unending mercy and compassion that I am here today, full of purpose and able to celebrate your pure love and devotion to Krishna on the most auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja; I sit at your lotus feet, praying that I can be intelligent enough to humbly follow your guidance and act in a way that pleases you always.

It's been ten months since I first visited the temple in Austin, TX, but even from the first day, I knew in my heart that my family was within the devotees. I hope that I can one day gain even the smallest drop of worthiness of being your initiated disciple.

Thank you for giving my life purpose, for leading me to true happiness, and for showing me what pure love and devotion looks like. Thank you for giving me, your most unworthy, dirt-like recipient, unlimited compassion and mercy. Thank you, Gurudeva, from the bottom of my heart. All glories to your divine lotus feet.

your eternal servant,

Bhaktin Jennii - Austin, TX, USA

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## Kardama Muni Das - How did I get so fortunate?

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to your Divine Grace

Gurudeva I am not yet able to fathom the limit of my good fortune that you have accepted me as your disciple. After suffering in this material world for millions of lifetimes I have finally found true shelter. How did I get so fortunate? And yet, how am I so unfortunate? It is indeed my great fortune that Lord Krishna has blessed me with the association of His pure representative, and it is greatly unfortunate that I have not been able to take advantage of this rare opportunity. Gurudeva, I am begging Lord Krishna for mercy so that someday I may become a true disciple, worthy of your grace, and be able to serve you and please you. Gurudeva, your unconditional love and mercy is always there at every step and I can always feel you guiding me whenever I am perplexed. May my every word, my every deed, and my every thought become pleasing to your grace. This will only be possible by your blessings Gurudeva. I fall at your lotus feet and beg for your mercy.

your unworthy servant,

Kardama Muni Das - Austin, TX, USA



Kirtan Nagavarapu - Shower of mercy, unending

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

This past summer, you were kind enough to let me serve you in Africa, this is a short poem that encompasses the things I observed/appreciated

This year I traveled east,

to serve you as you tame this African beast

You spread your compassion love and care

to everyone for everything everywhere

I was starstruck by the love in your eyes,

and your devotion purity and perfect poise

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Every time I felt I was serving you it was just you giving me an opportunity to

I can never even begin to understand, the number of people you've saved with your lotus hand

The love and mercy you have showered is something I can never repay As I start to thank you for yesterday You have already showered love today

Your humble servant Kirtan Nagavarapu - Austin, TX, USA



# Kusuma Shashidhar - My heartfelt sincere appreciation

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Dandavat pranam

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

My heartfelt sincere appreciation for all the effort you are taking to make the whole world Krishna conscious. May you be filled with everlasting enthusiasm to keep rocking year after year.

Hari Hari bol

Bhaktin Kusuma Shashidhar - South Brunswick, USA



#### Mahabhagavat Das - I beg to remain the servant of your dedicated servants

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

All glories unto your grace.

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

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# namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

Time flies! It was 2004 when I had the great good fortune of first meeting you, on the Internet, and in person in Toronto. You mercifully allowed me to touch your lotus feet. You answered hundreds of questions, some intelligent, some foolish, some emotional, some logical, and some even offensive. Even when you are irritated with me, you always have been very kind. Srimati Gurumataji especially has been most kind to me. Both of you have just kept me in the circle of Krishna consciousness somehow or other, for this I am grateful.

With every passing day I appreciate more and more the immense causeless mercy that is being showered upon me. I am undeserving, but I need your mercy to be able to make it to pure devotional service. I cannot survive one day, no, even one moment without your mercy. I am completely and fully indebted to you. My plan is to arrange my life so that I can give more and more of my time and energy to your mission without becoming a burden on the devotees. I hope I can do this before this body and mind become old and useless, and at least well before my last breath in this life.

I have the good fortune of being able to write to you often, and also speak with you regularly. So, I keep expressing my feelings and giving you reports throughout the year. So please let all that information be sufficient as given. In this Vyasa Puja offering, I am offering at your lotus feet one tiny little bit of appreciation I have become aware of, thanks to your mercy.

Recently, when reading the Srimad Bhagavatam, I encountered some amazing verses spoken by Sri Krishna to His friend Sudama Brahmana. The entire episode just made me fall deeper in love with Sri Krishna and all His devotees. How the devotees are so much caring for each other, Sudama's wife cares for Sudama. Sudama cares for his wife. They both love Krishna so much, and how they are surrendered. And Krishna loves Sudama so much! And how they are so very understated in their love, so subtle, so gentle and caring! How incredible that Krishna considers His benedictions more insignificant than His devotees' service to Him, however insignificant the service may be in the devotee's eyes! That really makes me want to be a pure devotee some day!

But those verses I mention above, especially remind me of your divine importance in my life... SB 10.80.31-42

कच्चिद् गुरुकुले वासं ब्रह्मन् स्मरसि नौ यत: । द्विजो विज्ञाय विज्ञेयं तमस: पारमश्र**ुते ॥ ३१ ॥** kaccid gurukule vāsam brahman smarasi nau yataḥ dvijo vijñāya vijñeyam tamasaḥ pāram aśnute

My dear brāhmaņa, do you remember how we lived together in our spiritual master's school? When a twice-born student has learned from his guru all that is to be learned, he can enjoy spiritual life, which lies beyond all ignorance.

स वै सत्कर्मणां साक्षाद् द्विजातेरिह सम्भव: । आद्योऽङ्ग यत्राश्रमिणां यथाहं ज्ञानदो गुरु: ॥ ३२ ॥ sa vai sat-karmaṇāṁ sākṣād dvijāter iha sambhavaḥ

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## ādyo 'nga yatrāśramiņāṁ yathāhaṁ jñāna-do guruḥ

My dear friend, he who gives a person his physical birth is his first spiritual master, and he who initiates him as a twice-born brāhmaņa and engages him in religious duties is indeed more directly his spiritual master. But the person who bestows transcendental knowledge upon the members of all the spiritual orders of society is one's ultimate spiritual master. Indeed, he is as good as My own self.

नन्वर्थकोविदा ब्रह्मन् वर्णाश्रमवतामिह । ये मया गुरुणा वाचा तरन्त्यञ्जो भवार्णवम् ॥ ३३ ॥ nanv artha-kovidā brahman varņāśrama-vatām iha ye mayā guruņā vācā taranty añjo bhavārņavam

Certainly, O brāhmaņa, of all the followers of the varņāśrama system, those who take advantage of the words I speak in My form as the spiritual master and thus easily cross over the ocean of material existence best understand their own true welfare.

In the purport to SB 10.80.33, your Godbrothers wrote "One's father is a natural object of reverence, as is a religious leader who initiates one into sacred ceremonies and instructs one in general wisdom. But ultimately the bona fide spiritual master, learned in the transcendental science and thus able to take one across the ocean of birth and death to the spiritual world — such a guru is most deserving of worship and respect, for he is the direct representative of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, as stated here."

नाहमिज्याप्रजातिभ्यां तपसोपशमेन वा ।
तुष्येयं सर्वभूतात्मा गुरुशुश्रूषया यथा ॥ ३४ ॥
nāham ijyā-prajātibhyāṁ
tapasopaśamena vā
tuşyeyarin sarva-bhūtātmā
guru-śuśrūṣayā yathā

I, the Soul of all beings, am not as satisfied by ritual worship, brahminical initiation, penances or selfdiscipline as I am by faithful service rendered to one's spiritual master.

And your Godbrothers confirm in the purport... "The word prajāti here indicates either begetting good children or the second birth obtained by ritual initiation into Vedic culture. Although both of these are praiseworthy, Lord Krṣṇa here states that faithful service rendered to a bona fide spiritual master is still higher."

अपि नः स्मर्यते ब्रह्मन् वृत्तं निवसतां गुरौ । गुरुदारैश्चोदितानामिन्धनानयने कचित् ॥ ३५ ॥ प्रविष्टानां महारण्यमपर्तौ सुमहद् द्विज । वातवर्षमभूत्तीव्रं निष्ठुराः स्तनयित्नवः ॥ ३६ ॥ api naḥ smaryate brahman vṛttaṁ nivasatāṁ gurau guru-dāraiś coditānām





indhanānayane kvacit pravistānām mahāraņyam apartau su-mahad dvija vāta-varsam abhūt tīvram nisthurāh stanayitnavah

O brāhmaņa, do you remember what happened to us while we were living with our spiritual master? Once our guru's wife sent us to fetch firewood, and after we entered the vast forest, O twice-born one, an unseasonal storm arose, with fierce wind and rain and harsh thunder.

सूर्यश्चास्तं गतस्तावत् तमसा चावृता दिश: । निम्नं कूलं जलमयं न प्राज्ञायत किञ्चन ॥ ३७ ॥ sūryaś cāstaṁ gatas tāvat tamasā cāvṛtā diśaḥ nimnaṁ kūlaṁ jala-mayaṁ na prājñāyata kiñcana

Then, as the sun set, the forest was covered by darkness in every direction, and with all the flooding we could not distinguish high land from low.

## वयं भृशं तत्र महानिलाम्बुभि-र्निहन्यमाना महुरम्बुसम्प्लवे । दिशोऽविदन्तोऽथ परस्परं वने गृहीतहस्ता: परिबभ्रिमातुरा: ॥ ३८ ॥ vayam bhṛśam tatra mahānilāmbubhir nihanyamānā mahur ambu-samplave diśo 'vidanto 'tha parasparam vane gṛhīta-hastāḥ paribabhrimāturāḥ

Constantly besieged by the powerful wind and rain, we lost our way amidst the flooding waters. We simply held each other's hands and, in great distress, wandered aimlessly about the forest.

In the purport, your Godbrothers wrote "it indicates that as the two young boys wandered about, they continued to carry the firewood they had secured for their spiritual master"

एतद् विदित्वा उदिते रवौ सान्दीपनिर्गुरु: । अन्वेषमाणो न: शिष्पानाचार्योऽपश्यदातुरान् ॥ ३९ ॥ etad viditvā udite ravau sāndīpanir guruņ anveşamāņo naņ śişyān ācāryo 'paśyad āturān

Our guru, Sāndīpani, understanding our predicament, set out after sunrise to search for us, his disciples, and found us in distress.



अहो हे पुत्रका यूयमस्मदर्थेऽतिदुःखिताः । आत्मा वै प्राणिनां प्रेष्ठस्तमनादृत्य मत्पराः ॥ ४० ॥ aho he putrakā yūyam asmad-arthe 'ti-duḥkhitāḥ ātmā vai prāṇinām preṣṭhas tam anādṛtya mat-parāḥ

[Sāndīpani said:] O my children, you have suffered so much for my sake! The body is most dear to every living creature, but you are so dedicated to me that you completely disregarded your own comfort.

एतदेव हि सच्छिष्यै: कर्तव्यं गुरुनिष्कृतम् । यद् वै विशुद्धभावेन सर्वार्थात्मार्पणं गुरौ ॥ ४१ ॥ etad eva hi sac-chişyaiḥ kartavyam guru-nişkṛtam yad vai viśuddha-bhāvena sarvārthātmārpaṇam gurau

This indeed is the duty of all true disciples: to repay the debt to their spiritual master by offering him, with pure hearts, their wealth and even their very lives.

In the purport to the above verses, your Godbrothers write "One engages one's body to realize one's purposes. The body is also the basis of the material conception of "I," while one's fortune is the basis of the conception of "mine." Thus, by offering everything to the spiritual master, one realizes one's self to be an eternal servant of the Lord. The spiritual master does not exploit the disciple but rather engages him fully in Krsna consciousness for the disciple's eternal benefit."

तुष्टोऽहं भो द्विजश्रेष्ठाः सत्याः सन्तु मनोरथाः । छन्दांस्ययातयामानि भवन्त्विह परत्र च ॥ ४२ ॥ tuşto 'ham bho dvija-śreşţhāḥ satyāḥ santu manorathāḥ chandāmsy ayāta-yāmāni bhavantv iha paratra ca

"You boys are first-class brāhmaņas, and I am satisfied with you. May all your desires be fulfilled and may the Vedic mantras you have learned never lose their meaning for you, in this world or the next."

In the purport, your Godbrothers write "Cooked food left sitting for three hours is called yāta-yāma, indicating that it has lost its taste, and similarly if a devotee does not remain fixed in Kṛṣṇa consciousness, the transcendental knowledge that once inspired him on the spiritual path will lose its "taste," or meaning, for him. Thus, Sāndīpani Muni blesses his disciples that the Vedic mantras, which reveal the Absolute Truth, will never lose their meaning for them but will remain ever fresh in their minds."

I am not a young boy. I am not as surrendered as the innocent young boys are capable of surrendering but worldly men like myself are too clever for their own good. All of your wonderful Brahmachari disciples, all of your wonderful Grhastha disciples, all of those sincere souls, they are all better disciples than I can ever be.

But you have instructed me that whenever I meet a great personality, I should fall at their lotus feet and beg for pure devotional service. So, I am begging this blessing - to be able to please you with my service. Actually I am not very expert in serving you, in every service, I can see directly how the other disciples are

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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 bumbling fool.

Sudama was attached to his renunciation. I am attached to my own false ego as a controller and master! Even though at every step I see how I am being kicked by material nature! I should be so fortunate if I was attached to renunciation!

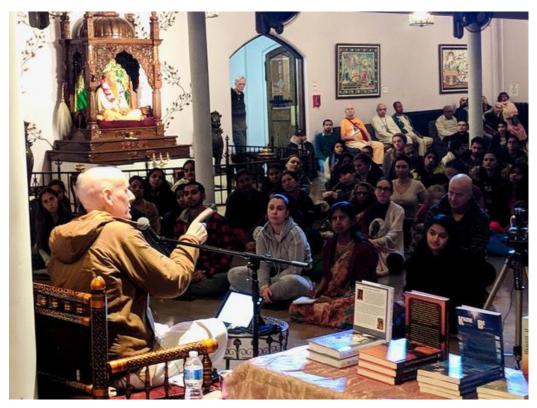
Just like Sudama finally let go of the subtle pride of being a renounced Brahmana by accepting whatever Krishna desired, please somehow arrange it that I lose all my gross and subtle pride in my little penny of material accomplishments.

Please bless me that all the mantras and all the instructions and all the knowledge and all the mercy you have given me remains ever fresh, even though I am unworthy of any of this immense treasure.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja, I beg to remain the servant of your dedicated servants.

your servant,

Mahabhagavat Das - Toronto, Canada



Teaching the Highest Truth in Toronto, Canada

Melanie Boodoo - A photo of you standing next to a banner/poster

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā cakşur unmīlitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

sri-caitanya-mano-'bhistam sthāpitam yena bhu-tale svayam rupah kadā mahyam dadāti sva-padāntikam

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I was born in darkest of ignorance and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my humble obeisances unto him. When will Srila Rupa Goswāmi Prabhupāda, who has established within this material world the mission to fulfill the desire of Lord Caitanya, give me shelter at his lotus feet?

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you Srila Gurudeva, oh all merciful spiritual master.

Gurudeva, on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I humbly bow down my head at your lotus feet, and I offer my humble obeisances unto you. I am your most insignificant servant and most unqualified to come before you, but you are all merciful and shower us your guidance and kindness abundantly and unconditionally.

Srila Gurudeva, about a week ago one of your dear disciples Laksman das Prabhu, shared a photo of you standing next to a banner/poster which read "The real secret of success in Krishna consciousness is to keep an eye on what your mind is doing and make sure it's Krishna conscious. That's all." This is such a profound message to me. During that time, I was going through so much agitation in my mind and so much anxiety, that when I saw that message it went straight to the core of my heart and it was like an elixir sent from above to help cure my afflicted mental state. You and Shri Krishna were both speaking to me directly. Since that day I've been reading that statement every day and reminding myself to make an extra conscious effort to keep an eye on my thoughts by trying to concentrate them at the Lotus Feet of Shri Krishna.

Srila Gurudeva, you are a huge inspiration in my life and I cannot thank you enough for your tireless effort in carrying out the mission of your beloved spiritual master Srila Prabhupada, and for trying to save the world, one soul at a time, by teaching love of Krishna to everyone you meet by engaging them in chanting the Lord's holy names. I cannot thank you enough for your never-ending mercy on me by presenting me with your daily e-mails, videos, endless lectures and books and most of all, for always being there when we e-mail you personally. Countless times when a question comes to my mind or a situation arises in my life, I find the answer and ability to cope with the struggles of daily life in your e-mail and video. You are a spiritual guide and master in every way, and you connect with your disciples in the heart.

On this your most auspicious appearance day, Srila Gurudeva, I beg the mercy of Srila Prabhupada and Sri Krishna that you will be blessed to continue spreading the nectar of the Krishna Consciousness movement everywhere you go. I pray for your good health and well-being and that the Lord will always look after you and keep you safe wherever you are.

My obeisances at your lotus feet.

Hare Krishna!

your insignificant servant,

Melanie Boodoo - Toronto, Canada







# Molly - Did not hesitate when your heart called out for Krishna

#### Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to Srila Prabhupada. Krishna is so kind to give me this opportunity to celebrate your Vyasa Puja with you in Vrindavan this year. I haven't been attending the temple for very long and I still have so much to learn. Krishna knows this so he's given me your expert association to guide me back home. You have so many wonderful qualities of a sincere devotee, like your advanced knowledge, your complete submission to Krishna and Srila Prabhupada, and your attentive listening especially when Gurumata is giving the lecture. However, my favorite quality of yours is your fearless surrender to Krishna. If I remember the story correctly, you did not hesitate when your heart called out for Krishna while hearing Sri Gurv-astaka. You imagined how beautiful it would be if you dedicated your life to following Srila Prabhupada, so that's what you did. You were right and every day I'm in awe of how wonderfully beautiful it all turned out to be. Only by your mercy could I develop a fraction of the love and surrender you feel for Krishna. First, I must do my part by becoming a pure devotee and relentlessly chanting

hare kṛṣṇa hare kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa hare hare hare rāma hare rāma rāma rāma hare hare

Srila Gurudeva Sankarshan Das Adhikari Ki jay!

Love,

Bhaktin Molly - Austin, TX, USA



#### Nityakishori Devi Dasi - You are a true representative of Srila Prabhupada

Dear Srila Gurudeva

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Words can't express the gratitude we have for you Gurudeva; you are an epitome of a true, pure devotee of Lord Krishna. In this age of Kali, it is so easy to deviate away from Krishna Consciousness with the sufferings and influence of maya. But with your association and blessings we are able to serve our local temple and also continue our sadhana. Today, Srila Prabhupada's deity was installed in San Antonio Iskcon center and I felt even more connected with your teachings. It is proved that You are a true representative of Srila Prabhupada. Please continue to shower mercy upon us fallen souls.

#### Your humble servants

Nityakishori Devi Dasi, Sundarmukunda Das, Murari, Vibhavari - San Antonio, TX, USA



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## Noah - I am so fortunate

#### Dear Guru,

I'm so fortunate to learn about Krishna from you, if not for you I would be a wretched soul. Someday soon, I hope to see you and request your mercy

Bhakta Noah - Hesperia, USA



## Paramahamsa Das - Boundless Mercy!

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva! All Glories unto your lotus feet All glories to Srimati Gurumataji All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

Srila Gurudeva, your mercy has no bounds! In the past 2 years since I have been initiated by you, I have seen how rapidly you have made me engage in Krishna's service. As always knowingly or unknowingly with reluctantly I have learned to take baby steps towards my Krishna consciousness always thankful for your and Srimati Gurumataji's expert preaching which acts as a helping hand that I gather encouragement to get up again even when I stumble a little or fall face planted. As expertly mentioned by your grace as a "double barrel shot Gun" every shot fired out of the gun is so potent that it penetrates through my mesh like porous false ego which clings on to the anarthas.

Your wonderful disciples that I am proud to call as my God-family are also a reflection of your mercy and I have always been supported by them in the daily turmoil of my life. How can I ever do any justice how can I ever repay your debt? I guess the only way is always be your eternal servant birth after birth and follow your wonderful personal instructions, cherish personal interactions and follow your personal prayers that you kindly share with me giving me a small ray of hope to be identified as a servant in the spiritual world under your wing.

your Servant,

Paramahamsa Das - Guelph, ON, Canada





Srila Gurudeva sharing his memory of New Vrindavan Dham, Toronto, Canada

Paramatma Das & Family - You are the transcendental physician

Hare Krishna

Dearest Srila Gurudeva,

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā cakṣur unmīlitam 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.

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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.

All glories to Jagad-Guru, His Divine Grace Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.

mukam karoti vachalam pangum langhayate girim yat-kripa tam aham vande shri-gurum dina-taranam

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 you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa puja. We wish you a very happy Vyasa Puja celebrations Srila Gurudeva, 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 SB 6.15.16 verse that "Everyone is in the darkness of ignorance. Therefore, everyone needs to be enlightened with transcendental knowledge. One who enlightens his disciple and saves him from rotting in the darkness of ignorance in this material world is a true guru". While I read these words of King Chitraketu to Narada Muni and Angira Muni, we remember you both Your Grace Srila Gurudeva and Her Grace Srimati Gurumata with this below sloka

tasmād yuvām grāmya-paśor mama mūḍha-dhiyaḥ prabhū andhe tamasi magnasya jñāna-dīpa udīryatām

"Because you are great personalities, you can give me real knowledge. I am as foolish as a village animal like a pig or dog because I am merged in the darkness of ignorance. Therefore, please ignite the torch of knowledge to save me".

And the below sloka explains how you as a Sadhu patiently tolerate our ignorance but still forgive and inspire us for our benefit (SB 3.25.21)

titiksavah karunikah Suhrdah sarva-dehinam ajata-satravah santah sadhavah sadhu-bhusanah

The symptoms of a sadhu 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.

Per Guru Gita from Skanda Purana, there appears a dialog between Lord Shiva and Uma (Shakti) discussing on what is the best form to meditate (On Guru):

dhyana moolam guru murti puja moolam gurur padam, mantra moolam gurur vakyam, moksha moolam guru kripa





Translation: The Guru's form is the best to meditate upon; the Guru's feet are the best for worship; the Guru's word is the mantra; the Guru's Grace is the root of liberation.

Having lost all good sense and suffering under the influence of avidya, nescience, we were in an unfortunate position, loitering about in a derelict state, when we met you. You offered help us Srila Gurudeva. You made us fortunate by providing the treatment for our avidya disorder, which is the root cause of all suffering we conditioned souls have undergone for countless lifetimes. You are the transcendental physician who offered to cure us, while we were suffering from the madness of the materialistic way of life, and thus end our endless journey of misery in this world.

We celebrate your appearance because you are the genuine representative of HDG Srila Prabhupada, who is the most sincere follower of supreme physician, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, whose message of hope for suffering humanity is expressed by Bhaktivinoda Thakura in one of his songs (Jiva Jago Jiva Jago): *enechi aushadhi maya nasibaro lagi' / hari-nama maha-mantra lao tumi magi*. "I have brought the medicine to awaken every living being from perpetual sleep. Please receive the holy name of the Lord, the Hare Krishna maha-mantra, and awaken."

A similar comparison is given by Jada Bharata, who likens the conditioned soul to a person who has been bitten by the snake of ignorance and fallen into a coma like sleep. He tells Maharaja Rahugana: "The conditioned soul in the material forest is sometimes swallowed by a python or crushed. At such a time, he is left lying in the forest like a dead person, devoid of consciousness and knowledge. Sometimes other poisonous snakes bite him. Being blind to his consciousness, he falls down into a dark well of hellish life with no hope of being rescued." (Srimad-Bhagavatam 5.13.9)

Srila Gurudeva, we sincerely desire that we don't want to remain conditioned here in the material existence and being counted among the rascals. Not only would that be an affront to you, who took so much trouble to deliver the medicine, but it would also be a disgrace and a very risky course of action to a diseased person like us. Just like that of a foolish decision of a suffering patient to ignore the treatment offered to him by a qualified physician and act whimsically, thus worsening his condition in the long run. Maharaja Pariskshit describes such a person as a pasughnat, one who kills his own self.

nivrtta-tarşair upagīyamānād bhavauşadhāc chrotra-mano-'bhirāmāt ka uttamaśloka-guņānuvādāt pumān virajyeta vinā paśughnāt

"Glorification of the Supreme Personality of Godhead is performed in the parampara system; that is, it is conveyed from spiritual master to disciple. Such glorification is relished by those who no longer are interested in the false, temporary glorification of this cosmic manifestation. Descriptions of the Lord are the right medicines for the conditioned soul undergoing repeated birth and death. Therefore, who will cease hearing such glorification of the Lord except a butcher or one who is killing his own self?" (Srimad - Bhagavatam 10.1.4) In the purport Srila Prabhupada writes:

"A qualified reciter of Srimad - Bhagavatam gives the right medicine (bhava aushadhi) for the conditioned souls. The Krishna consciousness movement is therefore trying to train qualified preachers to recite Srimad - Bhagavatam and the Bhagavad-gita throughout the entire world, so that people in general in all parts of the world may take advantage of this movement and thus be relieved of the threefold miseries of material existence." And Srila Gurudeva, your grace are the perfect living examples preaching entire world to become Krishna Consciousness distributing right medicine - Bhava Aushadam.





Dear Srila Gurudeva, on this auspicious day of your appearance day we beg your causeless mercy that we become more sincerely determined to continue to take the treatment of chanting Hare Krishna Mahamantra attentively to be rescued from the disease of avidya.

Please allow us to continue trying to act on your behalf in the preaching mission, although we lack the necessary qualifications. Ha ha prabhu koro doya, deho more pada-chaya . . .

We have left with no words to express our feelings of endless gratitude in our heart for your grace and our beloved Gurumata. We want to thank you for rescuing us and saving us from the clutches of the material world.

Hare Krishna!!

your insignificant servants,

Paramatma Das, Mohana Mohini Devi Dasi, Yetvakshara Radhika - Chicago, IL, USA



## Prabhakaran Arcot Kumaravel - I cannot wait until next day

Srila Gurudeva, please accept my humble obeisances.

I'm grateful to god everyday for bringing me to you and exposing me to your mission.

I feel I'm blessed to start my day with reading the daily "Thought for the day" email". Sometimes I cannot wait until next day, so I read it the night it arrives in my inbox. Every time I read your daily emails or see you lead the discourse; I realize your magnanimous dedication to educate the fallen souls about going back to godhead.

On this auspicious day of the world, I humbly seek your blessings to give me strength to be part of your mission. Thank you very much for all the guidance you have provided to this fallen soul. I'm grateful to the ISKCON Austin temple programmes and your mercy to come to our house for satsangs.

Bhakta Prabhakaran Arcot Kumaravel - Austin, TX, USA



Prabhat Jain - Kindly never abandon me

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Kindly accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!!

You travel across the world, showering your mercy and calling out to people to wake up and realize their actual identity. For this, you unwaveringly take up great austerities, despite your advanced age, simply to

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serve the mission of your beloved spiritual master. Your love and dedication to your spiritual master keeps you energetic, dedicated, hopeful and always focused on fulfilling his desire and instructions without consideration of your age, health or comfort. You demonstrate to us what love and service mean. I thank you and Gurumata for so kindly providing your divine association in an easily accessible way. Thank you for providing us with this wonderful devotee association by means of the Sunday temple program.

However, I am such a fallen soul that despite having your association and seeing your purity and commitment, my heart is still not propelled to surrender to you and seek your shelter. Such great is my misfortune!! Thus, on this most auspicious day of your divine appearance, I beg of you to kindly never abandon me, and forcefully drag this ignorant fool out of this world of nescience and misery. I humbly request you to kindly shower your blessings on me so that the firmly rooted ignorance in my heart may be dissipated by your causeless mercy, and I be able to realize your true glories.

Begging for your mercy

Bhakta Prabhat Jain - Austin, TX, USA



## Prahlada Ananda Dasa - An amazing encounter with Your Grace

Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari Maharaja

It is emphasized in all scriptures that one's spiritual life begins towards complete surrender & loving service to Lord Sri Krishna when a fallen, conditioned Jiva encounters even a brief moment with the pure devotee of the Lord."

#### sādhu-sanga', 'sādhu-sanga' — sarva-śāstre kaya lava-mātra sādhu-sange sarva-siddhi haya

Gurudeva, some years back...My son Kirtan & I had such an amazing encounter with Your Grace in front of ISKCON Temple in LA, USA. "*brahmāņļa bhramite kona bhāgyavān jīva guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bīja*" We are fully convinced that the blessing we had from Your Grace will certainly take us to the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada & Sri Sri RadhaGovinda in Goloka. A Vaisnava's body is fully spiritual & so we shall celebrate Your glorious birthday forever...! All glories to Sri Guru & Gauranga,

Dasa Dasanudasa,

Prahlada Ananda Dasa - Henderson, USA



Priya Harinath - You are tirelessly traveling

Hare Krishna

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to Srila Gurudeva





All glories to Srila Prabhupada

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"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 Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. Time and again day after day I can only thank you for lifting me out of this material ignorance and guiding me through your instructions, lectures and thought for the day. You are tirelessly traveling throughout the world to shower your mercy on all the souls that are lost and are trying to find their way back to Krishna.

I sincerely pray to Sri Radha Krishna and Gaura Nitai that I may be always be able to serve you and the devotees 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.

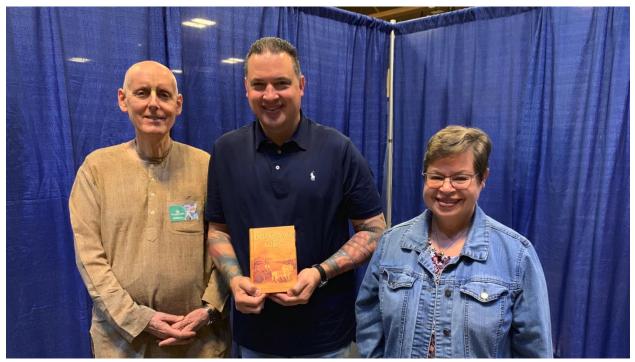
your humble servant

Bhaktin Priya - New Jersey, United States









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Raval Family - You lift our spirits from the mundane routine

Humble Obeisances to His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari!

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

caitanyah shashvatah shantah vyomatito niranjanah bindunada-kalatitah tasmai shrigurave namah

To the one who revealed that our essence is pure awareness, perpetual pure peace, beyond time and space, beyond the vibrational and seed stages of existence, I express my gratitude.

Your consistent teachings on the Gita and the message of Srila Prabhupada, lift our spirits from the mundane routine material existence. As we addictively taste the nectar in your teachings of Krishna consciousness, we feel closer and closer to serving Lord Krishna.

We thank you immensely from the bottom of our hearts for your blessings and your resolve for sharing your most boundless knowledge with us and we hope to remain in your caring and instructive light for years to come.

Hare Krishna!

Raval Family (Milan, Rena, Natasha, and Ipsita) - London, ON, Canada



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## Rohini Kulkarni - Your lectures are truly inspiring

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om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā caksur unmīlitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

vāñchā-kalpa-tarubhyaś ca krpā-sindhubhya eva ca

patitānām pāvanebhyo vaisņavebhyo namo namaķ

Dear Gurudeva,

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

You are embodiment of pure devotional service, compassion, enthusiasm, courage, and bliss.

In order to relieve all the suffering souls in this world you extensively travel around the globe and give hope to all by teaching everyone how to pray and serve Lord Krishna and awaken the dormant love of God.

Gurudeva, your lectures are truly inspiring, and they encourage fallen souls like me to come out of illusion and help find actual happiness and freedom from the miseries of this material world.

I am very grateful to you for guiding and accepting me with my faults and showering your unconditional mercy.

On this auspicious day of your appearance, I thank Lord Krishna for sending a spiritual teacher like you so that we can get help finding way to our lost home.

your servant

Bhaktin Rohini Kulkarni - Austin, TX, USA







# Ruth Goldberg-Ives - Hare Krishna

Thank you very much. Blessings be upon you. Hare Krishna I appreciate your daily Thought for the day Bhaktin Ruth Goldberg-Ives - Los Angeles, United States



Blessings after a Home Program in Mississauga, Canada

Satya-sara Das & Jaya Subhadra Devi Dasi - With your causeless blessings anything is possible

Om Ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana salakaya Caksure unmilitam yena tasmai sri-guruve namah

Mukam karoti vacalam pangum langhayate girim Yat-kripa tam aham vande sri-gurum dina taranam

Dear Gurudeva, Srila Sankarshan Prabhu

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to your divine lotus feet, and All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada!

This function is a unique opportunity to share the glorious compassion of the pure devotee and the spiritual master in a united way. A sincere disciple mediates at least three times a day on the glories of the Spiritual Master. However, this is mostly done within the heart of the individual devotee. The Vyasa





Puja day offers a unique blending of all kinds of meditations on the Spiritual Master and shared openly with everyone. This has such tremendous potency to purify the hearts of even onlookers. We wish to take advantage of this opportunity to purify the mirror of our hearts by offering some genuine appreciation of the mercy that we are all receiving from you, Gurudeva.

You are the most tangible manifestation of the mercy and sweetness of Srila Prabhuapda! Yours and Guru Mata's personal life is an example of total surrender and exclusive service to Srila Prabhupada. By your association, we can understand the sweet nature of pure devotees who always carry out the mission of their spiritual master and guide all the souls toward the path of pure devotional service.

It's said in the scripture that "Svayam acarati yasmad acaryas tena keerti-ta"

One who reads the scriptures and puts into practice its inner meaning is a real acharya. You are a true example of this verse.

You are our acharya as you teach us by your personal example of how to follow the principles of higher authority - guru, sadhu and sastras, to the highest degree. You teach us how one must stick to the process Srila Prabhupada has given us and not waver from our determination to progress in Krishna Consciousness by all cost.

You and Guru Mata are concerned about spiritual progress of everyone that comes in contact with you, not just your disciples. We have very deep gratitude and humble respect for all the sacrifices you are making in the service of our eternal lord and master the savior of the fallen souls, Srila Prabhupada.

Gurudeva, when we spoke to you last time, you instructed us to preach aggressively. You said we have your full blessings to do so. We feel all our acharyas reside in you, reside in your teachings and reside in your instructions. We want to make this firm resolve that we always keep your instruction of preaching aggressively as our top priority.

We know we are devoid of any qualifications to execute your instruction, but we are confident that with your causeless blessings anything is possible.

On this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, we pay our prostrated obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet and pray for your causeless mercy so that we can develop the required qualification, skills, knowledge, and confidence to carry out your instruction with sincere and pure hearts.

Also, on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I pray to Lord Narashimha Dev for your healthy long life so that you can deliver more and more souls all around the world.

Your servants,

Satya-sara das and Jaya Subhadra devi dasi

Austin, Tx, USA



Satyavan Das - Just by associating with you for few moments

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Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Guru Mataji.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I wish you a very happy appearance day.

Srila Gurudeva, As mentioned in Bhagavad-Gita 9.14 -

"The mahātmā cannot be manufactured by rubber-stamping an ordinary man. His symptoms are described as: a mahātmā is always engaged in chanting the glories of the Supreme Lord Kṛṣṇa, the Personality of Godhead. He has no other business. He is always engaged in the glorification of the Lord"

you are like devotional service blue print, you are teaching us by example how devotees should experience Krishna always and in every activity we do, irrespective of type of devotee, either as a brhmacari, or sannyasi or Grihastha, based on devotee mood- they can get perfect devotional practical instructions ,just by associating with you for few moments.

Srila Gurudeva, by your grace and Gurumataji's mercy, I am happy to say that, instead of specialty care, I am in spiritual care, surrounded by all nice devotees.

I beg your grace to forgive me for all the offenses I have committed at your lotus feet and to keep me always in your service.

Srila Gurudeva, on this occasion, I want to thank all my god-brothers & sisters and devotees who supported me and still supporting me to stay in the service of Krishna. I also beg all of them to forgive me for any offenses that I have committed to them on this auspicious day so that I can improve my services to you.

I pray their lordships Sri Sri Radha Damodar to bestow you more health and strength to spread Krishna Consciousness to more and more people.

your insignificant servant,

Satyavan Das - Austin, TX, USA







# Savitri Devi Dasi - You and Gurumataji...

Dear Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances,

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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I offer my respectful obeisance s unto your lotus feet. Referring to Srila Prabhupada's words "Guru means one who can give you Krishna. That is guru" you have enlightened our consciousness, making us to realize that we are servants of Krishna. One can never receive the authority to chant the holy name of the Lord without having faith in the words of spiritual master as stated in the scriptures,

yasya deve para bhaktir yatha deve tatha gurau tasyaite kathita hy arthah prakasante mahatmanah

"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." (SU 6.23). Just as Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu introduced Sankirtana movement and Srila Prabhupada expanded it to the entire world, faith in the words of spiritual master and Supreme personality of Godhead is the secret of success.

You have faced great hardships and discouraging circumstances to spread the Krishna consciousness movement all over the world still compassionate to save the fallen conditioned souls. You and Gurumataji have been a living example of ideal Vaishnava grihastha, teaching everyone to live simple and think high in spreading message of love of God. Thank you Srila Gurudeva for accepting an unworthy soul like me as your disciple.

On this auspicious day of Vyasa Puja, I beg you to bless me to develop internal purity by chanting the holy name offenselessly and to eliminate sense gratification.

your servant,

Savitri Devi Dasi - Austin, TX, USA



Sridevi Kesavanathan - You are a Great Role Model for everyone

Hare Krishna! Please accept my humble obeisances.

I sincerely appreciate your mission of converting the whole world Krishna conscious. I am thankful for all your detailed responses to my questions. I admire your inclusiveness of all the religions during your lecture. You are a great role model for anyone who is looking to selflessly devote themselves for a global cause. Please keep up the great work and may your mission succeed. Happy Vyasa Puja!

Bhaktin Sridevi Kesavanathan, - Austin, TX, USA







Srila Gurudeva urging us "You Be the Change" in Austin, Texas.

## Sulakshana Devi Dasi - I hope I will be able to assist you

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#### My dear Gurudeva:

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet!

Thank you Gurudeva for guiding me in every step of my life. I am eternally indebted to you. I feel very fortunate despite staying in a remote place where I have no access to any temples or devotees except through internet, you have bestowed your causeless mercy on this fallen soul by planting bhakti seed in my heart. Without your causeless mercy I do not know where I would be now. I am still far far away from being a pure devotee. I have so many material attachments. Gurudeva this year I did something different besides distributing Srila Prabhupada's books at the Farmers market, I am able to display few books in a restaurant and also one motel. I am always looking out for some opportunity where I will be able to distribute more Srila Prabhupada books. I hope I will be able to assist you in your preaching mission of



spreading Krishna consciousness all over the world with my every thought words and deeds for the pleasure of you and Gauranga.

Thank you again for 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 to make this world Vaikuntha.

your unworthy servant,

Sulakshana Devi Dasi - Billings, MT, USA



Vasundhara Devi Dasi - No Anxiety.... Just spiritual Bliss

Hare Kṛṣṇa Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet

All glories to your Divine Grace

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

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Dear Srila Gurudeva,

I offer my deepest gratitude from the bottom of my heart for having taken me under the shelter of Your lotus feet and guiding me on this path of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. For so many millions of births, I have been wandering here covered in illusion and ignorance. But you have showered me your causeless mercy and love to remove my darkness and practically guide me on how to take spiritual life seriously and how to serve with single pointed attention. Thank you for guiding me and make me realize that this material world is truly not our home and so there is no reason to feel any anxiety but to take this anxiety

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as a special blessing of Lord Kṛṣṇa. Srila Gurudeva, I pray humbly that you forgive all my offenses and to always bless me and guide me to eternally serve you, the Vaishnavas and Sri Sri Radha Kṛṣṇa. Please grant me the shelter of your lotus feet so that I stay fixed in Krishna consciousness and attain pure love of God.

I remain your insignificant servant

Vasundhara Devi Dasi - Toronto, Canada



## Vineet - Thanks for your well wishes

Thanks for your well wishes Bhakta Vineet - Scarborough, ON, Canada



## Vrindavan Das & Paurnamasi Devi Dasi - Praying for your Blessings

On the auspicious occasion of Your Vyasa Puja we offer our obeisances.

We always pray for Your blessings

Your faithful disciples

Vrindavan Das & Paurnamasi Devi Dasi - Mumbai, India



### Yasoda - My greatest fortune

Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my obeisances to your lotus feet.

Yare dekha, tare kaha krishna -upadesa amara ajnaya guru hana tara ei desa

"Instruct everyone to follow the orders of Lord Krishna as they are given in the Bhagavat Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam. In this way become a spiritual master and try to liberate everyone in this land CC7.128

Gurudeva you are the perfect example of this verse.

Gurudeva you put so much time and effort into teaching us Bhagavad-Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam in easily comprehensible way so that we can understand easily.

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You have so much patience in answering our questions and clarifying our doubts. We can write to you anytime and we will surely get immediate reply.

Gurudeva you constantly emphasize on 4 regulative principles so that we don't fall in to the tricks of Maya.

Gurudeva whenever I think about you three things come in to my mind your sincerity, kindness and love.

To learn from you the art of Krishna bhakti in this life time is my greatest fortune.

Aspiring to serve your lotus feet

Yasoda - Berlin, CT, USA









## Europe



## Anasini Devi Dasi - The words "thank you" are not enough

Hare Kṛṣṇa Srila Gurudeva,

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

On this auspicious day, and I thank Krsna that He let me have this opportunity in this life, please accept my respectful obeisances for you all your family.

I've understood in this life what does it mean to have a true spiritual master and I hope I'll have enough intelligence to stay next to you and your pure devotees, my entire life. You have never forgiven about me, every time I need your help, you gave it to me, unconditionally, even though in my ignorance I didn't understand your message from the beginning, then I saw that you are the direct messenger of Krsna and everything is transmitted to me through your kindness and wisdom.

The challenges of life were hard to understand and is in the past, but through your mercy I could eventually understand them all and find again happiness and my purpose in life.

The words "thank you" are not enough to express my contentment and happiness that I have your mercy and that anywhere I would be, I know I have your and your wife's shelter, you are amazing, and I thank you and Kṛṣṇa for everything.





Your immense effort and enthusiasm to travel to distribute Krsna consciousness to the world is unimaginable and I thank you that you offer us moment by moment the nectar of the lessons in which we have the essence of life.

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet, me and my daughters thank you for everything, your mercy is shedding in our hearts and will return back home to Krsna through your mercy.

Thank you for all!

your eternal servant,

Anasini Devi Dasi and daughters - Arad, Romania



Annapurna Devi Dasi - You always describe the glories of Lord

My Dear Srila Gurudeva!

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

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to Your Grace and Srimati Gurumataji!

Srila Gurudeva, at this most auspicious day of Your Vyasa Puja I want to thank You for everything that You are giving me and making for the entire world. You are spotlessly pure devotee of the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna, when You are speaking - You are always describing the glories of the Lord and inspiring everyone around You to become His devotees.

Thank You, Srila Gurudeva, for the best guidance, best instructions, best example of pure devotional service, for Your unconditional love and unlimited mercy. I wish to become Your true servant, to make Your divine instructions my very life and soul. Your Divine Grace, please bless me that I could think, speak and act in such a way, that it will be pleasing to You and Srila Prabhupada.

My humble obeisances to You.

Your eternal servant

Annapurna Devi Dasi - Harjumaa, Estonia



Arindama Das - You inspire us to be serious in Bhakti-Yoga

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.





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

You always tell us to be serious in Krishna consciousness, because it is a rare opportunity to practice bhakti yoga and you never now when the time will come to leave your present body. Unfortunately, we live like we will never die. Everyday people are dying and they think that it 's not going to happen to me. Illusion is very strong, but your sincere teachings can lead us out of this chaos and misery. We have to absorb ourselves in loving service to Krishna and do it every day the rest of our lives. And if we do this you guaranteed that we will achieve the perfection and relish sweetest nectar every minute.

You want to make the entire world Krishna conscious. It seems like it 's impossible, but it is also a great challenge. What could be more exciting than every living being would wake up his dormant Krishna consciousness. It would be a paradise on this planet. Spiritual world is there, where are devotees, so we should take advantage of this Krishna consciousness movement and make our hearts pure. According to you, one of the most important things to be Krishna conscious is to control our senses. The great example of controlling senses is Haridas Thakur, who took complete shelter of Krishna 's holy names, but since we are not nama acharya it is impossible to control senses on our own, so we begging for your unlimited mercy to help us to do this.

Srila Gurudeva, to follow you I have nothing to lose, but everything to gain. I want to thank you so much for your guidance, you teach your students and disciples so patiently and you have so much compassion to us, although, we are unworthy of that, but still I want to wish you all the best to your life's mission to deliver all fallen souls back home, back to godhead.

Your servant

Arindama Das - Kaunas, Lithuania



Srila Gurudeva with blissful devotees in Lithuania

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## Amanda - Now I don't have any of that insecurity left within my heart

Hare Krishna, dear Gurudeva!

Please accept my humble obeisances!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to You and Srimati Guru Mataji!

Please accept my humble offering for your Vyasa Puja 2019!

Thank you for all your blessings during the past year! Life really changes a lot along the process and without the proper guidance I would've made so many wrong decisions. Now, under your guidance, dear Gurudeva, I learn to understand more about the real purpose and the meaning of all the most important decisions in this life, which is Krishna Consciousness. Thank you very much!

Before there was a big hole in my heart and I felt a lot of insecurity about who and how to count on in this life. Now I don't have any of that insecurity left within my heart. It is all due to all the bona fide instructions and understanding that I have already received by following your footsteps, dear Gurudeva.

I am only looking forward to the real spiritual life under the shelter of your lotus feet, as I will finally be able to take my first initiation. I hope that I will always be able to please you and Srimati Guru Mataji. I pray to always be able to serve and honor your lotus feet in the purest devotional service.

Sincerely,

your servant,

Bhaktin Amanda - London, UK









Teaching the essence of Bhakti in Vilnius, Lithuania

## Damayanti Devi Dasi - You made the best possible version out of my life

Dear Srila Gurudeva!

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and to Your lotus feet.

I am very thankful for a chance to write some lines for this very auspicious event, your appearance day. Srila Gurudeva, I want to say shortly, but from all my heart that you not only saved my life but made the best possible version out of it. You were present when I needed your protection and support the most. I never felt alone, always protected.

I am very thankful to You and Gurumataji for your every visit in Baltic states, for every little service opportunity, for every class. I pray that I could satisfy you more by my words and actions as well as when you are not present. Thank you and Gurumataji so much for being the perfect Krishna consciousness example, which is so much needed for all the humanity. I am very grateful for your so much valuable time you are spending traveling, preaching and guiding us.

From the button of the heart I wish that You and Gurumataji remain in good health.

I'm unworthy to be your servant, but I wish to serve you eternally,

Damayanti Devi Dasi - Riga, Latvia

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# Dasarath Das & Mandakini Devi Dasi -Thank You for our heart

Dear Gurudeva,

All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada,

All Glories to You and Srimati Mataji,

Please accept our humble obeisances,

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

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 prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha 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.

Dear Gurudeva,

On this very auspicious day we want to thank You from the core of our hart

for having accepted us, now almost twelve years ago, as Your disciples.

Although we were completely unqualified.

Our bodies are becoming older, slower, sicker and it is so amazing and inspiring for us to see that You are staying and even becoming more and more enthusiastic, just like a young man.

Every year we appreciate and understand better what You are doing for us.

And realize, year after year, that we never can pay our debts back to You.

With great gratitude we are trying with the best of our ability to follow in

Your footsteps and are trying to make some progress.

your unworthy servants,

Dasarath das and Mandakini Devi Dasi - Radhadesh, Belgium









Class on the Nectar of Instruction Kaunas, Lithuania May 8<sup>th</sup> 2019

## Dvijamani Gaura Dasa - Bold, yet gentle. Confident, yet humble

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

Dear most Srila Gurudeva,

- Please accept my humble obeisances.
- All glories to Your Divine Grace.
- All glories to Srimati Gurumataji.
- All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

The ability to appreciate the great kindness of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada develops in the association and service of those who are most dear to Him. By serving those who sit at his lotus feet, aspiring devotees are gradually awakened to the marvelous, immeasurable qualities of Srila Prabhupada and our Vaishnava acharyas. Every devotee appreciates that Srila Prabhupada has





miraculously dissipated the darkness of the Kali Yuga and thrown light into the lives of upward-gazing souls mired in confusion and misery. But is there any limit to how much we can appreciate his compassion, his mercy, faith, courage and all brightly shining qualities? The words he speaks burn through the thick fog covering the heart, revealing the path of the great souls.

I have discovered that my own appreciation of Srila Prabhupada expands when his dearest servant is honored. Your Grace has allowed me to glimpse the greatness and might of the character of Srila Prabhupada by yourself exemplifying those same qualities. Bold, yet gentle. Confident, yet humble. Ever enthusiastic, yet sober and patient. When remembering your instructions to chant in the mood of begging, I can experience material illusion melting away like snow under the penetrating rays of direct sunlight. I can only beg to come to the standard of pure devotional service in this or future lives, that I may never be bereft of your merciful glance. I can only hope to become free from all traces of material conceptions, false prestige, pride, and the like, so that I may be blessed with the sobriety and simplicity to offer prostrated obeisances at your lotus feet again and again with a fervent wish to take your orders on my head.

I have taken it that the purpose of my own activities as a servant of the Hare Krishna movement - the celebrations, the worship, the vows, and so on - is meant to qualify me for unbroken, intimate contact with Your Divine Grace, with His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada and with all of our acaryas. In the immortal words of Sri Prahlada Maharaja, "Unless they smear upon their bodies the dust of the lotus feet of a Vaishnava completely freed from material contamination, persons very much inclined toward materialistic life cannot be attached to the lotus feet of the Lord, who is glorified for His uncommon activities. Only by becoming Kṛṣṇa conscious and taking shelter at the lotus feet of the Lord in this way can one be freed from material contamination." (SB 7.5.32) Even Lord Krishna is attracted by the qualities of His pure devotees, about whom He says, "O best of the brāhmaṇas, without saintly persons for whom I am the only destination, I do not desire to enjoy My transcendental bliss and My supreme opulences...The pure devotee is always within the core of My heart, and I am always in the heart of the pure devotee. My devotees do not know anything else but Me, and I do not know anyone else but them." (SB 9.4.64,68)

On this sacred and holy day of your appearance, I pray for remembrance of your divine instructions, that they may vibrate perpetually within the core of my heart, guiding my every thought and decision. It is a high ideal, but I am assured by Lord Krishna's own words that it can be achieved step by step. You are my eternal master and I am your eternal servant, by the divine arrangement and causeless mercy of His Divine Grace Om Vishnupada Paramahamsa Astotara-sata Sri Srimad A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the dear most servant of Lord Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

With spoken obeisances in the dust of your feet,

your insignificant disciple,

Dvijamani Gaura dasa - Kaunas, Lithuania



Gary Maragh - You so nicely facilitate Ultimate Self Realization

Hare Krishna!

Please accept my humble Obeisances,





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All glories to Sri Krishna, All glories to Srila Prabhupada, All glories to Srila Gurudeva, Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Out Of your causeless mercy you so nicely facilitate the Ultimate Self Realization Course providing everyone with the opportunity to re-establish their lost loving eternal relationship with Krishna and live A life of Knowledge, Eternity and Bliss. Amongst A variety of inspiring Spiritual activities, you also include uplifting daily words of wisdom in 'thoughts for the day' messages. With an entourage of wonderful devotees & disciples who assist you in the continuance of Srila Prabhupada's world deliverance mission, you inexhaustibly provide Transcendental Philosophical Discourses enchanting the hearts, minds and consciousness of spirit souls worldwide attracting them to the nectar of Krishna Bhakti. Like all Bonafide Spiritual Masters you too are the highest well wisher engaging in the highest welfare work. May that day come soon where we can all follow your instructions and learn by your teachings & example.

I Wish you a glorious, delightful Vyasa Puja celebration, congratulations.

Kind Regards,

Bhakta Gary Maragh - United Kingdom



Srila Gurudeva with devotees in Kaliningrad, Russia

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## Hemamukhi Devi dasi - You have time for everybody who turns to You

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namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at Your lotus feet.

All glories to You!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

It is very hard to find proper words to glorify such a wonderful person as You. You are worth the most amazing words of the three worlds and maybe some words are even absent to glorify Your qualities. And moreover, I am so dull and ignorant that I cannot properly glorify You.

But in the "Bhavarta dipika" it is stated:

mukam karoti vachalam pangum langhayate girim yat-kripa tam aham vande sri-gurum dina-taranam

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.

So, Srila Gurudeva, I beg for Your mercy so that I could properly glorify You.

Spiritual master gives a conditioned soul power to turn her face from illusory energy to Lord's service. You have given that power to me and to many many others and is always continuing to give it.

Everything that I do in Krishna's service is Your mercy only. And Your instructions make my practice more and more perfect every time. My every step forward in spiritual life is Your blessing.

Thank You for being a true representative of Srila Prabhupada, saving his message as it is. You are living example of his teachings. Your words are Prabhupada's quotes. That is why I want to always hold on Your dhoti, because You always hold on Srila Prabhupada's one. Thank You that You love Srila Prabhupada so much!

You are empowered by Srila Prabhupada to save fallen souls from this world, because You have so much compassion, so much love for every single living being.

You are example of personalism. You really care for others! You have time for everybody who turns to You.

You are embodiment of selflessness. This is amazing, how You spend all Your time preaching and helping others to become Krishna conscious.

You are very intelligent, finding more effective ways to spread Krishna consciousness. I believe that Your songs, videos, daily messages and books have a great impact on society.





Everything that You do is filled with Krishna prema and that is why is so Nectarian and heart melting.

We have no Vyasa Puja celebration for Gurumata. So, I would like to glorify her on Your Vyasa Puja, because for me she is not separate from You. I am thankful for Srimati Gurumataji for helping me to serve You. Because we are in female bodies it is easier for me to approach You through Your consort. And this is really a blessing for all the female disciples! She is an example of chastity, total surrender to Krishna and humility. It is very ecstatic, that You are together, because others can see example of loving relationship between devotees, real friendship and service mood that they should develop. I offer my respectful obeisance's to Srimati Gurumata with love.

And on this auspicious day of Your appearance I would like to wish You great success in Your mission and ask You for Your blessings so that I could always please You with my every thought, word and deed.

your insignificant servant,

Hemamukhi Devi dasi - Kaliningrad, Russia



#### Isvara Parama Das - Your words give my life a meaning

Dear Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Thank you very much for giving wonderful lectures. The sincerity and purity of your solid arguments makes me think that Krishna consciousness is the real thing. Your work and travelling are especially valuable, because this world is not a place for a gentleman. Still you are so kind sacrificing everything just to preach the message of Lord Chaitanya. Your words give my life a meaning. I probably still live because of your blessings. I will always be indebted to you and thus I pray that I also may become a servant who may please you.

your servant,

Isvara Parama Das - Niinikoski, Finland









Srila Gurudeva teaching from ISKCON Copenhagen, Denmark

Jacky Willaert - Your daily help is unbelievable and amazing

Hare Krishna,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada, All glories to Radha-Gopinath, All glories to the devotees of Radha-Krishna, All glories to the servants of the devotees of Radha-Krishna All glories to Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

Hare Krishna, your daily help is unbelievable and amazing, the work and the effort to spread the teachings of Lord Chaitanya and the Maha Mantra is of incredible grand value.

You are not only thinking of this, but also speaking of this and doing this.

Thanks for your daily help, thank you very much! Hare Krishna

Bhaktin Jacky Willaert - Oostende, Belgium









Initiation of Jivanmukta Das and Manjulali Devi Dasi, London Gatwick Airport

## Jagadisvara Das - The moment I saw You

Dear Srila Gurudeva, please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, all glories unto you.

During my time spent in Krishna consciousness I feel more and more coming to realize how merciful you, Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumata are. More and more by your grace I start to realize, that devotion to a spiritual master is the most crucial factor to progress towards unmotivated love for Krishna.

So, I want to thank you, Srila Gurudeva for diminishing my ignorance at some rate, that much enough to have conviction that spiritual master's orders will bring me all perfection. I am very fortunate to have such a Guru. I am proud and confident to stand for your mission and continue hearing from you whatever it takes.

It is said that it takes only a moment spent in association with a pure devotee to bring you all perfection. I don't feel myself perfect, but I can see that since the moment I saw you, Srila Gurudeva, my material life is coming to an end, and a portal to a spiritual life had opened up. This most rare opportunity shouldn't go to waste. I do want to use it.

So, these are my small baby steps. And I want to thank you for your amazing patience, hope and compassion for the fallen.

your servant forever,

Jagadisvara Das - Kaunas, Lithuania



Jivan Mukta Das and Manjulali Devi Dasi - We first met you in Mauritius

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

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On this most auspicious day, we want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your guidance over the years. We first met you in Mauritius in December 2010 and incidentally, this is the year we both decided to take Krishna Consciousness more seriously. We found your e-course and classes very instructive and gradually we accepted you as our Guru. You kindly gave us your blessings and we begot our second child. With your blessings and Krishna's mercy our children (Jahnavi & Uddhava) are both growing up in a Krishna Conscious family.

A few months ago, you accepted us as your disciples even though we do not consider ourselves qualified. We are trying our best to follow all your instructions. We fall down to your feet and beg for your shelter and mercy.

your servants,

Jivan Mukta Das and Manjulali Devi Dasi - London, United Kingdom



# Kishori Devi Dasi - To get your contact in this life is a miracle

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my obeisances.

Your commitment is spectacular. Your compassion is extraordinary and the example you set is wonderful.

Your faith is incomparable, your love is unparalleled. Your kindness is immense.

The way you teach your students by engaging them is effective and life changing. To get your contact in this life is a miracle.

With best wishes,

your servant

Kishori Devi Dasi - Tartu, Estonia



#### Krishnacandra Dasa - You make it all so easy

My Dear Srila Gurudeva please accept my humble obeisance to your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada gaura bhakta vrinda.

Now I am here and have this loving feeling that I have never known before. I love to serve you and the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. You make it all so easy to do and to understand the necessity of the little things in the movement that I can only fall down before you and beg you to pick up this fallen soul and put it back in his right place. My Dear Srila Gurudeva the increasing loving relationship to you is only by your mercy and not my afford. So please accept this fallen soul as your eternal servant. So, my Srila





Gurudeva let me please praise the glories of the lord in your name and serve you in the right understanding of the mission of the lord. May your glories turn the world into a Krishna conscious world.

hare kṛṣṇa hare kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa hare hare hare rāma hare rāma rāma rāma hare hare

your humble servant,

Krishnacandra Dasa - Eberbach, Germany



Lila-shuka Dasa Brahmacari - Your name will always be known.

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada!

On this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja celebration in the year of 2019, I would like to take the opportunity to glorify you, my dear spiritual master, and to glorify your spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada.

First of all, I would like to point out that according to Srila Prabhupada's books the way to really hold on to the lotus feet of the spiritual master is to fully follow his divine instructions which he has given for the disciple. If the disciple is posted under the guidance of a bona fide spiritual master in the disciplic succession, one can understand without any doubt that such disciple has achieved the grace of the Lord. And by following the order of the bonafide spiritual master is the only duty of the disciple, and this completely faithful execution of the order of the bona fide spiritual master is the secret of success. By fully following the orders of the spiritual master and by chanting the holy mantra, or the holy names of Lord Krishna, the disciple will obtain pure bhakti and will be granted access to the spiritual kingdom of Goloka Vrindavana, wherein the living being can live eternal life, full of bliss and knowledge in loving relationship with Lord Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

So, the disciple has to engage all of one's senses in executing the orders of the bona fide spiritual master. That is factual control of the senses. And by fully following the orders the disciple will attain all perfections as above mentioned and will indeed make the spiritual master very happy. The very best glorification of the spiritual master given by a disciple is his full following of the received orders for all of eternity.

His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada exemplified this with his life and by so doing, by fully following the orders of His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisidhanta Saraswati Thakura, to preach Krishna consciousness in the western countries, he attained all perfection in making Lord Caitanya's prediction, that the holy name will be chanted everywhere, in every town and village, true. By so doing Srila Prabhupada gave the whole world immense mercy for attaining all perfection in pure bhakti for Lord Krishna, in the form of his teachings and in the form of his disciples, including His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari. This kind disciple that Srila Prabhupada mercifully gave to the world has exemplified by his very own life that following the orders of the bona fide spiritual master indeed does give all perfection. For doing that you will be glorious and glorified for all of eternity. By showing such example for the world and for your disciples is such a great deed of bhakti that your name will always be known and sung for being instrumental in saving the humanity in it's darkest hour, by giving everyone access to the attainment of all





perfection, which means the awakening of pure bhakti for Lord Krishna and returning back to His most wondrous spiritual planet, Goloka Vrindavana. By executing the orders of your spiritual master, you are showing highest levels of compassion for the souls in this material universe. By helping them solve the problems of life, the birth, death, old age, and disease. And to attain full, unparalleled happiness of serving Lord Krishna. Srila Prabhupada said that why you have to accept birth, why you have to accept death, why you have to accept old age, why you have to accept disease. Your potent preaching and guidance in the form of your instructions is the sure way of not anymore accepting the 4 principal problems of life and of accepting the attainment of pure bhakti for the ever-wonderful Lord of Vrindavana, Sri Krishna.

I use this Vyasa Puja day to think of you, to be grateful to you and to make sure that my life as a disciple would continue only in the mood of being in line of fully following your orders, so that I may give you the best glorification, which a disciple should do, by following your orders and by doing such I may also be attaining all perfections. I do hope that such an approach by me can bring only happiness to you.

Srila Prabhupada has powerfully explained in his class that the symptom of love of the servant of the Lord is that he wants that everyone, everywhere would hear the name of his beloved Lord. That is a true preacher. Such a mentality has been brilliantly exemplified by you as you continuously preach all across the world by classes and by your most splendid internet course. People are suffering and you are helping.

Special attention deserves your better half in the form of Her Grace Guru Mataji. Her dedication to her spiritual master and to Srila Prabhupada's mission is not less amazing and worthy of glorification than yours. She is always deeply absorbed in pure bhakti to Guru and Krishna. Her kind ways of always assisting as your faithful wife and preaching partner in the world deliverance mission are a great example for any female devotee. Her especially kind approach of always taking care of your disciples' spiritual life is a boon of untold mercy and auspiciousness for your disciples. For that I offer my gratitude to our spiritual mother, Guru Mataji, and do consider that if your disciple fully follows your orders, which also include the instructions coming from Guru Mataji, will be your best glorification. By having Guru Mataji by your side increases your glories.

Your all numerous, wonderful and talented disciples across the continents, by following your orders, are your true glorification. May their lives continue to be dedicated to you, to Srila Prabhupada, to Lord Krishna. And may their numbers increase.

On this year's Janmastami day, while attending the invitation to speak about Lord Krishna to children in Estonia I was asked by one lady that what is my reason, my goal for accepting this invitation. I replied that since there is invitation, there is a desire, there is a need for me to be here and I have a mission from my spiritual master to speak about Lord Krishna and spiritual life to people. Therefore, I have come. Upon hearing this the lady replied that you have a very good goal and mission. I use the opportunity of this Vyasa Puja day to pray to your grace to not lose any of the following seconds, minutes, days and years without fulfilling your orders and executing the mission of speaking about Lord Krishna and about the process of pure bhakti to people in this age of Kali. I am unqualified and lacking in many ways, but I have faith that what was started has to be finished and by your grace I can do it. Thank you for granting the rare opportunity to assist you and Srila Prabhupada in preaching Krishna consciousness.

I do pray that myself and all of your disciples and all other devotees can fully follow the instructions received from the bone fide spiritual masters and can by their pure following and therefore by their pure bhakti for Lord Krishna, plan and deliver the whole world back home, back to Godhead, by assisting you and Srila Prabhupada. May that day of full deliverance come soon. The day when everyone attains pure bhakti for Lord Krishna.





On the most auspicious day of your divine Vyasa Puja, 23rd of October, year 2019, the holy month of Kartika, in Sri Vrindavan Dhama.

your eternal servant from Estonia, Lila-shuka Dasa Brahmacari - Tallinn, Estonia



### Madan Mohan Das - Your love for me

Dear Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to You and Guru Mataji

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

I know I can not be thankful the way I should be, but still I want to thank You Srila Gurudeva for taking care of me and trying to do Your best that I could go back home back to Lord Shri Krishna in this life. Please forgive me for all my offences that I'm making because of being such a neophyte. I pray to Lord Krishna that one day I would be able appreciate enough Your love for me.

your servant

Madan Mohan Das - Kaunas, Lithuania







## Marija - Endless bliss from your e-course

Dearest Master, please accept my gratitude for endless bliss which I have received from Ultimate Self realization Course. Thank you very much.

Hare Krishna.

Bhaktin Marija - Huerth, Germany



### Nandarani Devi Dasi - Life now has hope

Dear Srila Gurudeva, I bow down at your feet, all glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I am very grateful to Lord that His unconditional grace led me at your lotus feet and life in this cold world where everyone is thinking about them self, now has hope.

I wish You and Srimati Gurumataji best health. Please bless me, that dark forces won 't cover this light so I could continue, increase this hope.

My obeisances.

Nandarani Devi Dasi - Kaunas, Lithuania



#### Pritha Devi Dasi - I pray that I can develop one iota of the love

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your Divine Grace. I am so grateful and indebted to you, for everything you have given me.

This past year your mercy as my spiritual master has increased. Even though I am unfortunately not able to have much time in your physical presence still I am blessed with your kind guidance and inspiration through your daily and personal emails.

As you continue to dedicate your whole life to serving Srila Prabhupada's mission, I am also seeing how one can lovingly serve the spiritual master. I pray that I can develop one iota of the love and devotion you have, while dedicating my every thought, word and deed to you.

Today on the most auspicious day of your appearance I beg Sri Sri Radha Madhava to bestow you and Gurumataji with the best of health and vitality so you can continue changing the world by spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness everywhere you go.

your eternal servant,

Pritha Devi Dasi - Loughborough, United Kingdom





#### Rabindra Das - You surely plant this important seed

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā caksur unmīlitam 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 visnu-padaya Krishna-presthaya bhu-tale srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine

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 prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha 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.

#### Dearest Gurudeva!

All glories to you on your auspicious appearance day!

May the Lord long continue to support you with determination, good health and all facility to propagate the mission of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu who is Krishna Himself.

Under the guidance of all the Acharyas, most particularly, His Divine Grace Srila A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada, your spiritual master, you are faithfully and conscientiously demonstrating the purport of the Eternal law by constantly travelling, preaching and teaching about the Absolute Truth.

In this way, as your initiated disciple, I observe, hear and learn about how to completely turn my life to that purpose following in your footsteps.

For that you are glorious.

In the third canto of Srimad Bhagavatam, chapter five, we hear of the conversation between the elderly Vidura and the great sage of the world, Maitreya. Vidura begins by observing that one cannot be happy or free from material distress by the performance of fruitive activities. He then glorifies the devotees; "O my Lord, great philanthropic souls travel on the earth on behalf of the Supreme Personality of Godhead to show compassion to the fallen souls, who are averse to the sense of subordination to the Lord. Therefore, O great sage, please give me instruction on the transcendental devotional service of the Lord, so that He, who is situated in the heart of everyone, will be pleased to impart, from within, knowledge of the Absolute Truth in terms of the ancient Vedic principles delivered only to those who are purified by the process of devotional service".

Gurudeva, I understand the concept that all acts other than devotional service are rebellious against the Lord and that we have to learn about subordination to the Divine Will, but I see in your life and works an





expertise in just HOW to plant this essential seed of thought into the lives of all us rebellious suffering souls.

Every time that you speak in an assembly, be it an assembly of initiated devotees, an assembly of newcomers or online to an unknown and unseen audience, you surely plant this important seed of awareness about how we need to learn to be subordinate in our thoughts, minds and deeds to the source of all. You do not go off on unnecessary tangents to make the point. No need either to go into long-winded stories to make the point. You simply speak directly and make the point and then with the love that only a true Vaishnava can hold in his heart, you speak on the Lord himself. Like so many others, this captures me every time and I melt into awareness of my eternal position and melt in the ocean of love and beauty that is Krishna upon hearing. This creates the ripe atmosphere within the heart to accept the subordinate position and creates the cognition to realize what is really going on.

So, I thank you again and again. I know that I am not the best of disciples due to a deeply held rebelliousness, but at the same time, I count my blessings that in this life, I have met a real Vaishnava who in a very subtle and mystical way is assisting me to progress in these matters. Please know that I am present heart and soul in this endeavor.

All glories to you!

your servant,

Rabindra Das - Derrylin, United Kingdom



Rughoo - You travel the world just like Srila Prabhupada

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to you and All glories to Guru Mata Ji

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Dearest Sankarshan Das Adhikari Maharaja, Hare Krsna!

nama om vișņu-pādāya krṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāņī-pracāriņe nirvišeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriņe

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

I can just acknowledge that you are tainted with the qualities of your spiritual master Srila Praphupada and this is your strength for being able to bring us gradually to take shelter of Krishna. In this age of kali your mission is not very easy, but to accomplish it, you travel the world just like Srila Prabhupada did. The secret of your success is the knowledge of Sanatan dharma present in the Bhagavad Gita which is the

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most relevant book and the perfect manual for spiritualizing one's life. Despite other purifying processes, the best remains surrender unto Krishna. And this is your message.

man-mana bhava mad-bhakto mad-yaji mam namaskuru mam evaisyasi yuktvaivam atmanam mat-parayanah

Engage your mind always in thinking of Me, offer obeisances and worship Me. Being completely absorbed in Me, surely you will come to Me.

Srila Prabhupada ki jaya!

Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari Ki jay!

your servant

Bhakta Rughoo Baboo Rajendra (Ashok) - Verdun, France



#### Saranagata Devi Dasi - I have strong faith in your words

My Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my respectful obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

You have given me access to the greatest wealth in the form of knowledge,

you have given me holy name, devotee association, you have given me Srila Prabhupada's books. You have given me everything.

You strictly following Prabhupada's teachings and I have strong faith in your words.

Thank you for your wonderful example of Krsna Consciousness. I will never be able to repay you. My prayers for your well-being and your services.

I bow at your lotus feet.

Thank you so much from my heart.

your insignificant servant,

Saranagata Devi Dasi - Kaunas, Lithuania







# Tapasvini Devi Dasi - You are my intelligence

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

All glories to Your Grace.

The brahmanas are the head of the society, so you are the head of my life. I'm very lucky to hear your teachings about the Absolute Truth, who is concealed from the material senses. The knowledge of the Absolute Truth is very important, because it's the only way to have a true focus. Everyone needs something absolute in their lives, because if everything were relative, all the perceptions of anything would be arbitrary: it wouldn't make sense to try to understand anything. I'm so happy that I don't need to feel like walking on thin ice or do anything that requires me to put my faith into anything insecure or unstable thing. Because the Absolute Truth is not a thing. He's Krishna, Govinda. Thank you for kindly giving me knowledge. You are my intelligence.

your insignificant servant.

Tapasvini Devi Dasi - Helsinki, Finland



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# Vamanadeva Das - Your heart can contain so much love

#### My Dear Most Srīla Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Dear Srīla Gurudeva, I totally feel unqualified to write an offering in your glorification. I have no service attitude, no qualification of a rightful disciple, no love for service of your vani or vapu, but still the reciprocation of love from your side never gets affected and it continuously flows with same intensity. Sometimes I think that how is it that your heart can contain so much love but owing to my "frog mentality" I am not able to comprehend that your heart is an ocean of love.

It's only for your mercy that I have some hope in devotional life. Thus, I beg you to please give me intelligence to overcome pride, lust and greed which has filled up my heart. Please perform a heart transplant on me so that this heart which is full of anarthas can be changed to a heart full of love for Krishna and His pure devotees. Your personal association is heart transforming. You teach us to how to stay connected with Srīla Prabhupāda in all circumstances. Srīla Gurudeva, you are travelling far and wide to serve Srīla Prabhupāda's instructions and at the same time teaching how to become a sincere disciple by your personal example.

Please forgive me for my countless offenses which I have committed at your lotus feet. I continuously pray and chant for your good health so that year after year your empowering association can enlighten my dull head and make me fixed on the path of service to Srīla Prabhupāda. Aspiring to be your most menial servant,

Vamanadeva Das - Hungary









Srila Gurudeva gives the Knowledge that frees us from all anxieties, Kaunas, Lithuania.

Vanhs - I follow your videos of the day

I follow your videos of the day. It is Sometimes great inspiration for us distant devotees.

Thanks, you very much. And please continue

Bhakta Vanhs - Petrinja, Croatia



### Vraja Kishor Das - It is most powerful magic I have ever seen

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to You and Guru Mataji!





Once one magician came to Srila Prabhupada and showed him some magical tricks and at the end of show Prabhupada asked him:

"What about the miseries of life?" Prabhupada asked the magician. "Can you make these disappear? Birth, death, disease, and old age?"

The magician replied submissively, "No, that I cannot." At these words the magician sat down and Srila Prabhupada took the superior position.

"But I can make these things disappear," Srila Prabhupada said. "That is the real magic."

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

I can see that you are coming from same lineage as Srila Prabhupada and also making most superior magic by delivering all humanity from Birth, death, disease, and old age. I personally witnessed myself your mercy and you completely turned around my life and my habits even without putting much effort. I can surely say that it is most powerful magic I have ever seen. After seeing what you did with my life even without my desire, now I have full desire to help you to change me further and I have desire to assist You and Guru Mataji in this most amazing spiritual journey. Please keep me at your shelter and use me for Your and Gauranga's service.

your eternal servant,

Vraja Kishor Das - Kaunas, Lithuania







# Middle East



Bhagvad Gita Class in Lithuania

## Prashant Joshi - Need your kripa

My dear Gurudeva, Life is still tossing me up in the tangles of materialistic desires and actions. Need your kripa and blessings to overcome this and go to Goloka Vrindavan Dham...Please accept my sincere obeisances and bring me out of this hellish world to serve Lord Krishna.

Wishing you the best of your health in order to be with all of us all the time.

Dandavat Pranam...

Bhakta Prashant Joshi - Dubai, UAE



Partha Das - Hope to be useful to you in your world wide mission

Dandavats Guruji,

It has really been a blissful journey for me, going through e-course for the last 4 months. Thank you for your daily lessons and also bhagvat online academy for the book reading. I enjoy them daily

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Hope to develop more in Kṛṣṇa consciousness and be useful to you in your world wide mission Partha Das - Dubai, UAE



#### Rangamaya Radharamana Das - I am trying my level best to follow

Hare Krishna my dear Gurudeva, please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

It is my great honour and privilege to get a chance to write few words on behalf of this auspicious moment of Vyasa puja day. It's my life time moment to meet you in the Vraja bhoomi of Vrindavan and it's because of your mercy and your disciple HG Harekrishna Prabhu and HG Haripriya mataji. In the meeting you told me some thing and ask me to do something, I am trying my level best to follow, and I thank you my dear Gurudeva to show your mercy to me. I am praying to Lord Krishna and Gurudeva to have few more association with you so that my life will get meaning full and blissful.

Hare Krishna,

your servant

Rangamaya Radharamana Das - Dubai, United Arab Emirates







# Rasika Krishna Das, Para Bhakti Devi Dasi - Thank you!

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to you and Srimati Gurumataji!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

We wish you a very auspicious and happy Vyasa Puja 2019! On this most auspicious day of your appearance we beg that you please accept this offering.

Your constant association through your Thought for the Day, Video for the Day and many lectures is the greatest treasure that accelerate everyone's progress towards the supreme destination, the lotus feet of Sri Radha and Krishna. Your passion for saving the world is unparalleled and your commitment to Srila Prabhupada's mission is simply outstanding. You are giving best example, best inspiration and best education to this fallen world. You are embodiment of mercy, you are prema personified.

Srila Gurudeva, every morning when we sing Guruvastakam prayer, we cannot help but thinking of you. Those verses are the perfect description about you.

We earnestly pray to Lord Krishna that you always remain healthy so that you can continue to preach His glories everywhere and deliver the poor fallen souls like us.

We are always thankful to you and Gurumataji for being merciful towards us by accepting our imperfect services and mistakes. We also want to thank your Grace for sparing time to review our monthly report and constantly pushing and encouraging us to improve our sadhna. Kindly allow us to always hold your lotus feet so that we can continue to progress in the path of devotional service and chanting the Holy names.

Thank you for being our guiding light on the path back home, back to Godhead. Without your mercy, we would be forever drifting in the ocean of material desires. By your grace alone, we truly know who we are and can be who we are - eternal servants of Guru and Krishna.

On this auspicious day, we pray that we can become your fully surrendered disciples, fully obedient to your instructions and that we can assist you in your world deliverance mission.

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







# Africa and Mauritius



Devotees greet Srila Gurudeva during his arrival at Mauritius Airport

## Arcana Siddhi Devi Dasi - Your first darshan is still afresh

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

My Dear Srila Gurudeva

I offer my most respectful and humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to you.

Srila Gurudeva, I wish you a very happy vyasa-puja and pray for many happy returns of this auspicious day. Keeping you in the centre of my life, each day I can feel how your causeless mercy flows unconditionally in the upkeep of my devotional service. Although it's been more than 10 years since Lord Krishna mercifully sent you as my spiritual master, your first darshan is still afresh to my vision.

Srila Gurudeva, I would like to thank you for your many wonderful ways of giving us your association through your thought for the day, videos, lectures, etc. In every activity of yours, you always strengthen our faith to Srila Prabhupada and Krishna.





On this auspicious day, I pray to remain at the dust of your lotus feet. Wishing you a most wonderful vyasa-puja celebration.

your servant Arcana Siddhi Devi Dasi - Solferino, Mauritius



### Niidii - My humble obeisances

My Dear Master,

Please accept my obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I wish you a very happy birthday, may Kṛṣṇa bless you and you continue to tell us about the real purpose of our life in the Kṛṣṇa Conscious way.

Regards,

Niidii - Vacoas, Mauritius



#### Nithin & family - You are an expert guide

Dear Srila Gurudeva!

Please accept my humble obeisances and my best wishes on the occasion of your auspicious appearance day.

I wish to offer my sincere thanks and gratitude for all the help, love and attention you gave me during my fledgling days in my spiritual life. You have been an expert guide always advising on the best practices according to the Vedic instructions and Srila Prabhupada's teachings. I congratulate you on this special day and seek your blessings and guidance for our spiritual development. May we continue to obtain the good fortune of your association and inspiration, and May the whole world be enlightened by the light of your wisdom.

With renewed thanks

Nithin & family - Quatre-Bornes, Mauritius







# Krishna Katha Das - Your mercy is all that I am made of

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Your purity, sincerity, enthusiasm, strict following of Srila Prabhupada teachings, powerful and bold preaching without any motivation are some of the traits that I have observed in you through direct association, and they very much inspire me.

Someone asked me: Are you going to stay brahmacari or become grihastha. What did your guru maharaj say?

My Reply: Well, he didn't say anything about it, but in either case, you are supposed to be brahmacari, that is what he teaches.

You are a perfect model, an inspiration of how we can be married and still stay free from sex life.

Your mercy is all that I am made of, Srila Gurudeva. That is a fact for everyone, but I have realized it. Please use me as an instrument to assist you in this world deliverance mission.

Thanking you for mercifully taking me out of material existence.

your disciple & servant

Krishna Katha Das - Vacoas, Mauritius









#### Initiation in Phoenix, Mauritius

Prahlada Dasa - You are para-dukha-dukhi

mukam karoti vachalam pangum langhayate girim yat-kripa tam aham vande shri-gurum dina-taranam

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.

Dhyana Moolam Guru Murti Puja Moolam Gurur Padam, Mantra Moolam Gurur Vakyam, Moksha Moolam Guru Kripa Guru Gita - Skanda Purana Dialogue between Shiva and Uma (Shakti)

The Guru's form is the best to meditate upon; the Guru's feet are the best for worship; the Guru's word is the mantra; the Guru's Grace is the root of liberation.

My Dear Srila Gudeva

Please accept my humble obeisance.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to you on this auspicious day of your vyasapuja.

This is equally acceptable as an opening to your offering.

Gurudeva, you are the embodiment of a "Para-dukha-dukhi". I have witnessed the griefs you feel for people who are continuously committing sinful acts and by law of karma will be dragged to enter hellish planets and suffer. You are continuously trying to save these people by begging them to leave their insanity and come to their common sense. I have seen you crying and praying to Krsna just to save those

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people, who are so engrossed in maya and are ignorant for what they are doing. Just as Prahalad Maharaj prayed:

"My Lord, I have no personal problems, for I have learned how to glorify Your transcendental qualities and thus enter a trance of ecstasy. I do have a problem, however, for I am simply thinking of these rascals and fools who are busy with maya-sukha, temporary happiness, without knowledge of devotional service unto You."

This also remind me of Jesus Christ who when being crucified prayed to the Lord

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Taking the order of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada as your life and soul, and devoting your whole life for the propagation of the movement of Srila prabhupada and Caitanya Mahaprabu you are showing the world the "ultimate path of perfection" and trying your best to guide the ignorant people.

This lowly servant of yours, begs to always remain at your lotus feet and help you in this endeavor.

Prahlada dasa - Roches Brunes BeauBassin, Mauritius



## Priti Lakshana Devi Dasi - You are the most compassionate

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

Please accept this humble offering on this auspicious day of your divine appearance.

Lord Krishna is so compassionate to his devotees that he has given them direct instructions through Bhagavad Gita on how to return to him.

But I think that you are the most compassionate as you have allowed a fallen soul like me to take shelter of your lotus feet.

Keeping you at the center of my life each day, I can feel how your cause less mercy flows unconditionally in the upkeep of my devotional service.

On this auspicious day, I pray to remain a speck of dust at your lotus feet, O my beloved Guru Maharaj,

Wishing you the most wonderful Vyasa Puja celebration again and again.

your disciple,

Priti Lakshana Devi Dasi - Vacoas, Mauritius





#### Sathia, Verulam - Srila Prabhupada must be really pleased with you

Hare Krishna Dear Guru Maharaj and Happy Vyasa Puja

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Sri Gauranga.

I get so inspired when I read your answers to all the questions sent out daily to all of us. Also, there were questions which you answered directly to me and helped me so much in my personal spiritual progress as well as my colleagues at work. You have so much faith and conviction in Srila Prabhupada's teachings and you are an example of what we all desire, so positive, so encouraging, and not conforming to the worldly take on things. Srila Prabhupada must be really pleased with you.

Hopefully one day you can visit us at Durban in South Africa and enlighten so many fallen souls on this end of the world.

Thanks for guiding us all.

May you be eternally blessed by Srila Prabhupada & Sri Krishna.

your servant

Bhakta Sathia - Verulam, South Africa



#### Sridama Das - With your kind mercy quick advancement is possible

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories unto You.

On the occasion of Your Vyasa Puja, it is once again a great privilege for me to write this offering.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for all the inspirations and encouragements You have conveyed to fallen souls like me through your teachings. The path of bhakti at times is very difficult. I am constantly being afflicted by maya at every step. But I know that with your kind mercy quick advancement on this





path is possible. I, therefore, beg for your mercy to overcome my anarthas which are preventing me to develop the taste for constantly chanting the holy names of Lord Krishna with love.

Dear Gurudeva, you are tirelessly travelling on the order of Srila Prabhupada trying your best to deliver the whole world from this miserable material entanglement. I pray to Lord Krishna to bestow you with sound health so that that you succeed in your mission.

Dear Srila Gurudeva, once again please accept my humble obeisances. I beg for your blessings so that I can make some progress on the spiritual path and that I develop a taste for devotional service. Without your mercy and guidance this cannot be possible.

Thanking you once again for showering your mercy on me although I am most undeserving.

your insignificant servant

Sridama Das - Vacoas, Mauritius



#### Initiation of Usa Devi Dasi

#### Syama Kunda Das - Setting a great example

Hare Krishna

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Thank you to you and Mother Visnupriya for setting a great example of following Srila Prabhupada's teachings and instructions.

Please continue to encourage us to read Srila Prabhupada's books, imbibe the instructions therein and distribute them to bring about a Krishna Consciousness revolution on this beleaguered planet.

Thank you.

Hare Krishna

Your insignificant servant

Syama Kunda Das - Johannesburg, South Africa





# Vickram - How much You and Mataji tolerate in your travels!

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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

On your Vyasa Puja day, I congratulate you on your wonderful transcendental journeys that are so exciting to read.

I pray to Kṛṣṇa and Srila Prabhupada that you become more and more successful in spreading the message of Lord Caitanya as you have been so expertly doing. It is amazing to read how much you and Mataji tolerate in your travels.

Also, I would like to beg your forgiveness for my tardiness in performing this wonderful seva that you have kindly granted me. Please bless me so that I may carry it out in a manner most pleasing to you.

your servant,

Bhakta Vickram - Vacoas, Mauritius



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# Northern and western India + Nepal



With Revatipati das at Govardhan Eco village, India

## Abhayashray Das - I am regularly receiving the spiritual bulletin from you

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisance unto your lotus feet. I don't know what to write on the very auspicious occasion of your appearance in this mortal world. I am always, life after life indebted to you because of your unlimited compassion for all the living beings here including me. Your mission of turning this whole world Krishna conscious is unprecedented and reflects your indiscriminate empathy and love for all the suffering souls. Though it is all happening in your advancing age, but still there is no any crunch of enthusiasm in you, that you are moving around just like a boy of twenty years. Just by seeing at you, all the sins are vanquished. Dear Gurudeva, its been more that 13 years since I, fortunately, somehow joined your e-course, I am regularly receiving the spiritual bulletin from you. Those messages have helped me great during the times of despair and delight. I enjoy a lot from the sublime words of your personal realization and wisdom of day to day life. Your whole life is a great source of inspiration for all the class of men, i.e. Grihastha, Sannyasa, brahmachari and vanprastha, everybody has many more things to learn from you. I don't know, how I ever, will repay for your kind gesture in accepting me as you disciple and saving me from the horrible cycle of birth and death. Dear Gurudeva, I really don't know, but you are eternally itched in my heart as my spiritual father, my saviour from the fathomless darkness of material existence. You have been an empowered Vaishnava because of your unwavering faith in the





teachings of Srila Prabhupada. Prabhupada once instructed you to preach and make the whole world Krishna Conscious, and during the lectures you often quote this, and we remain enthralled when we see how you are determined stoutly to make the whole world Krishna conscious. You are an ocean of virtues; you are a gem of Srila Prabhupada mined in the seventies. There is no limit on what even a simple, insignificant and a rustic such as me could write on your highly graceful, active and divine personality of yours. My dear Gurudeva I wish you a very long and healthy life here so that many many suffering souls may be put on the journey back to home, back to unlimited bliss and back to Krishna.

Yours very insignificant servant

Abhayashray Das - Pune, India



Let's make the whole World Happy, ISKCON NVCC

Acharya Das - Very strong, uncompromising, but attractive, easy to grasp

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Today on this most auspicious day of your transcendental appearance I would like to thank you again and again for being my spiritual guide and father despite my numerous disqualifications. I realize more and more how fallen I am and how much mercy I need in order to advance in Krishna consciousness. My only hope is your mercy and your divine guidance.

In CC Adi 1.58

jīve sākṣāt nāhi tāte guru caittya-rūpe śikṣā-guru haya kṛṣṇa-mahānta-svarūpe

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Since one cannot visually experience the presence of the Supersoul, He appears before us as a liberated devotee. Such a spiritual master is none other than Krishna Himself.

#### Purport:

It is not possible for a conditioned soul to directly meet Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, but if one becomes a sincere devotee and seriously engages in devotional service, Lord Krishna sends an instructing spiritual master to show him favor and invoke his dormant propensity for serving the Supreme. The preceptor appears before the external senses of the fortunate conditioned soul, and at the same time the devotee is guided from within by the chaitya-guru, Krishna, who is seated as the spiritual master within the heart of the living entity.

I have many shortcomings, but you have countless transcendental qualities. You have unflinching faith in Krishna, Lord Caitanya, and Srila Prabhupada. You are very merciful to the fallen, you are expert in dealings with Vaisnavas, you have strong taste for chanting the holy name. You relish Caitanya Caritamrita and Srimad Bhagavatam and you share your taste with us. When your followers see how blissful you are, hearing and chanting the sweet pastimes of the Lord, they develop desire to experience the same bliss. It is stated in the purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 11.3.30:

"Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura has pointed out that glorification of the Supreme Lord is especially potent when performed in the association of pure devotees. When devotees engage in sankirtana, chanting the glories of the Lord together, they experience the highest transcendental bliss and satisfaction. Thus, they encourage one another to give up material sense gratification, which is based on illicit sexual connections with women. One devotee will say to another, "Oh, you have given up sense gratification. Starting today, I shall also give it up."

Giving up sense material sense gratification and developing spiritual taste is possible only by the mercy of pure devotees like you. Therefore, you are always engaged in spreading Srila Prabhupada's mission all over the world.

When I listen to your lectures, I always feel how you are opening my eyes with the light of the transcendental knowledge. I think that I know many things about Krishna but when I hear your realizations, I understand that I did not really know. I learn constantly from you and your message is always fresh and inspiring. Your perfect example is obliging me to try to improve my service although I am by nature very lazy.

One of the qualities of yours that I admire very much is your unique ability to present Krishna consciousness in a way that is very strong and uncompromising but attractive and easy to grasp at the same time. In this way you are a true follower of Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you dear Gurudeva for giving me chance to serve you despite my stubborn unwillingness to surrender.

I pray to always remain serving at your lotus feet.

your eternal servant,

Acharya Das - Mumbai, India









# Bina Bhatt, Borsad - Like instructions set in stone

All Glories to Srila Gurudeva and Gurumataji

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

I Know that I cannot glorify Gurudeva enough but will try and express the feeling from the bottom of my heart. I am not sure when the bitter medications started getting sweeter and sweeter. At first, I use to have pleasure thinking I will be going to visit my daughter and son in law who comes once a year, listen to your lecture as they were listening to your lecture. But didn't realize when words emanating from Srila Gurudeva's lotus mouth penetrated from the ears to my heart. And now I come to Vrindavana only to hear words emanating from your lotus mouth "Guru mukha padma Vakya chitate kariye ekya". Gurudeva's your words are like instruction set in stone, every single time even before the problem I find solution for it from your lectures. "whatever Krishna does is good for us".

Gurdev after taking your shelter and following your instructions there is nothing lacking in my life. I have trust in your and Gurumataji's words and bhakti and hope you would shred some mercy. Please give me your blessings Gurudeva, Gurumata. "Aar na kariye mane asha"

Your servant,

Bhaktin Bina - Borsad, Gujarat.



Dhaval - You know the art of how to connect every Jiva, soul

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

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

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 Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble and sincere obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories unto You and Gurumata.

I am very very grateful to you for all that have come on my way in this spiritual journey back to Godhead. The Ultimate Self Realization course has taught me so many things which I was bereft of before joining this course. Specially, The Thought for The Day, Video for The Day and Question & Answer section enliven me every single day. You are personification of Purity in Action. Your faith in the teachings of

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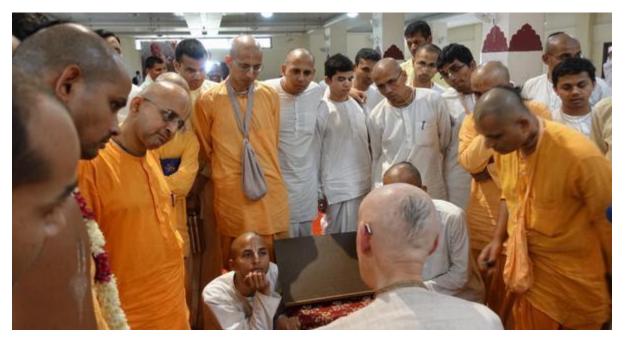




Prabhupada and Lord Chaitanya is inspiration for your disciples and students. You know the art of how to connect every Jive soul back to Krishna. This Vyasa puja is very special for me as I am going to be initiated by Your Grace in Vrindavan. I wish to remain your servant at your lotus feet. Forgive me if offended you in this writing.

your insignificant servant,

Bhakta Dhaval - Anand, India



Personal Question and Answer after Bhagvatam Class in Pune, India

Dhiraj Shetty - You purely represent Srila Prabhupada's teachings

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva,

Dandavat Pranam.

Thank you for relentlessly representing Srila Prabhupada's teachings in its purest form.

I am always awaiting your Thought for the Day email. Your teachings are both, simple to comprehend, as well as spiritually potent.

Your accessibility and punctuality in answering all my gibberish emails is encouraging. You are the kind of Spiritual Master that the world madly needs today.

Please continue to engage me in your services

Bhakta Dhiraj Shetty - Pune, India



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# Gaurang gadhadhar Das - Please bless me

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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

I offer my humble obeisance unto your lotus feet hundreds and hundreds of time. Thank you Gurudeva for guiding us, making us realise our real destination

Thankyou Gurudeva for showering your mercy Upon such conditioned souls like me and being our wellwisher

Srila Gurudeva, please bless me that I will remain your menial servant forever

Servant at your lotus feet,

Gaurang gadhadhar Das - Ahmedabad, India



## Guru Vandana Devi Dasi - The turning point of my life

Hare Krishna!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumata!

All glories to you on this auspicious day of your vyaspuja.

nama om visņu-pādāya krṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa dāsa adhikārīti nāmine

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Sankarshan Das Adhikari, who is very dear to Lord Krsna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha-uttama-bhakti-varşiņe

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 Srila Gurudeva!

I was just wandering in this material world without knowing where I was moving and what I was doing. I was searching but not knowing what to search. Somehow by causeless mercy, Krishna arranged me to get into your Divine association through internet. The day when I became your student of Ultimate self-realization course was the turning point of my life.



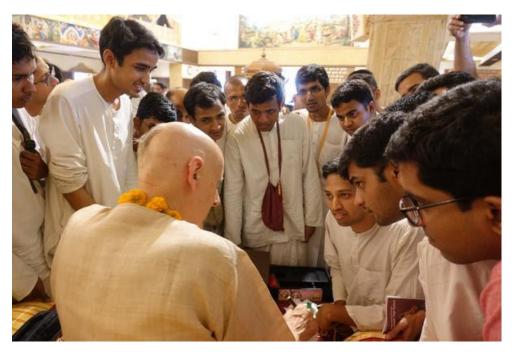
The small dosage which comes in the daily, 'Thoughts for the day', is very powerful enriched with philosophy. It can deeply penetrate into the heart and transform any person who is sincere. Further you teach by your own example fully absorbed in Krishna Consciousness, perfectly managing every moment in Krishna Consciousness. You circle the whole globe with Srimati Guru Mataji, enlightening varied audiences in the Supreme science of Krishna Consciousness. Every action of yours is very inspiring. You are interested in progress of our spiritual growth; your instructions help us to meet challenges in our spiritual path.

Though I am unworthy servant, my sincere prayers are that you kindly keep me under your shelter eternally. Let me be your true servant with firm affection for you, let me be anxious to receive the knowledge of Absolute Truth, let me give up the tendency of talking nonsense, let my thoughts, words and deeds be devoid of envy, with this, let me chant the holy names attentively and let me help in propagating this transcendental knowledge.

On this auspicious Vyasa puja day let me also express my gratitude to our beloved Srimati Guru Mataji who is engaging us in pure devotional service though I am totally unqualified.

your insignificant servant in the dust of your lotus feet

Guru Vandana Devi Dasi - Noida, India



Questions and Answers after Sunday feast lecture NVCC, Pune

Gayatri - Your kirtan in trance

My Dear Srila Gurudeva You are kind yet brave





Your heart is a massive ocean

Of pure love and divine compassion

Your kirtan in trance

Makes my heart dance

When you smile at me

All worries go and flee

I'm most fallen and sinful But your grace can make it sublime and blissful

I lost my material father few years back But gained a spiritual father after the setback

Now I desire to serve and please you O my spiritual father I love you...

your servant,

Bhaktin Gayatri - Pune, India



Haladhar Das & Parashakti Devi Dasi - Surviving by your blessings

Respected Srila Gurudeva,

Hare Krishna!

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories unto your and respected Gurumataji's lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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

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I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Sriman 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 krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

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.

#### Dear Srila Gurudeva,

We don't know by what fortune we have been able to attain shelter under yours and respected Gurumata soothing lotus feet. You both have always been very kind and loving parents.

You have always been so merciful and repeatedly forgiving the deviations time and again. There can be no one so merciful anywhere in the three worlds. Somehow by your mercy I am able to sail in this Sankirtan movement else my rascal mind or past conditioning is making me struggle terribly in the ocean of sense gratification.

"As it is said that the holy name delivers one who has committed an offense to Lord Hari but if one commits an offense to a pure devotee of Lord there is no means of deliverance. This makes me shiver, as I have many times disobeyed your instructions, overlooked your guidance and remained a puppet in hands of maya despite being forgiven from time to time. Every time I promise I will be a good disciple from now onwards but could not stick to the commitment. I have heard that Vaishnavas though always merciful and even more merciful on their appearance day, so with folded hands I request you to please always remain merciful to me and bless me to get out of this Lord's illusory energy. I have only one and one hope and that's you to look upon, in this material world trying circumstances. Please bless me so I can remain always a true follower of your teachings." - Haladhar Dasa

mukam karoti vacalam pangum langhyate girim... By your blessings only, we have been able to preach a little near my area, through which we can feel your blessings upon us, your presence near is. We desire the dust of your holy feet always, please chastise us and use us as your instrument so we can help support this world deliverance mission of Srila Prabhupada. Please consider us yours sold out servant and remain always kind upon us. We have no other way, no other way, no other way to get out of this miserable age of kali.

May Lord Kṛṣṇa Bless you and Srimati Gurumataji with good health. So many unfortunate souls in this world need your guidance and support to come out of shackles of their material conditionings.

Looking forward to your guidance, your darshans and blessings to serve you and Srimati Gurumataji with all our heart and soul.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely yours,

your servant,

Haladhar Das, Parashakti Devi Dasi - Chandigarh, India



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# Hema - I beg to become a humble servant at your lotus feet

Hare Krishna,

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Gurumataji

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

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

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 prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

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.

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā caksur unmīlitam 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 Gurudeva,

We wish you a very happy Vyasa puja and pray to Sri Sri Radha Madhav to bestow you good health and strength to fulfill Srila Prabhupada's mission.

We are grateful to Sri Krishna and Srila Prabhupada to send such a glorious spiritual master for us who is an expert captain to sail us across the material world.

Thank you so much for taking all of us closer to Srila Prabhupada.

Please bless us, so that we can follow your instructions and forgive us for our shortcomings and offences. At last on this auspicious day, I beg to become a humble servant of your lotus feet...

vande guroh sricaranaravindam.....

Your Servant

Bhaktin Hema - Panchakula, India







# Jitendra Jha - You teach us honesty

#### Hare Krishna

Vyasapuja means salute our Gurudeva, you teach us our honesty, our duty, our behavior with our God. you teach us our responsibility towards our society and karma.

Hare Krishna!

Sincerely,

Bhakta Jitendra Jha - India



## Krishnapriya Devi Dasi - You are fulling Lord Caitanya's desire

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to you.

Gurudeva on this auspicious day, I want to thank you to be an anchor of my life.

You by your own example encourage many souls to develop a desire for self-realization.

Your life is dedicated to always thinking how can I give Krishna Consciousness to others. This is Lord Caitanya's desire and you are fulfilling it, the essence of real life, wealth, real love which makes you even more glorious.

You once told in a lecture a good devotee progresses because of the three pillars i.e. Guru, Sadhu and Shastras. Gurudeva please shower your mercy on me so that I can read the Srila Prabhupada books and be instrumental in spreading Krishna consciousness in the world and liberate other souls from suffering.

Please help me to remain close to the blazing flame of the Sankirtan movement. By bowing to your greatness and grand plan for the people of this earth and giving them the real holy name, my life will become significant.

your Spiritual Daughter,

Krishnapriya Devi Dasi - Mumbai, India



Dr Kushwah Ram Bir Singh & Smt Abha Singh - Great enthusiasm globally

Hare Krishna Prabhuji,

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Please accept our humble obeisances on the lotus feet of the beloved Krishna, the Supreme personality of Godhead along with infinite gratitude for Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Srila Prabhupada, Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari, Sri Somanath Prabhuji, etc, etc. We always feel indebted to all the six Goswamis of Vrindavan as well as all the Vaishnavas who has devoted their lives for serving the Supreme Lord, Radha-Krishna.

The ultimate self-realization lessons of Sankarshan Das Prabhuji has created globally the great enthusiasm and escalated the unstopped momentum for Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

It is the great time to remembering Srila Prabhupada...

Srila Prabhupada said: "love Krishna, you become expert how to love Krishna...

The idea of loving is not unknown to you. You love somebody. You love your wife. You love your children. You love your country. You love your society. There are so many loving aspects. But when you love Krishna, then your life is perfect. That we have to..."

#### sa vai pumsam paro dharmo yato bhaktir adhoksaje ahaituky apratihata yayatma suprasidati (SB 1.2.6)

That is the perfection of life, perfection of religious life, if one learns how to love Kṛṣṇa, and without any motive, ahaituki. Just like here in this world there is no love because within this so-called love there is a motive. I love a beautiful girl because she is beautiful. A girl loves a man because he has got money. So, this is the meaning of this material love. But that, not that kind of love. Here there is a motive. So ahaituki, without any motive; apratihata, without being debtor, without any obstacle. Love of God cannot be checked by any material impediments. You cannot say that "I am very poor. Oh, how can I love God?" You cannot say, "I am very rich," or "I am black," "I am white," "I am this," "I am that." No.

These material impediments have nothing to do for loving God. In any condition you can love God. Ahaituky aprati..., yayatma suprasidati. And if you attain that stage, then you become completely happy.

#### (CC. Madhya 22.42):

"I have no more want." That is perfection of life. And so long you'll have want... The karmis, jnanis, yogis, they are in want. The karmis, they are simply wanting material happiness = "I want this, I want this." Modern material civilization means to create wants. That is karmi. So, they want. They will never be happy. They want this, that, that, that, that, that. There is no end. And jñānīs, when they are baffled, they want to become one with God, mukti. And yogis, they want to show some magic, the magical power. So, the karmis, jnanis, yogis - everyone is in want. They cannot be happy. And when you come to the position, "My Lord, I do not want anything. Simply I want to serve You. Give me this opportunity," that is perfection.

(From a lecture by Srila Prabhupada on Bhagavad-gita 9.4, Melbourne, April 22 1976)

Chanting the mahamantra...

hare kṛṣṇa hare kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa hare hare hare rāma hare rāma rāma rāma hare hare

Dr Ram Bir Singh Kushwah, IFS & Smt Abha Singh Kushwah, advocate - Bhopal (MP), India





# Lakshman Das - Krishna Consciousness has given me a life

Hare Krishna, Srila Gurudeva.

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to You and Srimati GuruMataji.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Vaishnavas.

Srila Gurudeva I am just extremely, extremely, extremely fortunate to have you in my life... you are my only hope.

Srila Prabhupada, mentions in the purport of Bhagavad-Gita 12.6-7 'Supreme Lord, by His great mercy, comes at once, riding on His bird carrier Garuda, and at once delivers the devotee from this material existence. Although a man who has fallen in the ocean may struggle very hard and may be very expert in swimming, he cannot save himself. But if someone comes and picks him up from the water, then he is easily rescued.' You are the pure representative of the Lord thus your work is parallel to that of the Lord. without your shelter what hope is there for me, who although been awarded a human body but due to the dense darkness of this age, I was completely clueless of my dharma, which is to be a sold-out servant of the Lord under the shelter of the bona fide spiritual master. you have quite literally come to rescue me from the cycle of repeated birth and death.

Srila Gurudeva, you along with Gurumataji are travelling tirelessly to awaken the dormant Krishna Consciousness of people of this age, which is the greatest need of the society. who could be more merciful and compassionate than yourselves who are working for the ultimate welfare of the human society?

Srila Gurudeva I have come a long way by your grace, by the mercy of the Lord and by the kindness of Vaishnavas. Krishna Consciousness has given me a life of meaningfulness, life with a purpose, life with a sense of direction which brings fulfillment and satisfaction to my existence. I will be very much privileged if I can spread this same good fortune to the people of this world. I fall flat at your lotus feet Srila Gurudeva in humility and gratitude for everything you have given me so that I can be closer to Lord Sri Krishna and relish unlimited bliss. also Srila Gurudeva I am very much happy about how my sister was able to get yours and Srimati Gurumataji's association during the Jan 2018 Toronto Yatra, although it was a short association yet a very powerful and meaningful time she got to spend hearing Krishna katha and direct her attention towards the merciful Lord Sri Krishna...(before she left her body, due to cancer) Srila Gurudeva your kind prayers and blessings have paved my sister's way to Sri Goloka-Vrindavan Dham, for which I am very grateful..

your eternal servant,

Lakshman Das - Jhulasan, India



Lalit Madhav Das - Your sublime instructions

My Dearmost H. H. Sankarshan Das Adhikari Maharaj,

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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 (Bhakti) devotional service of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Now Guru Maharaja, by your mercy I also find great strength, transcendental empowerment, in this most sublime instruction you gave in daily e-class Thought for The Day (Ultimate Self Realization).

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

I do minimum sixteen round japa and follow four regulative principles.

your grateful servant of your servants,

Lalit Madhav Das - Indore, India



# Leena Mohan - Actual realization of life

Thanks a lot, Guruji for blessing me with actual realization of life

Bhaktin Leena Mohan



# Lila Manjari Devi Dasi - Thank you for saving me from materialistic life

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumataji

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

My dearmost Srila Gurudeva, when I think of writing this Vyasa Puja offering, I can get no words because I cannot express it in words. Had your Divine Grace not picked me up from the dump yard of materialistic life, I cannot imagine what my life would have been.

In glorification of your Divine Grace I hereby repeat some of the prayers and glorifications from the revealed scriptures.

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yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi

"By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Kṛṣṇa. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement."

You are so kindly making me eligible to receive the glance of the Lord for which I am not at all qualified.

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

"The spiritual master is to be honored as much as the Supreme Lord because he is the most confidential servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all revealed scriptures and followed by all authorities. Therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is a bona fide representative of Śrī Hari [Kṛṣṇa]."

I cannot imagine my great fortune that by your Divine Grace's kind mercy, I get the chance to associate with the most confidential servitor of the Lord in so many ways via the emails, daily e-course mails, Facebook, during your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumataji's India visit, through the recorded and live lectures etc.

In purport for Srimad Bhagavatam 4.28.43, Srila Prabhupada mentions, "The disciple accepts the spiritual master as the Supreme Personality of Godhead. As stated by Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura in Guru-aṣṭaka, sākṣād-dharitvena: "One directly accepts the guru, the spiritual master, as the Supreme Personality of Godhead." One should accept the spiritual master not in the sense that the Māyāvādī philosophers do, but in the way recommended here. Since the spiritual master is the most confidential servant of the Lord, he should be treated exactly like the Supreme Personality of Godhead. The spiritual master should never be neglected or disobeyed, like an ordinary person."

When I think that I have been given a chance to come in contact with your Divine Grace, the most confidential servant of the Lord who should be treated exactly like the Supreme Personality of Godhead, I can understand that my any endeavor to serve Your Divine Grace is like a child scribbling something on a piece of paper and gifting it to his father, and the father lovingly accepting it with a merciful loving smile.

Further Srila Prabhupada mentions in the 2nd paragraph of the same purport, "If a disciple gets a bona fide spiritual master, simply by satisfying him, he can attain a similar opportunity to serve the Supreme Personality of Godhead."

This shows how much dear the bonafide spiritual master is to Lord Krishna. Even though I have no qualification to be in Krishna consciousness, just because of your Divine Grace, the Lord is accepting my tiny tiny attempts of service.

guru kṛṣṇa-rūpa hana śāstrera pramāṇe guru-rūpe kṛṣṇa kṛpā karena bhakta-gaṇe

"According to the deliberate opinion of all revealed scriptures, the spiritual master is nondifferent from Kṛṣṇa. Lord Kṛṣṇa in the form of the spiritual master delivers His devotees." CC Adi 1.45





In the purport Srila Prabhupada mentions, "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."

This verse always leaves me in great awe and reverence that how the Lord has mercifully manifested Himself in the form the spiritual master, your Divine Grace.

There are so many unlimited verses in glorification of the Spiritual Master in the revealed scriptures. These are only select few I have tried to mention.

I had asked a question long back, regarding how to fully satisfy the Spiritual Master always for all of eternality, where your Divine Grace had mentioned "When you become totally addicted to Krishna." Whenever I remember this, I can understand how much I am lagging behind. But I pray that I can be like that someday.

Also, I remember having asked Gurumataji once in Pune that what we feel very helpless and unhappy when we see that there is some physical pain to her Grace or so, Gurumataji mentioned to me "Always remember Krishna." Whenever I think of this, I can understand that if I always remember Krishna then there will be no health problems to her Grace. How wonderfully Gurumataji is making us Krishna conscious and showing by own example that in any situation we must continue serving the Lord!

Also, once in class, after the Srimad Bhagavatam verse/purport was read, Srimati Gurumataji turned towards me and with the most merciful, loving, graceful, beautiful smile said, "That is why I chastise you, so that you become intelligent." Whenever I think of that moment, I feel like showers and showers of mercy being poured upon me. It is completely different from the chastisement I have received from anyone else in this material world. I get to have an experience of transcendental chastisement which contains in its tons and tons of nectar I can ever hold

The tireless efforts of your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumataji helps me understand what it means to be totally addicted to Krishna, to be a sold-out servant of the Spiritual Master, to be a disciple, to be a determined soldier in Srila Prabhupada's army.

I would like to humbly fall down at your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumataji's lotus feet and beg mercy to please keep correcting me at every point so that someday, by both of your Graces mercy, I can actually enter into the realm of transcendental devotional service and be an instrument in propagating the same and humbly assisting your Divine Grace's mission of making the whole world Krishna conscious. May I also imbibe that mood as Your Divine Graces' of always remembering and endeavoring for Krishna consciousness to take over the whole world.

Begging and praying to always very tightly stick my head in the dust of your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumataji's lotus feet.

Your insignificant servant

Lila Manjari Devi Dasi - Noida, India



Manjuali Devi Dasi - I really miss prasadam by Srimati Gurumataji

Dear Srila Gurudeva

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# Please accept my humble obeisances All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji All glories to Srila Prabhupada

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

# namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

By the Mercy of your grace I am becoming human being from Animal. In the year 2015 I met your grace and got pranam mantra and seeked your grace blessings. In the year 2018 I become your grace disciple and got Initiation.

From your grace classes I learnt how to lead a life. During Yamuna yatra Srimati Gurumataji raised hand and asked questions to deliver fallen soul like us. By your grace mercy my Japa is Improving. And my mother in-law is also coming to bhakti, but she is not allowing me for your grace service.

I beg before your grace to bless me with Your grace service, Krishna's service and vaisnava's service. Everyone get one father and one mother but I got two father and two mother your grace and Srimati Gurumataji.I really miss prasadam by Srimati Gurumataji. Due to my bad luck I am missing classes of your grace and association of devotees. I request your grace to bless me that at least in the coming years I should get chance to attend your class.

After becoming disciple of your grace there are many changes in my family, my mother-in-law visited many holy places, started chanting and stopped eating onion and garlic. My father-in-law went to Mayapur yatra. Everything is happening only because of your grace blessings.

I fall at your grace lotus feet to protect me of material clutches and always bless me with Krishna bhakti.

your servant

Manjuali Devi dasi - Dharwad, India



#### Mukunda Das - You are real Acarya

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

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namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Dās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Krishna 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 Gurudeva, how wonderfully you manifest the virtues cited in the Pranam Mantra.

You are fully surrendered unto the lotus feet of Krishna and hence you are very dear to Lord Krishna.

How wonderfully you are following in the footsteps of Srila Prabhupada in distributing his teachings as it is without any additions or subtractions.

O Srila Gurudeva, personification of love and embodiment of mercy, you are showering pure bhakti on the fallen souls and single handedly spreading the teachings of Lord Caitanya in the spirit and determination of the little sparrow who was trying to swallow the ocean to retrieve her eggs.

You are really walking the talk. You are real Acharya.

Dear Gurudeva on this auspicious day I can only pray that please bless me to contribute in your mission of spreading Krishna consciousness to each and every soul of the universe.

Hare Krishna.

your servant,

Mukunda Das - Pune, India



Morning Bhagvatam Class ISKCON Pune





# Nandapriya Devi Dasi - May I be able to follow your footsteps...

#### Hare Krsna my dear loving father Srila Gurudeva

nama om visnu-padaya Krishna-presthaya bhu-tale srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

All glories to you and to our beloved Srimati Gurumataji

#### All glories to Srila Prabhupada

You are My Glorious Master " Glorious is that devotee who does not give up the shelter of his lord, and glorious is that Lord who does not abandon His servant. If by chance a servant falls down and goes somewhere else, glorious is the master who captures him and brings him back by the hair "I offer thousands of prostrated obeisances to my spiritual master, His grace Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari Gurudeva. Who was certainly merciful to me, who was undeserving of his kindness? Many times, I tend to go into the trap of maya but he very merciful pulled me back. He is thus glorious master. I aspire to become a worthy and eternal servant of such a glorious master. What a great fortune has com upon us when you appeared in this world my master. To save many fallen souls. And bestow your kind mercy upon them.

You are a revolutionary. Who had brought the revolution in the material world through your teachings via your ultimate self-realization e-course whom any one can access easily and approach you for your guidance and blessings. You are an acharya who taught by his own example how to carry on this mission and how to imbibe the teachings of one's spiritual master in one's own life as one's life and soul. Purity is the force and you are embodiment of purity. By just near divine darshans of yours one can experience divinity. You are true Prabhupadanuga. The realization of yours that "SEEING PRABHUPADA MEANS DRINKING HIM THROUGH EYES" really getting little understanding of that. Seeing you I can say you are drinking Prabhupada through his teachings. Your words, actions deeds are truly in line with Prabhupada teachings. One can feel the presence of Srila Prabhupada by just being in your Sanga... You're are a true captain who has taken charge of the ship that is going to back to Godhead crossing ocean of birth and death carrying many jivas out of this guagmire. My master you and Gurumataji have saved me. If you have not bestowed your grace upon me where would I have been today, struggling somewhere in this material world. Seeing disciple's mood, you encourage them, and motivate them to fully engage oneself in the service of Divine couple Radha and Kṛṣṇa. I pray to lord may I be able to follow your footsteps and would able to contribute in bringing the revolution in this material world as you desire. I want to thank Gurumataji our loving mother a pure Vaishnavi who out of her causeless mercy always guided me and taken care of me and helped me and motivated me in my devotional practices. I can never repay both of you. but this my constant prayer in front of lord and Srila Prabhupada may my every word, thoughts and deeds in all time place and circumstances gives unlimited pleasure to my eternal parents as taught by you Gurudeva. I have no shelter other than your lotus feet always keep this soul under your sublime shelter my eternal parents. Because you are great personalities, you can give me real knowledge. I am as foolish as a village animal like a pig or dog because I am merged in the darkness of ignorance. Therefore, please ignite the torch of knowledge to save me. Always have your mercy upon me master. Praying for your both good health and long life so many souls be benefited by your sanga. You both are living acharya in midst of us, a true prabhupadanuga, what else we desire, just your sanga and mercy,

Thank you so much!!



your loving daughter and unworthy servant,

Nandapriya Devi Dasi - Jammu, India



#### Nishikant - ...this has happened many times

Hare Krishna My beloved Guru Maharaj!!

All glories to you and Respected Mataji.

Please accept my heartfelt obeisances,

I am forever indebted to you for having guided me in all periods of life: good-bad, happy-sad or healthysick through your daily thoughts and recordings. Sometimes due to my own fault I miss your thoughts, get engrossed in mundane things but then as is natural, I find myself to be like a fish out of water getting trapped in some problem. In such situations by the Grace of Krishna I somehow or other come across your old (fresh as ever) or new thoughts and find that the solution to my problem is known to you and you have sent me the specific medicine. I do not know how; but this has happened many times.

I pray Lord Krishna to shower all his blessings upon you so that your benediction, personal presence is always available to fallen souls like us.

With many dandavats,

your lowly servant Bhakta Nishikant - Bhopal, India



Padma Malini Devi Dasi - Use me in your world deliverance mission...

Lotus Feet of Your grace - My only shelter

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namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

My Dear Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet

All glories to you & Srimati Gurumataji

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#### All glories to Srila Prabhupada

On this very special occasion of your grace's blessed Vyasa puja I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you and Srimati Gurumataji for all that you do for us. You both are tirelessly traveling and preaching the message of love for Godhead. You enlighten us, you guide us, you correct us, and you also take the pain of tolerating our nonsense. You do not hesitate to serve us even. Srimati Guru Mata ji is very mercifully engaging us in different services even though we are not qualified for these services and she is tolerating our imperfections and trying to convert them in perfection.

You have very mercifully accepted this most fallen soul as your student and disciple and have given me a chance to understand the topmost knowledge about the absolute. With yours and Gurumataji's expert guidance I am correcting myself every day and now I at least have a hope that I have a master who can rescue me from drowning into the ocean of nescience by engaging me in the service of Sri Sri Radha and Kṛṣṇa.

Your lotus feet are the only shelter for me and there remains nothing else to be obtained after obtaining your divine association. I am eternally indebted to you my beloved spiritual father for your guidance and help. Words fall short to describe your glories... your glories as known in the three worlds...

May Kṛṣṇa Keep you in the best of health so that you can carry out your world deliverance mission very nicely and keep showering your mercy on many more bewildered souls like me.

With folded hands I beg your blessings so that I can also be of any use in your world deliverance mission.

your servant

Padma Malini Devi Dasi - New Delhi, India



#### Premananda Das - Your love for Krishna inspires me a lot

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

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

Today I cannot contain my tears ,my love on this very special day of your appearance .I am your eternal servant and I pray that Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa can keep as an instrument in the best possible way at your lotus feet birth after birth in your mission .I beg at your lotus feet to follow your instructions as my life and soul and make the whole world Krishna conscious. 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 will Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī Prabhupāda, who has established within this material world the mission to fulfill the desire of Lord Caitanya, give me shelter under his lotus feet?

Srila Gurudeva, seeing your mood of love and unlimited compassion always giving, giving and giving and relishing the sweetest happiness it melts my heart. I can never reciprocate that love but when I try to give

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love then I would get more love. It is like unlimited service mood of giving for eternality and have these exchanges with Gurumata, Gurudeva and Vaishnavas. I remember when you were diagnosed with sciatica still you continued to give Kṛṣṇa katha discourses, be there for mangal aarti first right in the front to greet the deities, replying to emails, travelling and preaching the science of Krishna and giving daily ezine. This fixed up mood and your love for Krishna inspires me a lot in being enthusiastic, determined and patient in the daily devotional practices. Another time when you were diagnosed with pneumonia which is a deadly disease you could not travel and preach the science of Krishna but when you played kirtan in

ISKCON Pune and prayed to Krishna through the kirtan to keep you traveling and preaching the science or Krishna all over the world by feelingly chanting and begging to Krishna through the kirtan it was so magical and wonderful, and the result was Krishna blessed you to travel all around the world and keep preaching. Srimati Gurumata who is traveling and preaching with you all around world is very loving and guides me with her strict and loving mood of training how to perfectly do the service in the first-class manner. Her regular reading of Bhagavad-gita and Srimad Bhagavtam discourses on regular basis are very enlivening, enlightening and her realizations help me to understand that Krishna is a Supreme Person and I must try to do every service given to me in a mood of love. Her unlimited and loving compassion and instructions help me in awakening my dormant Krishna consciousness. She mentions that Bhakti is never causal. This process is eternal, and it is direct action in service to the Absolute Whole.

Thank you for picking me from the street as an orphan and showing me the path of transcendental knowledge. I was a derelict without your guidance and shelter but now I have the shelter and your protection through your lectures, instructions and guidance. It is only by the mercy of Sri Guru, Vaishnavas and Krishna that the humongous ocean of birth and death can be crossed easily just like to cross over a calf's hoof print.

Your servant

Premananda Das - Mumbai, India



# Preeti Arora -My deepest desire is to serve you

ॐ अज्ञान तिमिरान्धस्य ज्ञानाञ्जनशलाकया । चक्षुरुन्मीलितं येन तस्मै श्रीगुरुवे नम : । ।

Srila Gurudeva, since the time I can remember I have always felt very out of place in this world.

My life was full of darkness until your disciple introduced me to Your Grace and Srimati Gurumataji.

It is because of Your causeless mercy that I am getting to know Krishna and the real purpose of life.

Whenever I think of You, Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji, my heart is filled with immense joy, something I have never experienced in the material world.

When I read your daily quotes, it feels as if you are personally talking and guiding me at every step.

Srila Gurudeva, my deepest desire is to serve you and Srimati Gurumataji.





Bhaktin Preeti Arora - New Delhi, India



Radhika Sharma - This year I started 16 Rounds... Thank You

My Dear Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet.

All glories to you and Srila Prabhupada.

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

Srila Gurudeva, every year when I write the Vyasa Puja offering I cannot but just keep thanking you for the mercy you shower on us, but this is the most auspicious year as from this year I have started chanting minimum 16 rounds of Hare Krṣṇa Maha Mantra everyday without fail. I have also left Onion and Garlic last to last year. I have recently left eating chocolates also.

Gurudeva when we stay with you in Vrindavan or Delhi I realized that you are a very highly elevated soul. I have never seen you wasting your time in Mundane things. Whenever you would talk it would be only related to bhakti or Kṛṣṇa. You always engage us in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

Gurudeva I will be eternally very grateful to you for showing us the correct path of Krsna Consciousness.

Gurudeva I thank you from the bottom of my heart for answering all my stupid questions every time and to enlighten me from darkness.

Your E - Course (www.joincourse.com) has helped so many fallen souls like us. The daily thought of the day, Question of the day and Video for the day are really very inspiring. You are always busy answering the questions of your E - students.

Srila Gurudeva you travel the whole world twice a year for preaching Krsna Consciousness to the fallen souls like me.

As your traveling keeps increasing each year, we miss you more and more, though on one hand I feel very happy that so many people get your unconditional mercy but on the other hand we here in Delhi miss your presence.

Gurudeva I am very indebting to you for giving me the highest knowledge (Raj Vidya). This is the need of the hour. Everyone should take up to this knowledge to go back to home, back to godhead. Your recent very famous song " The Peace Formula " is also very famous and it is also helping the people to identify their lost identity with the Kṛṣṇa (the supreme personality of Godhead)

Gurudeva I am also aspiring to take initiation from you the following year.

So, on this most auspicious day of your Divine Appearance in this material world, I fall at your lotus feet, and beg for your shelter and mercy. Please help me realize that I have no qualification for pure, loving





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service, other than your mercy and make this servant one who's made of nothing other than this mercy alone.

Thank you Gurudeva for always guiding us and helping us succeed in our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. Thank you for showering your causeless mercy upon us. Please give me blessings to succeed in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness with a very fast pace. Now I take your leave.

hare kṛṣṇa hare kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa hare hare hare rāma hare rāma rāma rāma hare hare

your insignificant servant

Bhaktin Radhika Sharma - Delhi NCR, India



#### Ramashankar Vyas - Whole world Krishna Conscious

May Lord Shri Krishna bless you with long life to enable you to make whole world Krishna conscious. May Lord Shri Krishna bless Guru Maharaj enabling him to succeed in his pious mission of making the whole world human society Krishna Conscious.

With Pranam & obeisances, Hare Krishna!

Bhakta Ramashankar Vyas - Pune, India



#### Rishabh Gupta - Very inspiring that you are very strict against illicit sex

Hare Krishna Maharaj ji

Please accept my humble obeisances

You are a pure devotee of the lord and you once a time explained me that what is the symptoms of a pure devotee. You are serving this Krishna Consciousness movement from half a century that shows your surrender. I first time met you in Shantipur bace alpha 1, as you come here every year then I found that who you are. I like to listen your lecture. You are very strict against illicit sex. You showed it by your own example by not reproducing any child and it is very inspiring for me. I sometimes think that I can follow it in my life. I have asked you many questions and you have answered them very nicely.

I will pray to lord Krishna for your good health and for your desire that this whole world be Krishna conscious be fulfilled.

your aspiring servant

Bhakta Rishabh Gupta - Greater Noida, India



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# Rathin Mandal - Your lectures help me understand my responsibility

Hare Krishna,

Please accept my humble obeisances,

All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā caksur unmīlitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

I pay obeisances 1000 times onto 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 is able to chant the Holy Name and read about pastimes of Lord Sri Krishna. It is only by Your mercy that I am able to remember few pastimes of Lord Sri Krishna.

Reading daily Thought of the Day and Video, are helping me to retrospect into my day. Your lectures help me understand what my responsibility as a spiritual being is. It is by Your grace that I get eligibility to go into land of Vrindavan.

It is astounding to see how You and Srimati Gurumataji are going all around the world through out the year, and blessing fallen souls like me, every and every year.

With help of Guru Vandana Mataji, I am attending Bhakti Vriksha class at Her place. We now have few devotees who are regularly coming for over a year. We all get together and discuss about pastimes of Lord Sri Krishna. In office also, whenever possible I try to speak to my colleagues about Lord Sri Krishna and preaching programs of ISKCON.

Lately in one of Your lectures, I heard that only important job at time of chanting is to hear the syllable. This has inspired me very much to improve my chanting. Now I try to be attentive in chanting as much as possible and keep on reminding me, of Your words, that my job is to only hear Hare Krishna for pleasure of Sri Krishna.

I pray to Sri Krishna, to keep Your Lotus Feet of Srila Gurudeva 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 Your devotees so that I can remember You all the time.

your servant,

Bhakta Rathin - Ghaziabad, India







# Saloni - I started realizing only you can save me

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to you and Srila Prabhupada.

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namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

I feel so ecstatic as I get to express my views for you on the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja 2019 turned out to be an amazing year for me & I strongly believe it was due to Krishna's & your grace.

This year I started chanting 16 rounds on a daily basis, I left chocolates as I promised to Gurumataji, I asked you many questions via mails, I got the opportunity to go to Barsana & Mayapur for the first time!!

I realized again and again how Krishna loves me so much. I felt I could understand Krishna in a better way and experienced him more closely. All of this is a result of your & Krishna's causeless mercy! Thank you!

I always had an interest in Krishna, but I never understood the need for a spiritual master. It was when I inquired you on the same & you wrote me a wonderful mail explaining the same that my illusion was cleared to some extent. But it was when I started inquiring from you more via mails, listened to your recorded lectures, attended some of your powerful live lectures that I started realizing only you can save me!

In the beginning when I found difficult to understand your accent or felt bored, to now when I love to listen you, everything has changed. I'm really fond of the way how you explain everything in a simple & explicit manner, & that too in a fun dramatic way sometimes. Your love for Srila Prabhupada inspires me. I'm left mesmerized by the tireless endeavours you make to spread the mission of Lord Chaitanya. You and Gurumataji teach by your own example that how one can lead a completely Krishna conscious life! I admire how both of you want everyone to take up the process of Kṛṣṇa consciousness seriously. Seeking the true welfare of everyone, you both are indeed the best well wishers of everyone!

Srila Gurudeva, I know that I'm very stupid & fallen, Krishna is showering his mercy, he is giving instructions in Bhagvad Gita but I'm unable to follow them, I'm still attached to material things. Please bless me that I'm able to use my intelligence to always remain determined to strive for the higher purpose of life.

Also, recently you gave me shelter at your lotus feet. Thank you for accepting me. It is only through holding on to your lotus feet that I can cross this ocean of material existence.

I humbly pray that may I be able to please & obey you, and may Krishna's lotus feet become the only object of my attraction. I wish to become a good servant of yours one day.

I feel extremely blessed to have your and Gurumata's association. May I be able to make the best use of this opportunity.

I'm eternally indebted to you.

Thank you so much.





your insignificant servant,

Bhaktin Saloni - Delhi, India



Shanta R Vaswani - Please keep Your mercy on me

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble respects

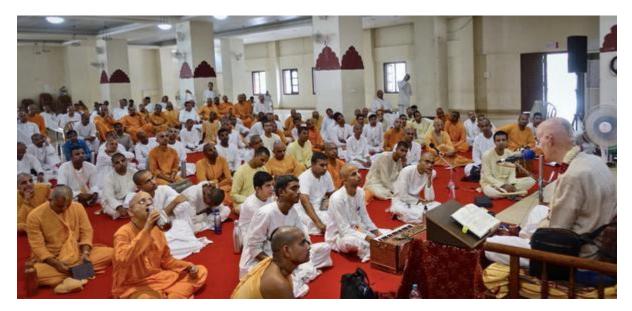
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Thanks for your lectures/videos. I do not have any bhakti, but seeing your enthusiasm helps me. Please keep Your mercy on me. Please accept my offering of 11 dollars with very much thanks

After seeing Your daily lectures/videos I get realization of Lord Krishna

Sincerely,

Bhaktin Shanta R Vaswani - Mumbai, India



ISKCON NVCC morning lecture

Shalini Gupta - It is my privilege to be writing this offering

Dear Sir,

It is my privilege to be writing this offering once more to you.





Reading your daily thoughts and answers to the various questions, gives a satiated feeling that I am moving towards the right path, towards discovering the self in me, and most importantly being a good human in my emotions, thoughts and actions and loving my fellow beings to the best of my ability.

I feel nice and cheerful.

Thank you, Sir

Bhaktin Shalini Gupta - Dehradun, India



# Shivam - I found out my goal

Hare Krishna Prabhu ji. Please accept my humble obeisances at yours and Gurumataji's lotus feet. All glories to you. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Lots of greetings for the most auspicious day of your vyasapuja prabhu ji. Prabhu ji, I have been following your Ultimate Self Realization Course since many years and have even invited many of my friends there. Your daily quotes there are absolutely revolutionary. Your lines have the amazing power of injecting a very high dose of enthusiasm, a leadership and inspiration to the reader, that too in very few lines. You have a very high vision for our society and for whole humanity and the universe. I too found out my goal of life through them. You were very kind to us, despite your hectic schedule and aging body, by being very easily approachable and clearing our doubts especially through the question and answer segment in the daily course. I always look forward for the amazing piece of your blog every day, waiting for the clock to strike 10 00 hours, the time we receive it in India. Of late, you are doing a very great work even through the innovative medium of question and answer asking social networking website- ' Quora' also through your amazing short and sweet answers there. I follow you there too. Many times, your daily blogs in the e course have miraculously answered my exact dilemma and consoled me whenever I am in trouble. I always see this as the clear arrangement of Lord Krishna and the power of mercy of his pure devotees like you. Your song "the peace formula" was equally thrilling. Your life story truly inspires us. You are a true acharya, a true embodiment of vyasadeva, engaged strictly all time in the service of your guru and Gauranga through your mind, body and words. Please bless me that I can contribute my life also like you and serve all the Vaishnavas, guru, Gauranga and all the society like you are doing.

Thank you very much prabhuji and sorry for any mistake.

Dandvat Pranams.

your insignificant servant,

Bhakta Shivam - (Delhi-Sri Sri Radha Parthasarthy EOK) - Meerut, India



Sonali Suryakant Shinde - My ray of Hope

Guru Bramha Gurur Vishnu Guru Devo Maheshwaraha Guru Sakshat Para Bramha Tasmai Shree Gurave Namaha

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With this note I wish to offer my salutations to my Guru:

Who truly is the representative of Lord Brahma, Lord Vishnu and Lord Maheshwara who is the creator, sustainer of knowledge and destroys the weeds of ignorance?

Who guides us to gain the Supreme knowledge of all the living and non-living beings in this entire Universe by your daily teachings and thoughts which are truly inspiring?

A true Guru who is trying to reach every human being on this earth by his valuable teachings to save us from the pangs of ignorance by sincerely guiding us through his ultimate knowledge and awareness of the Supreme Lord.

A Guru who strives to enlighten us about all the pervading consciousness present in all the three states of consciousness.

A Guru who drives us with his enchanting vision.

A Guru who is an ocean of knowledge, who is always in unison with the Supreme Lord who can liberate us from this mundane existence.

A true guide who seeks to help us cross this ocean of life and who help us reveal to us the Divine love of God.

Thank you so much my Guru for being there in my life for coming into my life as a ray of Hope.

Please accept My Deepest Obeisance on such an auspicious day.

I truly feel obliged for having this opportunity to express my deep gratitude towards you.

Bhaktin Sonali Suryakant Shinde - Mumbai, India



Soniya - You are teaching us how to be back home to Godhead

Hare Krishna

Dandavat Pranam Guru Dev,

Please accept my humble and sincere obeisances Gurudeva. I am very grateful to you Gurudeva because you are the one who is continuously enlightening our lives by spreading the message of Srila Prabhupada. You are saving millions of people from going to hell because just by chanting, hearing and reading Srimad Bhagvatam purifies and cleanses the contaminated souls from this materialistic existence. You have dedicated your life for humanity and for preaching Krishna Consciousness. We are so much absorbed in this materialistic world that we forgot who we are and for what we are here for but it's you who are teaching us how to be back home to Godhead. I am really thankful that by Lord's Grace I got this opportunity to be linked to you, to Krishna and to millions of devotees. I humbly pray you to bless me to serve the lotus feet of Krishna forever and ever.

Your Sevika

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Bhaktin Soniya - Chandigarh, India



# Sunil - Thanks for helping me to change my bad habits

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Thanks again for all the email help.

Your Grace has helped me to strictly adhere to Srila Prabhupada's teachings by your perfect example.

The online classes in from beginning of year till this September have been an opportunity to hear Srimad Bhagavatam regularly and getting the association of your Divine Grace and Gurumataji.

Sometimes I do not feel fully surrendered but I pray to Lord Krsna to bless me with faith, love and surrender.

Your recordings in sda-archives webpage and in YouTube are great treasure to hear.

I found the video for the day very useful for my own Krishna consciousness and to share with friends and contacts.

Thanks for giving the opportunity to be inspired in Krishna consciousness by Daily 'Thought for the Day' emails with photos, videos, audio links and questions-answers.

Thanks also for the lessons for the week via the same e-course.

Thanks for adding my email in live lectures SB classes notifications.

Thanks for so many emails help and also for answers to my questions.

Thanks for opportunity to contribute financially to the cause of Krishna consciousness.

Thanks for transcendental association of Vaishnavas via Google groups.

Thanks for various book reading free academies also via Google groups.

Thanks for Blog service at www.dasadas.com

Thanks also for Vyasa-Puja service opportunity.

Thanks for audio recordings on SoundCloud.

Thanks for transcendental posts on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest and more.

Thanks for helping me to change my bad habits which I had before I came to know about Krishna consciousness process.





At some sources of Bhakti yoga teachings, I am not sure whether it is according to Srila Prabhupada's teachings as it is, but via your e-course I am fully confident that I am getting Srila Prabhupada's teachings.

At times when I am facing distress or panic, I keep praying to you and Lord Krsna for help or chant intensely.

Yesterday I heard in your audio recording to pray in begging mood of 'save me', and I prayed in that mood today.

Actually, so many other points had come to my mind, and I had decided to include the points in this offering, but due to my mistake I did not note those points at that time so maybe I have missed few points decided for this offering.

your insignificant servant,

Bhakta Sunil - Mumbai, India



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# Sharing Nectar at Yamuna Ghat

# Sacipriya Devi Dasi - My past was Miserable, dull, sad ..you are decreasing all these

Dear Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

Happy Appearance day Srila Gurudeva. I always feel that, your grace appeared in this world to bestow your grace Mercy upon fallen soul like me.

When I turn back and look at my past life, it was very miserable, I was dull, sad, depressed, morose etc. But now by divine Grace blessings, all those problems are decreasing day by day and I am relishing newer and newer realizations and developing taste to serve Guru, Krishna and Vaishnavas.

Your Divine grace, every thought, word and deeds are pleasing Srila Prabhupada. Being your grace, I feel blessed and pray at your grace lotus feet, that I always develop a humble service mood.

I am always indebted to your grace because your grace has given the holy name of Lord Krishna, New name, New life and your grace given me an opportunity to serve as an instrument in Lord Caitanya's mission.

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

your Insignificant servant

Sacipriya Devi Dasi - Dharwad, India



Sasimukhi Devi Dasi - My questions immediately get answered by your classes

Dear Srila Gurudeva

Please Accept My Humble Obeisances

All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

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

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namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

I don't have any qualification to glorify Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji and I don't have any eligibility to describe your grace.

In the year 2014 I blessed with your grace Darshan and your grace bestowed his causeless mercy upon me. It's a year I got initiation from your grace, but I am not able to render any service for your grace. But still your grace bestowed his mercy upon me. Due to your grace mercy, I am getting the service for our Namhatta Bramcharis, but your grace I always feel that I am unable to surrender at your grace's service

I always pray, at your grace's lotus feet that, I should get your grace's Darshan and Service every year.

Whenever I came for your grace Darshan, I relished delicious Prasadam and whatever questions arise in my mind I immediately get answers for those questions through your grace classes.

Your grace gave me Devotion, Love, Respect and Ideal life more than any father and mother.

hare kṛṣṇa hare kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa hare hare hare rāma hare rāma rāma rāma hare hare

your Insignificant servant

Sasimukhi Devi Dasi - Dharwad, India

(Translated from Kannada to English by Sacipriya Devi dasi)



Sevananda Das - O Gurudeva, O servant of Gaura, when will that day be mine...

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

My Dear Srila Gurudeva, O all-pervading providence, personification of Krishna prema, servant of Gaura, how merciful you are, I cannot imagine, how great you are, I cannot imagine. But, I know, oh yes, I know, for no qualification of myself, out of your own causeless mercy, you are giving me the shade of your lotus feet, and you are dragging me, oh yes, you are dragging me, even against my own will, even against all odds, you are dragging me to the fountain of bliss sublime, to fulfill my heart's desire, to give me that which is coveted even by the greatest of mystics and yogis.





O Gurudeva, O servant of Gaura, you never leave me alone, you come to me from all sides, you come to me in all forms, you come to me in the day and in the night, you come to me as reverses and also as joy, to teach me and to guide me, to show me and to lift me, to push me and to inspire me. You beckon me gently and cry out to me saying, "come my darling come, get out of this mire of illusion when you can, take my hand and rest in my lap, if you may, but do not stop, do not look back, though falter you may, stand up again with renewed enthusiasm, cause I am always there by your side, serving you from the fountain of love, which is none other than Gaura."

O Gurudeva, O servant of Gaura, when will that day be mine, oh yes, when will I bathe your lotus feet with the tears of my love, overflowing from the wells of my eyes, emerging from the bottoms of my heart? When will I be free of the fetters of lust, and run amok, shouting Gaura! Gaura! Gaura! thinking everywhere is Vrindavan? When will that sound vibration emanate from every pore in my body, and when I rip my chest apart, I find that even my heart is beating Gaura! Gaura! Gaura!?

O Gurudeva, O servant of Gaura, for you give me value and you give me fearlessness, I proudly offer you my deepest feelings of love and gratitude:

त्वमेव माता च पिता त्वमेव । त्वमेव बन्धुश्च सखा त्वमेव । त्वमेव विद्या द्रविणम् त्वमेव । त्वमेव सर्वम् मम देव देव ॥

You are my mother and my father, You are my friend and my well-wisher, You are my knowledge and all my wealth, Indeed, you are my everything, my God of gods.

O Gurudeva, O servant of Gaura, on this most auspicious occasion of Sri Vyasa Puja 2019, I offer you my humble obeisances from the bottom of my heart. Kindly accept me with all my faults.

Begging for the dust of your lotus feet, your very own fool and rascal,

Sevananda Das - Kathmandu, Nepal



# Tulika Mishra - I got this ultimate self-realization through you

Hare Krishna,

All glories to Srila Gurudeva!

Please accept my humble obeisances.

I am so thankful to you I got this ultimate self-realization through you. I am still aspiring to become a devotee. But your words of wisdom always motivate me to stick to Krishna Consciousness Movement.

your servant,

Bhaktin Tulika Mishra - Pune, India



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# Vishnurata Das - Fortunate are those who come in your Divine contact

#### Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please Accept My Humble Obeisances.

All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada

All Glories to Your Divine Grace

On this most auspicious day of Your Vyas Puja, I could remember past decade how your grace love Krishna and other living entities at the same time. Your Divine grace glow from your own spiritual effulgence and not due to some ornaments or any other cause. I made a research on this and found Only two causes behind this in scripture first is Your Divine grace always carrying Krishna in your heart, who is the source of all effulgence and second is This glow is due to working tirelessly to spread Krishna consciousness. Therefore, you look very young. It is the opinion of many. Fortunate are those who come in your Divine contact.

Thank you for teaching me how to earn "another day, another dollar" in Krishna consciousness. I am very peaceful by being in your shelter for so many years. Supreme peace in midst of anxieties. Offering obeisances to you. Hearing your classes regularly. Offering Arti. Following your instruction. Getting correction. I am very grateful for the Gurumataji's instructions. All my god sibling's association. The gift of holy name. Everything is so thrilling. May Krishna bestow upon everyone the kind of Fortune which I received from your Divine grace.

I look forward to serve humbly.

your Servant,

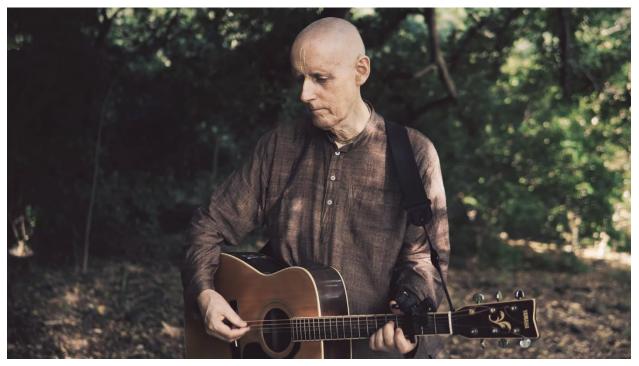
Vishnurata Das - Sonpeth India







# Eastern and Southern India + Sri Lanka



# Playing "The Peace Formula" - Mauritius

# Anuradha Devi Dasi - I want to be your worthwhile disciple...

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

For my purification, offering this glorification at your lotus feet, Dear Gurudeva,

As I connect with your "Thought for the day", there are many points I learn like

how to be tolerant, to be compassionate, not to be lazy, to see situations as the mercy of Krishna, at all times, places and circumstances how our thoughts, words and deeds should be for Krishna, to come out of illusion to be anxiety free





how not to remain a fool, and the list goes endless.....

When trying to practise, many many times I fail and feel disappointed. Will I ever succeed to please you at all?

Then, just as a powerful sunshine destroys all filth, there are your ever-encouraging words for me, "Inch by Inch gradually" you will be there.

Pure devotional service is very rare to achieve, though your kind words always give hope...

In your thought for the day dated Oct 6th,

"Now on the order of our spiritual master, ISKCON Founder-Acharya His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, I and his other followers are trying to deliver the world from all ignorance and suffering. In this regard I have been trying and failing for 49 years. But instead of being discouraged and defeated by my millions of failures I am accepting each failure as another step that is bringing our Hare Krishna movement closer and closer to its ultimate goal of making the entire world Krishna conscious."

Now on your order I want to adopt the same mood of following all your instructions to the best of my ability and be your worthwhile disciple. On this day, seeking your blessings

your humble servant

Anuradha Devi Dasi - Chennai, India



Aakash Kumar - Because of You I am connected to the movement

Hare Kṛṣṇa Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada

Today I am able to write an offering to is only due to your causeless mercy. It is only the divine message that you have been imparting that I am still somehow connected to this wonderful movement of Srila Prabhupada.

I still remember that wonderful evening where I got to meet you for the very first time in Youth Programme. A couple of years later when I was really struggling to survive in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness you came to rescue. As soon as I learnt that an E-course is being offered by you I immediately enrolled for it and that turned out to be the best decision I must have taken ever.

Gurudeva your dedication for Srila Prabhupada and your commitment to maintain the purity of this movement gives me the strength to practice and continue enthusiastically.

Please bless me Gurudeva to develop sincerity towards the Spiritual Master and Srila Prabhupada. Kindly empower me contribute to this movement and make my life successful.





#### your servant,

Bhakta Aakash Kumar - Patna, India



# Performing Aartik ceremony

Angalaparameshwari - I want to devote myself completely in Hare Kṛṣṇa movement...

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I'm grateful to you Guru Maharaj. This was the first time I'm offering the gifts through my words unto you on this most auspicious celebration of Vyasa puja.

Please accept my offerings.

Firstly, I got to know you by hearing the Prabhupada's chanting videos, there I found the link of Ultimate self realization. By the grace of Srila Prabhupada I have got my spiritual master His Grace Sriman Sankarshan das Adhikari. Gurudeva, you have been guiding me most lovingly, given me the handbook of how to please Krishna. With a single mail you replied me giving all that guidance. I'm grateful to you.

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Without getting mercy and blessings from spiritual master, no one can elevate themselves in spiritual path.

So much so that I was sleeping for so many years in this life, I'm the greatest foolish in this planet, lower than the animal creature, not knowing the value of having human form. O 'Gurudeva, you have enrichened me. I'm so grateful to you. I'm seeing the urge from you, to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness throughout the world. This has inspired me so much in the mission of Hare Kṛṣṇa movement.

Actually, I have not joined Krishna consciousness movement. I'm aspiring to join; I want to devote myself completely in Hare Kṛṣṇa movement. Please bless me and bestow single drop of mercy up on me. By your blessings I could join and be able to serve sincerely in the mission of Hare Kṛṣṇa movement as a servant of servant of servant of your servant.

Thank you so much.

your aspiring servant,

Angalaparameshwari - Madurai, India



# Balaji S - I am totaling surrendering at your lotus feet

I have been wandering in the continuous cycle of birth and death. Getting into this vicious cycle, Maya has fooled me that ultimate purpose of life is to satisfy the senses. Birth after birth I have been given senses for me to satisfy them and think, that is the prime necessity of life. By sheer luck certain unexplained incidents, in my life made me in contact with you, without even myself knowing that I have been purposely put in contact with you. Not realizing the supreme soul has made me to get in touch with you I started disregarding your teachings although some force in me made to read it continuously. You took utmost patience with this rebelling soul and soon I understood the purpose of life by your grace. I am totaling surrendering at your lotus feet and at present I am doing as much as possible to serve Lord Krishna. A day will soon come when I will completely surrender to Lord Krishna.

Haribol,

Bhakta S. Balaji - Kalpakkam, India



Beena.V. A - Hearing your Lectures, I understand how to lead Grihastha life

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisance on your lotus feet.

Thank you so much Srila Gurudeva for giving shelter on your lotus feet for a most fallen soul like me. After hearing your lectures, I understand as a grihastha how I can lead a Krishna conscious life. Thank you so much for make me understand the principles that is there to apply in our daily life. Now I have a





strong feeling within me that I have got my eternal father and mother. Thank you is not enough to express that how much I am grateful to you for guiding a most fallen soul like me to the real devotion.

your insignificant servant

Bhaktin Beena.V. A - Trivandrum, India



#### Bhargavi, Bangalore, India - Bless me that I live for the sole purpose of serving and pleasing you

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All Glories to Your Grace and Srimati Gurumataji.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Recently, in the process of getting ready for initiation, I, like all the other aspiring servants, had to go through a course to educate one on the necessity of initiation, qualifications of a bona fide Guru and disciple, and so on. In that process was revealed to me some of the unlimited transcendental qualities of Your Grace, which I was blind to before.

You had told me that a bona fide Guru is one who is presenting Srila Prabhupada's teachings without any addition or subtraction. I have realized how Your Grace is doing exactly that - a staunch follower of Srila Prabhupada, with the aim to please His Divine Grace.

You are so merciful wanting to give Krishna consciousness to all suffering souls, preserving the purest science and presenting it as it is. This is evident in Your Grace's upholding the standards of Krishna Consciousness as given by Srila Prabhupada (chanting minimum 16 rounds on japa mala, and strictly avoiding illicit sex, meat eating, intoxication, and gambling.)

Often You state that in pure Krishna conscious one can experience ever-increasing bliss within oneself. You Grace is an embodiment of this quality - ever increasingly blissful.

Disseminating this rare gem of Krishna consciousness to everyone and anyone, far and wide, through Your E-Course, and Your personal divine association, Your Grace is giving us the most valuable and merciful guidance, for which we are eternally indebted.

Thank you, Your Grace and Srimati Gurumataji, for accepting this undeserving soul in Your shelter, and being most tolerant to my mistakes and offences that I constantly commit at Your Lotus feet. Please bless me that I can undeviatingly serve You, and live for the sole purpose of pleasing Your Grace and Srimati Gurumata.

Your eternal servant,

Bhaktin Bhargavi - Bangalore, India



Chenthil - Your mercy alone brought us to the point of aspiring for initiation

Respected Srila Gurudeva, Dandavat Pranam.

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Please accept my humble obeisances unto yours and Gurumataji's lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Gurudeva, by life's experience I've learned that everyone has their own level of capability, and one's execution of their daily chores and their life's achievements is completely dependent on that and one's incompetence can be compensated only by the mercy of another capable person. Srila Gurudeva am not sure if am capable to even talk about my spiritual capacity, but your mercy alone has guide me and my wife to the point of aspiring initiation. You have mercifully agreed to accept us as your initiated disciples as well. We beg at your lotus feet that we always remain under your shelter and never fall down ever again.

I pray to Srila Prabhupada that whatever insignificant part I have to play as your disciple, I should be able execute it to your full satisfaction and in full consciousness that its only because of your mercy.

your aspiring servant,

Bhakta Chenthil - Trivandrum, India



#### Jitu Narayan - I pray Lord Chaitanya that I can join you in your mission

Dear Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisance on your lotus feet from the core of my heart. You have changed my life completely. The power of your words has slaughtered the ignorance which I have carried for millions of births. Dear Gurudeva unto you I surrender my life. Those who continually associate with you by reading your thought of the day and seeing the video of the day, are most fortunate beings in the universe. I love to hear you tell the glories of Lord Sri Krishna from your lotus lips. Through your transcendental vision of the spiritual sky I can get a view and in my imagination like thousands of suns, it is glittering, which is because of the luster of Lord Sri Krishna's hue. I am so unworthy, but I still get your causeless love. And this is what makes you my only true father. Your compassion is like great cloud above that refreshes the dried-out soul roaming hither and thither. Unfathomable is your greatness, only Lord can know you verily. May I be graced to access the significance of your words truly. I pray you that I may devote my life to Lord Sri Krishna, and I pray Lord Chaitanya that I can join you in your mission. I pray that I may remember your instruction at the time of quitting this bag of flesh.

Your most insignificant servant

Bhakta Jitu Narayan - Durgapur, India



#### J.K Sah - Thank you for helping people come closer to Krishna

Thank you for enlightening the entire world about Krishna Consciousness, for all the information about Krishna and helping people come closer to Krishna.

Bhakta J.K Sah

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Ranchi, India



Krishnakumar K Mani - Your words are empowered

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva and Guru Mataji,

Please accept my most humble obeisance at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I am the most fallen who's taking shelter at your lotus feet dear Gurudeva and Guru Mataji, and I have no love for Krishna, still you are accepting and guiding me to Krishna because of your unlimited mercy. I want to serve Srila Prabhupada through you, and also wanted to take part in the world deliverance mission as possible of me. Your words are empowered with the potency of Krishna prema, and will achieve the full perfection whoever is strictly following it. Your songs are eye opener for the mundane people like me, and through those wonderful songs I reached you.

Kindly bless me to be with you eternally and make the whole world Krishna Conscious.

All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Gurumataji.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

your insignificant servant,

Bhakta Krishnakumar K Mani - Trivandrum, Kerala, India



#### Bhaktarupa Das - Just meditating on your desire to serve Srila Prabhupada, is purifying us

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories unto your most merciful lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

Srila Gurudeva,

The relationship you cherish with Srila Prabhupada amazes us and will continue to do so in future too. You have completely surrendered and sold out yourselves at the lotus feet of your most merciful spiritual master, Abhay Caranaravinda Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada. You have assimilated the merciful mood of Srila Prabhupada. Your desire is to assist him in every possible way you can, to fulfill his desire

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of bestowing the most wonderful Krishna Consciousness to the entire human population of this planet earth. Not only to human population, but also to all the living entities in all the planets of this universe and also to all other universes as well. For this mission, have made yourselves ready to accept whatever Srila Prabhupada wants you to do, even if it means to take birth after birth. Your heart melts with joy as soon as you remember or hear or talk about Srila Prabhupada. Such is your deep reverence, dedication, attachment and pure devotion for him. Just to think about this desire of yours itself is totally purifying us. More we meditate on this mood of yours the more it drives away the impurities in our heart - lust, envy, anger, etc.

I humbly beg that I may become eligible to be bestowed with such pure devotion unto you, my spiritual master, even though I am unworthy of such benediction.

I am ever grateful for accepting me as one of your disciples. Though having accumulated tons of impurities in my heart over the millions of births I had in this material world, I must beg everyday sincerely at your lotus feet to clear off these impurities as soon as possible and come to the stage of pure devotional service, which you have repeatedly stressed. I humbly pray at your lotus feet again and again to become a worthy disciple of yours.

Thank you.

Hare Krishna!

your menial servant,

Bhaktarupa Das - Chennai, India



#### Gnanendrachary ks - Feeling blessed associating with Ultimate self-realization course

I'm offering my respectable obeisance unto spiritual master. I'm blessed to associate with ultimate self realization course.

Thank you for this great opportunity to offer my prayers to you

Bhakta Gnanendrachary ks - Bangalore, India



#### Gomathi Sathyanarayanan - Please bless us to serve You and Lord Krishna simultaneously

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Hare Krishna,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!





On your auspicious Vyasa Puja, I would like to relish the nectar of the words of Srila Prabhupada to His disciple.

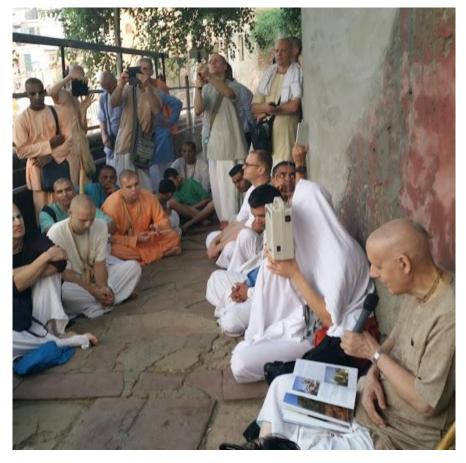
The spiritual master and Krishna are two parallel lines. The train on two tracks moves forward. The spiritual master and Krishna are like these two tracks. They must be served simultaneously. Krishna helps one to find bonafide spiritual master and bonafide spiritual master helps one to understand Krishna. If one does not get bonafide spiritual master, then how he can ever understand Krishna? You cannot serve Krishna without spiritual master or serve spiritual master without serving Krishna. They must be served simultaneously.

On this auspicious day, I humbly request You to bless us to serve You and Lord Krishna simultaneously.

Hare Krishna,

your humble servant,

Bhaktin Gomathi Sathyanarayanan - Chennai, India



Nectar of Krishna Katha in Vrindavan

HarikeerthanDas - Your teachings like boat which will help me cross this material ocean

It is most wonderful opportunity to write about enlightened personality like you. Due to pious activities in my previous births, Kṛṣṇa made this contact with you. I am lonely travelling in darkness, you always stood beside me like a beacon. Your teachings are like boat which will help me cross this material ocean.

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Gurudeva you are an ideal teacher and an ideal preacher. Your lessons are like drops of water from swathi nakshatra, and I consider myself a chakor eagerly waiting for them.

HarikeerthanDas - Bapatla, AP, India



#### Chakilam Pramodh - The only thing I want is to receive your teaching in any way

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

I have been following your course Ultimate Self Realization for 3 years and gradually I am developing to accept humility. This is all because of your teachings and your disciples, well-wisher's causeless mercy upon us.

At first, I have enrolled the course with my nickname and offered Vysya Puja but, recently I have updated my real name. I have decided whatever happens to our relation. The only thing I want is to receive your teaching in any way.

On my part, I am posting your Question and Answer on the Snap chat as much as possible. Thanks to the new content format, it is making easy for me to do it.

Hope you will continue to accept fallen souls and guide us accordingly.

I am initiated into Sri Vaishnavism. Since our family is following Sri Vaishnavism for a long time. But, Srila Prabhupada's books, lectures, and your lectures have helped me to face the situations and stay bold.

Big thanks to the previous and current Acharyas, Grand and Great Grand disciples, Well-wishers, inspiring devotees and to the whole world who helped me, ditched me and making me accept poverty voluntarily.

Jaya Srila Prabhupada, Jaya Srila Gurudeva and Guru Mataji.

Adiyen Ramanuja Dasan,

Pramodh (Disciple of H.G. Jagannatha Acharya (Sri Vaishnava))



Gaura Lila Devi Dasi - Hankering to be Your most trustworthy servant

My Dear Srila Gurudeva

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances

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All Glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

Gurudeva, you travel all over the world to bestow Your causeless mercy to everyone suffering in the quagmire of the material world. Moreover, you skillfully used technology and the internet to connect thousands of souls to Kṛṣṇa Consciousness all over the world. Thus, by the sublime instructions, you engage everything and everyone for the pleasure of Guru and Kṛṣṇa.

By Your Grace's Vani association, Gurudeva and Gurumataji give us ample opportunity for relishing the sublime nectar. Even though I am not utilizing these blessings in full, you are always saving me from the darkness of ignorance. I am very much indebted to You and Gurumataji for your kind mercy upon me. I am always hankering to be Your most trustworthy servant.

On this most auspicious day of Your appearance, I humbly beg and pray at the lotus feet of Krsna and Srimati Radharani for Your good health, so that You may keep on peaching the mission of Srila Prabhupada and Caitanya Mahaprabhu throughout the world successfully.

Always holding Your Lotus feet

yours lovingly,

your eternal servant

Gaura Lila Devi Dasi - Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala



Govardhan Das - Gurudeva I wish to do everything as per your instructions

Hare Krishna Dandavath Pranam my Gurudeva and Gurumataji,

I was in total illusion all my life till I got initiated, everyday I read your mail and freshen up, it makes lot of difference, I have seen number of times that when I have a doubt of something, the answer shall be in the next day mail.

Before initiation I was looking for Guru for many years, but it was all Krishna plan to gift me a such a merciful Guru and Gurumata.

Gurudeva I wish to do as per your instructions, I am trying but in vain, lot of hurdles, but a lecture of yourself inspires and bring me on track. I find myself very lucky to be your disciple, please save me from falling down, you are the only hope.

your servant of the servant of the servant

Govardhan Das - Bangalore, India



Hare Krishna Das - I found out Your Grace is that person, I am praying for

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

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I offer my humble obeisance's 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 prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

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.

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my most humble and respectable obeisances!

All Glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji!

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Going back to 2006, May, that fateful month, after reading Bhagavad Gita As It Is, many times, having no contact with the ISKCON mission; I became convinced, I couldn't advance further; without a spiritual master. That month, I prayed sincerely to Krishna. My prayer was, "Krishna, please show me a person who loves You, exactly like Srila Prabhupada loves You."On 15th May 2006, I browsed internet, in a public cafe, looking for images of Krishna; I came across ultimate self-realization course. That time; I didn't understand; it was Srila Prabhupada's and Krishna's combined mercy upon me. It took one year for me to realize, I found out Your Grace is that person, I am praying for. I downloaded one of Your Grace's lecture, when I heard that first lecture, I feel some emotions, and I am convinced, you are my eternal spiritual master. Then, by Your guidance, I found out ISKCON and got connected with devotees. This is how I came to ISKCON.

So, if someone asked me, Why I have faith in Krishna? I would proudly say, "Your Grace coming to my life, is the solid proof that; Krishna exists." Krishna answered my prayer. Each time I heard Your Grace's Vani, Vapu, writings, songs, Your Grace's disciples, Your Grace's dedication to Srila Prabhupada, my faith in Krishna becoming much stronger and stronger. Kindly bless me Srila Gurudeva, may I have sufficient strength to follow Your instructions, eternally.

May Krishna bless Srila Gurudeva and Srila Gurumataji with all good health and long life. May Krishna bless me to tightly hold Your Lotus Feet. May my commitment to follow Your Grace instructions be eternally increased.

Your eternal servant,

Yours Lovingly,

Hare Krishna Das - Thiruvananthapuram, India









Boat Kirtan on Yamuna river, Sri Vrindavan Dham

## Hari Priya Devi Dasi - We see Your love in all those troublesome travels

My Dear Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances at Your Lotus Feet

All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

### Dear Gurudeva

I am so unqualified even to glorify You, but as it is a blessing for a disciple to glorify her Spiritual master, with Your mercy I am writing here my realization about Your mercy on the occasion of Your Vyas puja.

It is said in Srimad Bhagavatam Where Lord says to Udhava that Acarya is Myself and considering him to be human nobody should deride him. Also, He says Sarvadevamayo Guru, the spiritual master is the sum total of all demigods. For Us you are the epitome of Mercy. we see from your recent letters and lectures, that how much are You taking pain to travel always and being away from Texas, only because You want to give guidance to us, your children, so that they don't fall down. It's your fatherly affection towards us that we are still clinging on to this path of devotion. Because we see Your love in all those troublesome travels, those inexhaustible emails, thought for the days, videos and everything You do to keep us enthusiastic. In return You only want us, your children to be pure devotees. No mundane love can be compared to this sacrifice in anyway. But as we are frequently receiving Your mercy sometimes, I feel that I am not properly realising the importance or value of This mercy.

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My Dear Gurudeva, I am sincerely opening my heart that I don't have even a small amount of affection or gratitude compared to that Mercy that You are bestowing on me, otherwise I could have chanted more sincerely, done volumes of services or tried to remember always about your instruction to preach, to make the whole world Krishna conscious.

Srila Gurudeva, please hold me onto Your Lotus Feet, and please be merciful to me, to always meditate on Your instructions. You are the only shelter, you are the Asraya Vigraha. And please bless me to be inspiring to everyone, as You are.

Always holding unto Your Lotus Feet

Your eternal daughter and servant

Haripriya Devi Dasi - Kerala, India



Murali Manohar Das - Your association brought a lot of positive changes

Hare Krishna

All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Gurumata

All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga

I think, I am a lucky person because of getting association with my Gurudeva and Gurumata. Lot of changes occurred in my life in a positive way, I feel better and enjoying a peaceful life, without much anxiety. Kindly accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet. Hare Krishna

your servant

Murali Manohar Das - Thiruvananthapuram, India



## N.Nagraj - For last ten years I have read Your thought for the day

I always begin my day by reading thought of day for last ten years and continue to do so for years to come. I am deeply devoted to You.

Bhakta N. Nagraj - Bangalore, India



Narada Muni Das and Naradi Devi Dasi - Your mercy is infinite

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept our most humble obeisances into your lotus feet!

All Glories to His Divine Grace Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada!

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Dear Gurudeva, on this most auspicious day we, your servants, address you with the most wonderful verses in a Bhaktivinoda Thakura song:

"Gurudeva, O spiritual master! Give to this servant just one drop of mercy. I am lower than a blade of grass. Give me all help. Give me strength. Let me be as you are, without desires or aspirations.

I offer you all respects, for thus I may have the energy to know you correctly. Then, by chanting the holy name in great ecstasy, all my offenses will cease.

When will such mercy fall to this one who is weak and devoid of intelligence? Allow me to be with you.

If you examine me, you will find no qualities. Your mercy is all that I am made of. If you are not merciful unto me, I can only weep, and I will not be able to maintain my life."

Srila Gurudeva, your help is not to remove the obstacles in our spiritual path, but to give us the intelligence necessary to overcome them.

Thank you for the opportunity you give us by engaging us in serving you to serve Srila Prabhupada and the Sankirtana movement. We, Narada Muni das and Nadadi dd, are on your way, saturated with your love, following your footsteps.

Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumata, your mercy is infinite. We fall into your lotus feet, and our hearts yearn for it again and again. Our hope is to taste this wonderful rasa - love for Krishna and return back to home, back to Godhead.

your servants,

Narada Muni das, Naradi Devi Dasi - Sri Mayapur Dham, India



Morning Bhagvatam Class to Russian Devotees in Sri Mayapur Dham

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# Ojus - I wish to be initiated by you, Srila Gurudeva

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to Srila Gurudeva

All glories to Vaishnavas

Hare Krishna... I had heard about Gurudeva from my eternal brother Hare Krishna Prabhu and since then joined online course of self-realization by Gurudeva. The daily thoughts and messages Gurudeva sends are enlightening and many a time removed misery from my life relating to my material desires. His words are very consoling and eye opening for me. I wish that I may at least in my lifetime be given the permission to get initiated by Gurudeva. I realize there is a long way to go from today before I am qualified to become a disciple, but I will keep practising devotional service until I am pure enough to be considered. In his Vyasa Puja I pray that Krishna bestows a possible good health to Gurudeva for his preaching endeavour to continue globally.

Hare Krishna

your servant

Bhakta Ojus - Thiruvananthapuram, India



## Pratheeba T R - We must have done something really good

Respected Srila Gurudeva. Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

All glories to you and Srimati Gurumataji

Srila Gurudeva, thank you so much for showering causeless mercy upon us, the fallen souls. Without which I do not see any change that I would have come to the stage of aspiring initiation.

You and Srimati Gurumataji are great inspiration for us grihastha's, you are by your personal example showing us that one can aspire pure devotion irrespective of which ashram one is in. Thank you very much for being our source of inspiration.

We must have done something really really good in our previous lifetimes to come across you and Srimati Gurumataji, I seek eternal shelter and pure devotion at your lotus feet. Hare Krishna

Bhaktin Pratheeba T R - Trivandrum, India



## Prema Sarovar Devi Dasi - You made my future bright

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane

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### gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

My humble offering as a poem:

O my dear Srila Gurudeva!!!... by your ocean of mercy... Trying to do Bhakti... Which gives me a lot of Shakti...

Every step of my life... Your blessing gives me a light... Gurudeva, you are my inspiration. Your words make me potent to follow your instructions...

> Your presence in my life... Made my future shine and so bright.

O Dear Srila Gurudeva!!! You are great, your merciful hands are always on my head... Which makes me move towards a great journey ahead....

With Regards...

Your disciple cum insignificant servant

Prema Sarovar Devi Dasi - Howrah, India



Radhakanth Das and Divyasakti Devi Dasi - Your mercy

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumata

nama om visnu-padaya Krishna-presthaya bhu-tale srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

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### Dear Guru deva

Please accept our humble obeisances at Your Lotus feet

It is Your mercy that always protecting us from material sufferings and harms. Your mercy and blessings are that shield which protect us from falling down into deep depth of ignorance. Your mercy's Vani gives us new energy everyday. Thank You for your mercy's kindness to accept the most fallen souls like us. Your mercy's advice helps us to overcome the difficult situations. On this auspicious occasion we pray to Lord Krishna that Your mercy and Gurumata maybe in good health and continue the preaching service to Lord.

Bowing down at your lotus feet,

Eternally your servants

Radhakanth Das and Divyasakti Devi Dasi - Trivandrum, Kerala, India



Ravi Kolluru - I humbly beg you to please engage me in your service always...

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā caksur unmīlitam 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.

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Hare Krishna

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

On this Vyasa Puja 2019, I pray to Lord Sri Krishna that He may always protect you and Srimati Guru Mataji so that you can spread His glories more and more to the entire world. He may also fulfill your desire of making the whole world Krishna Consciousness in this very lifetime!

Srila Gurudeva, you are an ocean of compassion for the suffering people of the world. Otherwise why would you dedicate last fifty years of your life to spread the message of Lord Chaitanya to every town and village of the world? You innovatively use modern technologies like social media, online meetings, music etc., to personally connect with all students and disciples taking out the barriers of time and place. This is really inspiring and wonderful! You are a true follower of Srila Prabhupada.

Even though I am totally unqualified and unable to serve you personally, but thanks to Ambala Purana Prabhu for giving me an opportunity to render some insignificant service of migrating your blogs of year 2015 from www.daily-thought.com to www.Blogger.com. This experience of few months has practically taught me how to not waste my free time on weekends. And no matter where I am and what I am doing, I can always render some practical service to Srila Gurudeva and join online meetings and get transcendental association. The only thing is I must sincerely desire and serve.





Srila Gurudeva, I humbly beg you to please engage me in your service always even though I am unqualified and have so many defects.

your most insignificant student and aspiring disciple,

Bhakta Ravi Kolluru - Bangkok, Thailand & Hyderabad, India



Prasadam and book distribution to people from Thailand as per Gurudeva's instruction

Rupa Manjari Devi Dasi – I want to be an useful instrument to assist you in your mission

Dearest Srila Gurudeva,

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-salākayā caksur unmīlitam yena tasmai srī-gurave namah

"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."

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!





I have been reflecting on this very important prayer above, which we pray every day in acknowledgement of the causeless mercy of the spiritual master.

Certainly without a doubt, as with everyone else situated in this unfortunate material world, I have been born into ignorance birth after birth trying to be the centre and trying to enjoy my senses in this world. I have had all my material desires both fulfilled and frustrated but the result of both cases was simply dissatisfaction. There is a saying ignorance is bliss, but this is not true. According to the knowledge you have passed on down the disciplic succession from Krishna Ignorance is simply foolishness. Because we are not these bodies, but instead eternal blissful servants of Krishna, our enjoyment lies not in serving some foreign senses, but instead in serving Krishna's senses. We will not every be satisfied even if we gain the moon. I have realized this by personally by your grace.

Yet even with knowledge and realisation, I am still sometimes attracted to the impermanent, this fleeting useless material existence. Though I know it can never satisfy me, and though I know both in theory and experience, serving Krishna senses is the only true pleasure and satisfaction, the disease of envy still burns in my heart, as I sometimes desire Krishna's position again, though I know I can never have it, nor will I ever be satisfied in useless imitation.

Please dear Srila Gurudeva, the well-wisher of all living entities within this material world. You have so much love for all unfortunate souls that you desire everyone to be reinstated in their original Krishna consciousness. You desire their true happiness even though they may not even desire it, and so you preach and reach out to everyone you can 24 hours a day. You have dedicated your life in the footsteps of your Spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada to make the whole world Krishna conscious in your lifetime. So I am begging you please remove this remaining Ignorance from heart. Please reveal to me the mistakes I am making and give me the intelligence and determination to follow your instructions in perfection. Please fill up this envious cold heart up with unalloyed devotional love for your dear most Lord Krishna, and His dear most devotees.

Please inject me with pure Krishna consciousness so I can be an useful instrument to assist you in your mission to deliver the whole world.

Your foolish eternal servant

Rupa Manjari devi dasi



## Sadbhuja Das – I pray to get necessary Spiritual Strength to follow all your instructions strictly

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances,

All glories to Your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumataji,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

First of all, I wish you a very happy Krishna conscious birthday. On Vyasa puja day it is customary for the disciple to glorify his spiritual master as a reciprocation of love for the transcendental vision, transcendental knowledge he has received from his guru. But I must admit that a fallen soul like me does not have the ability to glorify your unlimited Vaishnava qualities.





A spiritual master's business is to bring his disciple's consciousness close to the level of his consciousness. A spiritual master's consciousness is very high known as Krishna consciousness and it is in this consciousness, he is 24 hours a day absorbed in the thought of Krishna and how to give Krishna to everybody. I am unlimitedly fortunate to have one such spiritual master like you who have dedicated his life entirely to make the whole world Krishna conscious by preaching and by traveling the globe twice a year even at this advanced age. I get immense inspiration by hearing your lectures, by reading your daily messages, which gives me the feeling that yes, I must qualify myself to see Krishna face to face one day.

Anyway, I am very sorry to admit that I can't follow all your instructions due to different external situations. I pray at the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha Damodara May Their Lordships give me necessary spiritual strength to follow all your instructions strictly. Please bless me so that I can come close to your level of consciousness as soon as possible.

your servant

Sadbhuja Das - Kharagpur, West Bengal, India



## Sivakumar Anbazhagan - I would just look at thought for the day and I am back to life!!

Hare Krishna!

This is my offering to Sri Guru Sriman Sankarshan das Adhikari

I have been following his course for a long time and I must say during every sad and depressing times I would just look at thought for the day and I am back to life with extra motivation both spiritually and materially. My heartfelt wishes to Guru for long life in carrying out Srila Prabhupada mission to a successful Hare Krishna movement.

Thanks,

Bhakta Sivakumar Anbazhagan



Smita Krishna Das - Complete care and protection by your Grace

Dear Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisance

All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumata

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane

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### gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

I wish your grace 72 Vyasa Puja celebration.

I am very fortunate to be blessed by your grace, your grace mercifully appeared on earth planet to save the fallen souls from the clutches of Maya by giving us Krishna Bhakti. Your grace flying from one country to another tirelessly with full of enthusiasm to save the fallen souls by giving your grace valuable association.

Once I heard Srimad Bhagavatam lecture, speaker was explaining how spiritual master will take care of his disciples,

Example. A hunter Mrigari on the order of Srila Narada muni left sinful activities started practicing Krishna consciousness.

The conclusion was Srila Narada muni completely took care of mrigari.

Similarly, I could realize that complete care and protection by your grace in the form of surrounded by wonderful devotees giving their valuable association regularly, service opportunity at my local temple and a job (Homeopathic practice) working 5 to 6 hrs a day favourable for practicing Krishna consciousness.

This is all what I realize your grace causeless mercy upon this fallen soul.

Your grace has given me enough time to answer all my questions and guided me how to come out from anarthas by following Sri Guru's instructions seriously.

Thanking your grace

your unworthy servant

Smita Krishna Das - Dharwad, India









Flooding the world with Hare Krishna, Melbourne Airport

# Sripati Acyuta Das - A poem for this wonderful occasion

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Guru and Gauranga.

It is my greatest fortune to write a Vyasa puja homage in this auspicious occasion. I am really inspired by your online e-course which guides millions of souls like me in their spiritual life and acts as a real source of inspiration and online preaching platform.

I wish to dedicate at Your lotus feet the following poem composed for this wonderful occasion

All glories to His Divine Grace Who set it up, the army base Of noble souls like Thee who fight To save the world with all your might

Having obtained the safest place Shelter of His Divine Grace Thy took up this glorious way To rectify the erroneous day





Deep in pursuing material gains Greedy as the sense entertains Not worth for any sane man Who want to be a gentle-man

Thought and Video for the day To remember Krishna everyday Thanks a lot for saving neat From forgetting His Lotus Feet

Always your servant Sripati Acyuta Das - Chennai, India



## Srivatsa Das - You are the pure follower of Srila Prabhupada

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

My Dear Srila Gurudeva, you are the pure follower of Srila Prabhupada. You are the personification of prema - you travel all around the world twice a year to save us, the fallen souls, from this material world and you are filled with so much of love that you don't want to see us suffering in this prison cell just like slaves without any independence. Due to our uncontrolled desire for sense gratification, when we constantly deviate from the path of bhakti, you continuously shower mercy upon us to lead us back to the path of bhakti. In order to alleviate the sufferings of the world, you are constantly trying out innumerable ways to attract the fallen souls to the teachings of Lord Caitanya. "The function of the ācārya, however, is to change the activities of both the first-class and third-class prisoners for their real benefit. This endeavor makes him a very dear devotee of the Lord, who says clearly in the Bhagavad-gītā that no one in human society is dearer to Him than a devotee who constantly engages in His service by finding ways to preach the message of Godhead for the real benefit of the world". - Srila Prabhupada, CC Adi - 3.98 You are the dear most devotee of the Lord, since you are constantly engaged in His service by finding many different ways to preach the message of Godhead. "Krsna wants everyone always to think of Him. Everyone should always offer obeisances to Krsna. This is the will of the Supreme Lord, and devotees should try to fulfill His desire. Since the Lord is unlimited, His desire is also unlimited. There is no stoppage, and therefore the service of the devotee is also unlimited. In the transcendental world there is unlimited competition between the Lord and the servitor. The Lord wants to fulfill His desires unlimitedly, and the devotee also serves Him to fulfill His unlimited desires. There is an unlimited oneness of interest between the Lord and His devotee." - SB 3.21.32 Being a pure devotee of the Lord Krishna at transcendental

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platform, you are in an endless competition with Him. "If you want to search out Krishna by studying the Vedic literature, then you will be baffled. It may be possible, but it is very difficult. But you can very easily learn about Him from His devotee. His devotee can deliver Him to you: "Here He is, take Him." That is the potency of Krishna's devotees". - Srila Prabhupada, Isopanishad "Only by the grace of the divine personalities, the pure devotees of the Lord, can one achieve pure devotion, which is the highest perfection of human life. Only a pure devotee of the Lord can show one the right way of progressive life. Otherwise both the materialistic way of life, without any information of God or the demigods, and the life engaged in the worship of demigods, in pursuit of temporary material enjoyments, are different phases of phantasmagoria. They are nicely explained in the Bhagavad-gītā also, but the Bhagavad-gītā can be understood in the association of pure devotees only, and not by the interpretations of politicians or dry philosophical speculators". - Srila Prabhupada, SB 2.3.11 "The Lord is so merciful upon His pure devotee that He presents His beloved devotee as more powerful than Himself. The Lord expressed Himself to be unable to save Durvāsā Muni, although the Muni was so powerful that he could reach the Lord directly under material conditions. But Durvāsā Muni was saved by Mahārāja Ambarīşa, a devotee of the Lord. Therefore, not only is a devotee of the Lord more powerful than the Lord, but also worship of the devotee is considered more effective than direct worship of the Lord (mad-bhakta-pūjābhyadhikā). The conclusion is, therefore, that a serious devotee must first approach a spiritual master who not only is well versed in the Vedic literatures but is also a great devotee with factual realization of the Lord and His different energies. Without the help of such a devotee spiritual master, one cannot make progress in the transcendental science of the Lord." - Srila Prabhupada, SB 2.4.10 Above guoted verses indicate that by simply serving you with love and devotion, we can attain the transcendental platform of pure Love of God. Our endeavor is to please you Srila Gurudeva, whatever may be the success rate, we will continue to strive for your satisfaction. Kindly accept this humble and sincere Vyasa Puja offering at your lotus feet.

Your servant,

Srivatsa Das - Bangalore, India



## Sundar Gopal Das - Completely depending on you to start a local preaching program

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisance.

All glories to you and Gurumataji.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

On the auspicious occasion of your Vaysa Puja celebration, I would like to humbly put forward my heartfelt offering at your lotus feet for your pleasure and for my purification.

Pure Devotional service: My blessing is only for pure devotional services





Though, I was hearing about these pure devotional services many a times from the lotus mouth of Your Divine Grace, though I have been reading about this in the pages of transcendental books of Srila Prabhupada, I could not understand until a significant interaction that I had with Your Divine Grace. Let me describe that in brief as follows: Early this year, being disturbed by various way in materialistic way of city life, I along with my family was seriously considering settling down in the world's spiritual capital i.e. at the Sri Dham Mayapur. By the arrangements of providence, we came to know that there is a vacancy for a Bengali teacher in the Mayapur International School. My wife Prema Saravor got very interested in trying it out. Eventually, we got a call from the Principal of Mayapur International School for an informal meeting scheduled on 7 March 2019 at 10 am. It was the departure day of Your Divine Grace from Mayapur after attending the ILS. So, I have gone to your ashram at Sakhi Nibas apartment to offer my humble obeisance and to receive some final instructions regarding my maintenance services of the apartment. After doing everything, just before leaving I thought to receive your blessings for Prema Sarovar's likely recruitment in Mayapur International School. So, I again, came before you and seek your blessings. You sternly looked at me and said profoundly "I can give blessing only for pure devotional services, rest depends upon Krishna". I silently accepted your instruction. On that very moment, I understood that after spending more than 10 years in ISKCON, I did not know what pure devotional service was and what was the real import of seeking the blessing of Spiritual Master. I felt ashamed of my disposition and started deeply contemplating over it. Though technically or scripturally I knew it, even I have by hearted that Srimad Bhagavatam verse (SB-1.2.6)

> sa vai puṁsāṁ paro dharmo yato bhaktir adhokṣaje ahaituky apratihatā yayātmā suprasīdati

The supreme occupation [dharma] for all humanity is that by which men can attain to loving devotional service unto the transcendent Lord. Such devotional service must be unmotivated and uninterrupted to completely satisfy the self.

-- I have not factually realized what was the real meaning of unmotivated and uninterrupted way of rendering devotional services. I did not realize the Absolute Platform of pure devotional service which can be performed unconditionally. I was thinking pure devotional service was available only within the boundary of Sridham Mayapur. I did not understand that it was my sheer ignorance to limit the sublime glory of devotional service within some geographical territory. Due to my conditioned state of mind, I was thinking only by staying in Mayapur I can render pure devotional services. Even while seeking for blessing from Your Divine Grace in this regard, I was thinking it was part of pure devotional service. Only when Your Divine Grace has refused to give blessings for that, I realized my neophyte mentality. Actually, without accepting and spiritually associating with Spiritual master one can never progresses from neophyte stage to advanced stage. Because, at neophyte level the science of Bhakti appears to be very simple and it may seem that why Srila Prabhupada and his perfect followers like Your Divine Grace are always repeating the same Bhakti philosophy again and again in different way. At least, to me it was like that only. Before my initiation, I was thinking I know everything about Krishna consciousness. But after getting very close association of Your Divine Grace, an ever new, ever fresh, ever blossoming dimension of Krishna consciousness has unfolded before me.

This is the importance of Vapu association of Spiritual Master. I got the instruction for correction. Now very slowly by following your divine instructions, I am getting some glimpses of the unfathomable profundity of the pure devotional services. Presently, I have kept aside the idea of settling down in Mayapur and planning to extend the glory of Mayapur in my locality Howrah by embracing the preaching mission that Your Divine Grace always emphasizes. Recently, the Kolkata ISKCON Temple management has mercifully given the permission for arranging a preaching program at Belur, Howrah and I have been

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given the responsibility to develop this Belur Bhakti Vriksha. I am feeling very nervous as I am not yet very disciplined in my own Krishna consciousness. I do not understand how to attract the local people as due to the proximity of Head-quarter of Ramkrishna Mission Belur Math, almost everyone here accepts Ramkrishna as God. Fortunately, I am getting very generous support of a very wonderful devotee named Indrajit Bose. He has facilitated his spacious office place for starting the preaching program. Also, I have one very enthusiastic devotee named Sandip Prabhuji. Together we are trying to start the local preaching program. Truly speaking, presently I have neither financial strength nor spiritual strength. Completely depending on Your Divine Grace, I desire to start this preaching program. On this auspicious occasion of Vyasa Puja of Your Divine Grace I am crying and begging falling at Your lotus feet that kindly bestow your inconceivable mercy upon all of us so that we can successfully start this preaching program as early as possible.

Thus, looking forward to serving the mission of Srila Prabhupada by serving you under your guidance and instruction at the last breath of my life.

Thanking you,

with dandavat pranam, in your humble service,

Your eternal servant and disciple,

Sundar Gopal Das - Howrah, India



Shyamapriya Devi Dasi - Oh! He is a very strict guru...

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā cakşur unmīlitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaņ

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 visnu-padaya Krishna-presthaya bhu-tale srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine

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 prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha 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.

My Dearmost Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of Your Divine Grace's lotus feet.

All glories unto Your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumata.

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All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

All glories, all glories to Your Divine Grace's Sri Vyasa puja!

I humbly fall at the lotus feet of Your Divine Grace and beg to kindly accept this insignificant offering on the most auspicious occasion of Your Divine Grace's appearance day.

A 'strict' guru

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Quite often when I mention Your Divine Grace's name as my spiritual master's, the first thing one would say is, "Oh! He is a very strict guru".

If being 'strict' means making sure the disciples carefully follow the teachings of our acaryas, so that we could, for once and for all get liberated from this miserable cycle of repeated birth and death and go back home, back to Sri Krishna, then I am so thankful to Sri Krishna for being the most fortunate soul in all universes for being blessed of the shelter of such a spiritual master who will take me back home.

"You are very lucky!" said His Holiness Kavicandra maharaj

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Last year (2018), in Sridham Mayapur, on the day of Your Divine Grace's Sri Vyasapuja, when I approached and introduced myself as your disciple to HH Kavicandra maharaja, he said, Your Divine Grace is an 'old buddy' of his from 1971 and said he knows Your Divine Grace as a singer, song-writer who was sincerely trying to spread Krishna consciousness through singing. And again, before leaving the temple premises, with a beaming smile on his face, HH Kavicandra Maharaj looked at me and said, "You are very lucky!" This wonderful moment will remain etched in my heart forever to cherish.

From jeans to saree- praises by HH Kavicandra Swami Maharaja

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Again, one time in Sri Vrindavan Dham, three of my god-sisters including myself were paying obeisances to HH Kavicandra Swami Maharaja. Maharaja stopped for a moment and commented, "How wonderful it is to see all of you mothers wearing sarees. It has become so rare these days." I was standing dumb struck and words weren't coming out of my mouth, though in my head I was giving all the credit to Srimati Gurumataji. Today, I would like to take this opportunity to glorify our dearmost Srimati Gurumataji, who trained and helped me transform my 'jeans' consciousness to wearing clothes that is most conducive to practice of Krishna consciousness. Thank you! Gurumataji for transforming me to a cultured person.

Also, if I am able to serve my deities, make garlands or cook bhoga it is only and only because of Your Grace's causeless mercy. Srimati Gurumataji, your grace taught us by example not just how to serve the deities but also how to serve with utmost care and love.

Travelling for our welfare

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Both Your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumataji have been constantly travelling around the globe, more than 6 months of a year, in your 72-year-old bodies only for our welfare. You are so compassionate that just to see how we (your disciples) are doing in our spiritual lives, both of you are taking so much pain and going through so many tribulations.





Also, how can I ever measure my good fortune that is extending in all directions throughout this endless creation? We are constantly being showered with the divine nectar of Srimad Bhagavatam classes and Srimad Bhagavad Gita both by Your Graces. Every SB class brightens up my evenings (Indian time) and when there is no class on Start Meeting it seems dull and dry. Nothing can be more auspicious than to be able to hear the nectar of Srimad Bhagavatam from the realized souls, who have dedicated every single breath of their lives to assist in the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Just to be able to see Your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumataji, even for a moment my good fortune arises, and my existence is purified. I beg Lord Sri Krishna that may I always keep this treasure of your darshan in my heart for eternity.

With all humility, I therefore beg Your Divine Grace to kindly let me always remain a speck of dust at Your lotus feet and be able to serve you for eternity in some or other way. Kindly allow me to remain under the care and protection of the cooling shade of Your Divine Grace's lotus feet and by your causeless mercy may I always remain Krishna conscious in all times, places and circumstances.

Begging and praying at the lotus feet of Their Lordships-Sri Sri Radha Madhava, Ashta-sakhis, Sri Pancatattva and Sri Prahlad Nrsimhadeva that may the best of health and facilities be bestowed upon our most dear and respectful Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji, so that wandering souls like me can take shelter and get full benefit of Your divine association and go back home, back to Sri Krishna in this very lifetime.

All glories, all glories to Srila Gurudeva's Sri Vyasa Puja.

your insignificant eternal servant,

Shyamapriya Devi Dasi - Sridham Mayapur, India



# Tulasi Krishna Das - Your love for Prabhupada is deep

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

My Dear Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet

All glories to you & Srimati Guru Mata ji

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

My spiritual birth happened by the mercy of your grace on 4th March 2019. This is going to be my first presence in the celebrations of Vyas puja ceremony going to be held in Vrindavan on Oct 23rd 2019. I can't wait anymore to witness such an auspicious day.





I have no qualifications to speak about the glories of Your Grace and it only by Your mercy I was given an opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude through this Vyasa Puja offering.

Taking the shelter of Your lotus feet is the most glorious thing that I have ever done in my life. Although I am blessed with so many intimate past times with Your Grace, I would like to share recent past time I witnessed in Mayapur Dham.

It was happened when Your Grace performing the Guru puja at the panchatattva wherein they arranged a temporary alter for Srila Prabhupada due to presence of large number of devotees. Amongst the huge crowd I was one of them relishing the Guru puja ceremony being led by your grace. It was so soothing to my eyes to see your grace so much absorbed in the service to Srila Prabhupada. After the Puja the temple devotees are taking the Srila Prabhupada from the alter and all of a sudden, your grace started crying deep from your heart. I was speechless and I felt numb seeing Your Grace. I immediately wanted to rush and touch Your lotus feet but due with the heavy crowd in front of me I am unable to come even near to you although I am just few meters away. Tears started flowing thinking how deep your love is for your spiritual master. Even after many years, Your Grace still has same service mood to serve your spiritual master.

That moment left me ashamed for my inability to serve my spiritual master. I am always praying to your grace to please bless me such a serving mood so that I can always remember Your lotus feet and serve without any material motives. Without your grace and Srimati Gurumataji mercy I can't even make a grain of spiritual progress and thus I beg at your lotus feet's to please bless me.

Your Insignificant Servant

Tulasi Krishna Das - Bangalore, India



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# Yudishthir Moza - Poem as a tribute

Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you and Guru Mata.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I have been a disciple of yours through the Ultimate Self-Realization course for more than ten years now. During this time, this material world or Maya, has shown me so many ups and downs. Your teaching come as nectar to a parched soul and impart support of true religion. Based on your teachings and my resultant realization, I wrote a poem the conclusion of which has been inspired by these teachings. I offer this poem here as a tribute.

## SERVANT OF KRISHNA

When you emerged from your mother's womb, Everything for the toddler was new. Day & night, light & darkness, hot or cold; You apprised yourself and an understanding grew.

Soon an inquisitive young child emerged,

An enquirer deep down in thought appeared.

Under the influence of energy, the actual answers to questions remained submerged;

Questions about meaning of life that was in mind could not be bared.

A few years past an energetic youth you grew up to. Things were achieved and taken pride in. This world appeared as if to it you belonged to. Satiating your senses, you took pleasure in.

Once a youthful body, it slipped into middle age. Capabilities were still there with a certain discount. Middle age would pass into old age; Some days to a certain death one could count.

Going through this world please give it a thought,





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## Was it really you in different stages of changing body?

Was it a toddler, a child, a youth, a middle-aged person, or an old age person who mature thoughts sought?

Is this the actual realty of anybody?

Wake up to the fact that you are actually a spirit soul; Qualitatively one with the source, God or amazing Krishna. Wake up to seek your ultimate goal;

To be allowed back as a dedicated servant at the feet of Him in Goloka Vrindavana.

Please accept my humble tribute to your lotus feet.

Servant of the pebbles you tread upon,

your disciple,

Bhakta Yudishthir Moza - Bangalore, India.







# Australia, New Zealand and Asia Pacific

## Adipurusha Das- Thank you Srila Gurudeva...

Hare Krṣṇa Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Your Grace and Gurumata.

"Devotional service is dependent on the mercy of Krishna and His Devotees. Unless we surrender to the lotus feet of a pure devotee, it is not possible to come to the platform of pure devotional service. By his own efforts a bee cannot taste the honey within a bottle. The bottle must be opened by a superior. If the bee simply licks the outside of the bottle, thinking 'Now I am tasting honey' then he is in illusion. Similarly, no one can enter into devotional service unless the door is opened by a devotee." (Bhakti: The Art of Eternal love). Thank you Srila Gurudeva for opening the door of devotional service not only for me but for many souls waiting to be awakened to Krṣṇa consciousness.

Thank you Srila Gurudeva for allowing me to serve Your Deities Sri Sri Radha Damodar

Thank you Srila Gurudeva for responding to my monthly emails

Thank you Srila Gurudeva for sending the daily "Thought for the day"

Thank you Srila Gurudeva for inspiring me chant the holy name with intense feeling of love; paraphrasing your words - go deep deep deep into the holy name

Thank you Srila Gurudeva for helping me to get my morning program back on track

Thank you Srila Gurudeva for revealing the glories of Mayapur and Vrindavan Dham and inspiring me to visit and live in the holy Dham

Thank you Srila Gurudeva for giving me an opportunity to stay in Melbourne yatra and take advantage of devotee association

Thank you Srila Gurudeva for giving me such wonderful god family; my god brothers and god sisters are so exalted that I feel protected, nourished, encouraged and inspired by their association

Thank you Srila Gurudeva for inspiring me to read Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagawatam

Thank you Srila Gurudeva for encouraging and guiding me to preach Srila Prabhupada's teachings

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 life time.

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

Adipurusha Das - Melbourne, Australia

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## Ananda Vardhana Das – You are personification of Krishna Bhakti

Hare Krishna Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Kindly please accept my humble obeisances at Your lotus feet,

All glories to Your grace,

All glories to Her 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 life.

Reflecting back, this human form of life, eight years back, I see by Your grace, I have received wonderful blessings in my existence. It was on Your Vyasapuja celebration that I first heard about You and got attracted to associate with and serve You. Thank you Srila Gurudeva for kindly allowing this heartless soul in your association and service. Thank you Srila Gurudeva for giving me the association of Gurumata and your disciples, students, and well-wishers who constantly exemplify your presence in my life.





Srila Gurudeva, the more I read the purports of Srila Prabhupada's books, the more I understand about practising Kṛṣṇa Consciousness in daily life, the more I become aware that my Gurudeva is a personification of Kṛṣṇa Bhakti.

Srila Gurudeva, the more I hear Your Vani lectures, videos, pastimes, the more I become attached to hearing about Krishna and spreading Krishna Consciousness around me. It just becomes spontaneous as if it's flowing from your heart to my heart.

Your last visit, you mercifully gave me some nice instructions, taught me further about Your Krishna. Some of the phrases I remember, and relish are "So you like eating in dark? Well, then Krishna does not like eating in the dark." "What do you think? What would be the best site name to attract all human beings?" "Well, you can offer that sweet, but Barfi is for morning Mangala Aarati offering", "I like doing evening Seva, but that's ok, we can share". Gurumata also personally guided for many services and some of the phrases opened my eyes are "Ananda Vardhana, you do not know how to serve?". "Go out and preach", "You are doing Karma Yoga, be fixed up in the Bhakti Yoga as soon as possible". "Why worry about the maintenance, Krishna will provide you, actually He is already providing you, just realize it". "Be a good devotee". Thank you Srila Gurudeva and Gurumata for training us with such much deep realization, purity, and care. When I grasp such teachings in my consciousness and work towards it, I become Krishna Conscious than before.

Srila Gurudeva, by Your and Gurumata's divine mercy, somehow along with our regular Sadhana, we are engaged in temple services, Harinama, Srila Prabhupada book distribution, and preaching. There are many occasions when senior devotees admire the training, we have received from You and Gurumata. Recently I got a chance to serve His Holiness Subhag Swami here at Melbourne Temple. He appreciated You very much for the enthusiasm and determination with which You are following Srila Prabhupada and preaching Srila Prabhupada's teachings. There are some other examples where Srila Prabhupada's disciples appreciated the quality of service we render to them. It is all Your mercy Srila Gurudeva and Gurumata. You have been training us so nicely in the practice of Krishna Consciousness.

Srila Gurudeva, on this most auspicious day of Your appearance, at the dust of Your lotus feet, I am simply begging and begging to remain your dog with a collar of Your divine shelter in my neck.

your lowly servant,

Ananda Vardhana Das - Melbourne, Australia









Srila Gurudeva increasing devotee's enthusiasm at Harinam in Melbourne, Australia

## Bhaktipriya Devi Dasi - You are a true Prabhupadanuga

### Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to your Devine Grace.

All glories to Gurumata.

As we sing in Sri Gurvastakam, the spiritual master is an ocean of auspicious qualities. Please accept this offering as a drop in that ocean.

The present world situation is going downhill. There is chaos everywhere around in the world but the biggest disturbance is the material consciousness of a person. To help the struggling souls fight this battle of material existence, you have embraced the compassionate mood of Srila Prabhupada completely. You are traveling almost non-stop to reach out and preach this divine message to as many as possible. "Ultimate Self Realization Course" is another powerful weapon of yours. For additional guidance, you help by giving personal attention when needed by emails. Your mercy is truly causeless and you are willing to go extra miles to help us in the advancement of our spiritual life.

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Srila Gurudeva, you are a true Prabhupadanuga. You are completely following Srila Prabhupada. Your every word, thought and action are always aimed at pleasing Srila Prabhupada. There is no doubt that you are a true Bonafide Spiritual master following the footsteps of previous Acharyas. Any by your example, you are teaching us how to be a bonafide disciple.

Looking at my own life, I feel since meeting you, taking shelter at your lotus feet, I have made progress in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I can only express my humble gratitude to you and Gurumata without whose support and guidance I would be lost. I truly feel that I am blessed to have Gurudeva and Gurmata's loving guidance and pray to Sri Sri Radha Damodar that may you both be blessed with a long and healthy life. Please kindly forgive all my offences and requesting you to bless me with the best understanding to be an instrument in your mission.

Aspiring to be a worthy servant,

Bhaktipriya Devi Dasi - Melbourne, Australia



## Dayal nitai Das - Your mercy and association our real treasure

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

All glories to Srila Prabhupada,

All glories to Srila Gurudeva.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

Dear Gurudeva,

Thank you for setting a good example of how to be Krsna conscious. Your mercy and association are our real treasure.

Dear Gurudeva, On this wonderful day of your Vyas puja, I beg to Srila Prabhupada and Sri Kṛṣṇa to give you good health and long life. Because we need your constant association and guidance for our bhakti life.

Dear Gurudeva, Please bless me with understanding and ability to serve and please you unconditionally and carry out your instructions faithfully.

Srila Gurudeva ki.... jai....

your humble servant

Dayal nitai Das - Petaling Jaya, Malaysia







## Hanumān dāśa - Your behaviour reminds me of scriptures

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā caksur unmīlitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

My Dear Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances.

My humble obeisances to Gurumata.

All Glories to His Divine A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.

I beg Gurumata's and your permission to be able to write an offering to you for this glorious day of your appearance.

My Dear Srila Gurudeva, as each year passes by, with every sunrise and sunset, I am realizing how important it is to take your instructions seriously. Every time I see you or your instructions, it reminds me only of one thing, undaunted enthusiasm to Guru and Instructions of Guru in the service of Radha and Krishna.

For me you are always the embodiment of Srila Prabhupada's divine teachings and instructions. O Prabhupadanuga, on this day I too beg you to please bestow me with this potency to be able to take your teachings and instructions to the guiding principle of my life and after life.

When you arrived in Melbourne this July 2019, you said that you had gone through a gruesome episode of unconsciousness and how you felt uncomfortable about it. Srila Gurudeva for the first time, when I heard this, I felt my world revolves around your instructions, my family and myself have completely become dependent on your mercy and instruction.

Each time we notice Gurumata's and Your dealings, there is a lesson for us to imbibe. Your behaviour reminds me of scriptures and its injunctions and how to always be thinking to please Radha, Krishna and their devotees.

Dear Gurudeva, I thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon this worthless soul. I very well realize that I am getting more than what I am worth due to your causeless mercy alone. I also pray that you be successful in your world deliverance mission and also humbly beg to use me in your service if you think I am worthy of.

I also take the opportunity to beg, to help me be completely fixed in this process of Krishna Consciousness eternally and not succumb to maya's tricks.

your servant

Hanumān dāśa

Melbourne, Australia







## New Year Harinam in Melbourne, Australia

Jamadagni Das - His inspiring words really touched my heart

Hare Krsna

All glories to Prabhupada

I learn a lot from Maharaj

With all the questions & answer on bhakti his inspiring words really touched my heart

Guru is very merciful & God's representative

ISKCON maharajs are very honest, humble & Regular in Bhakti

And I really can not get away from Hare Krsna consciousness

May Radharani & Kṛṣṇa give more Bhakti

Me & my wife washed maharajs feet in 2008 or etc. in Fiji Islands

your servant

Jamadagni Das



Kalanidhi Das - You bring the temple to us via emails

Please accept a humble dandwat pranam Gurudeva.

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We take this opportunity to thank you for your thankless service you have provided to us who are tangled in the material world and not able to attend the temples regularly due to work related issues but you through you message of the day bring the temple to us by way of your messages.

Without these messages we would be like pigs in the swamp.

You have shown us how to be loyal to guru and use the modern technology for spiritual advancement.

May Krishna keep you in this world longer so we can continue to be blessed with your daily message.

Guru dev ki jay!

Kalanidhi Das - Nadi, Fiji



Karuna Sindhu Dasa - I can continue to glorify you forever

Dedication to His Grace Sriman Sankarshan das Adhikari

Vyasa Puja Offering 2019

Happy Vyasa Puja Gurudeva!!!

Wishing you and Guru Mataji another fruitful year of adventure in Krishna Consciousness.

Truly, as the Vaishnava Saying goes, Time decreases the lifespan of all save one who engages in Krishna Conscious activities. Accordingly, I see how Gurudeva is Deathless, going on extensive preaching tours, despite health problems and advancing (bodily) age.

Gurudeva, may Lord Krishna Bless you Long Live to continue your phenomenal Devotional Service

-inspiring Devotees at your base in Austin

-travelling to every corner of the Earth

-and above all carrying on your sublime email course and answering every email, from Disciples and sceptics alike

Your Footsteps are impossible for me to emulate, but if by following your, Srila Prabhupada's and the Devotees' instructions I can share the beauty of Krishna Consciousness with even one soul, then I consider the Divine Instructions to have matured in me.

I can continue to glorify you forever but will stop now...

May Lord Krishna Bless you and Guru Mataji Long Lives continuing to be an Instrument Blessing so many Souls.

His Grace Sriman Sankarshan das Adhikari Vyasa Puja Ki Jai!!!

your Servant,

Karuna Sindhu dasa - Dunedin, New Zealand





# Kiran Khanna - You opened up my heart to Krishna

Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Sankarshan Das Adhikari, who is very dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

yasya prasadad bhagavat-prasado yasyaprasadan na gatih kuto pi dhyayan stuvams tasya yasas tri-sandhyam vande guroh sri-caranaravindam

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. At least three times a day I should offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master.

Srila Gurudeva, as I write this Vyasa Puja offering, I am grateful to have your guidance due to which I am more responsible and engaged with Krishna consciousness, and I feel that you have opened up my heart to devote myself to Krishna with vigour.

your Aspiring servant,

Bhakta Kiran Khanna - Melbourne, Australia



Madhumati - I see the most effulgent and radiating smile...

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

I offer my respectful obeisance's unto His Divine Grace Sankarshan das Adhikari, who is very dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

Today is beautiful Spring day in Melbourne, the birds are tweeting, and the sun is showering his glorious rays upon us. It was this time 2 years ago I first met the devotees. My Mother brought me to the temple. You could say that was the start of my spiritual journey. But I think there is a point in the start in one's Journey to becoming a devotee in which everything clicks, the point where you know what you are doing is right and that you just give your Faith to Krishna. For me, that point was on your December visit in 2018. There were so many moments that just replay through my head over and over again.

I remember it was the 28th of December and it was a brisk Summer evening, you spontaneously decided to go on Harinaam straight after singing Gaura Arati. So, we all jumped in our cars and raced straight to





Melbourne city. On Swanston Street, I remember so clearly as you just sang with so much love and you were dancing! Gurumata was also dancing out love, as she was distributing books. I looked back at you Gurudeva, and I see the most effulgent and radiating smile. I have only seen a smile like this once in my life and that is on Photos of Prabhupad. I forever carry that smile in my heart. I thought to myself as this moment occurred that this is what pure love is, this is the real happiness. This is eternal and I have never experienced or seen such wholesome happiness in my life.

Even, on the day before you left, we all had a god family picnic and I just really felt my position to be your spiritual daughter. I felt as if this was my real family, and this is where I am supposed to be. That there nowhere else id rather be right at that moment. As your spiritual Daughter, I feel protected under guidance and love. We all danced so freely as you sang and Gurumata was giving us all a stick to play Dandiya with her. Then we all sat down to eat together as a family. My heart just bounces out of my heart when I think of this moment. It was so wonderful

But one thing is I must beg forgiveness from you. I just don't know how in the world you have accepted me as your Spiritual Daughter. I am so ungrateful, you and Gurumata have done so so much for me, yet I have I commit so many Aprhads. I have done so many stupid things, but yet you see past this and accept me and forgive me every single time. You teach what is right and wrong, through your love and guidance. Without your mercy and guidance, I wouldn't be where I am right now. Just as Radhanath swami says "Without the mercy of Guru and Vaishnavas Krishna Consciousness is simply an imagination".

One last thing I would like to say is

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā cakṣur unmīlitam 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. Thankyou Gurudeva for waking this Jiv.

your Aspiring Servant,

Bhaktin Madhumati - Melbourne, Australia









Blissful Harinam in Melbourne, Australia

# Madhavananda Das & Family - Glories of Lord Krishna are nectar

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisance.

All glories to You and to Srila Prabhupada!

You and Gurumata are the best examples of exalted devotees in ISKCON. You both follow Srila Prabhupada one hundred percent and therefore are role models for us. May the Lord give you eternal fame for you are speaking very attractively about the glories of Lord Krishna. This is just like nectar for the mortals like us.

Our bodies are ageing and the fact that death can come any time is becoming a more genuine realization. In times of trials and tribulations, the best remedy for us seems to be the nectar of the Krishna Katha, which you are freely distributing.

To please You and Krishna, under Your guidance, we have now successfully completed systematic study of the first Canto of Srimad Bhagavatam as part of Bhakti Vaibhav course.

Srila Gurudeva, please continue to guide and bless us with genuine spiritual knowledge and ecstasy.

your servants,

Madhavananda Das, Yasodapriya Devi Dasi, Bhakta Krishneet - Melbourne, Australia







## Madhvacharya Das - Your transcendental nature

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

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

Oh, follower of Srila Prabhupada! Oh, personification of premia! I offer my obeisance to you, the embodiment of mercy, who spreads the domain of Lord Caitanya, with showers of pure devotional service.

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 every Vyasa Puja passes, the reachout of Your Grace expands and significant efforts are being made to preach the teachings of His Divine Grace Prabhupada to the whole world. I was recently hearing a series of lectures on the Peace Formula given in 2018 and I feel that this is an amazing reachout by way of melodious and very meaningful song and then the explanation of the contents therein. Your Grace has written to the former President of the USA and received a very positive reply, and this will be very pleasing to Srila Prabhupada.

Your Grace was having terrible pain due to the sciatic nerve and this has least affected the preaching activities and by Krishna's grace, a miracle has happened, and Your Grace has been cured completely. This speaks of the transcendental nature of Your Grace.

I have only mentioned a tiny fraction of Your Glories as Your Glories are enormous and ever increasing. I very much relish the daily Thought for the day, video and Q & A. I receive feedback from innumerable Sydney devotees that they are regularly reading your posts and are deriving great benefit out of the same.

On this very very supremely auspicious day, I pledge to follow all the initiation vows that I have been following for nearly 10 years and request for the continued blessings of Your Grace in this regard.

As always it is very striking for me to see that Your Grace is the perfect follower of Srila Prabhupada without any exception or deviation. In fact, this has been noticed and glorified by other devotees as well.

On this mega occasion, I pray to Guru parampara and Lord Krishna that I may be attached to the service of Your Grace and to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada through Your Grace. Many thanks of Her Grace Gurumataji for her guidance always. I pray for the long life and excellent health of Your Grace and Her Grace for the continued preaching activities.

Thanking your grace once again,

your insignificant servant,

Madhvacharya Das - Sydney, Australia

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### Madri Devi Dasi - When you are here it is like the spiritual world

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā caksur unmīlitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

Humble Obeisances to Gurumata.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I would like to pour my heart out full of deep feelings towards you. We have been fortunate enough to get your personal association minimum twice every year and to your vani by the daily emails and online lectures. I really relish the feeling of separation when it is almost close to having your darshan. The meditation of my service, my mood, sadhana are all uplifted. It is like as though you come to lift me again to a safe and much higher position as I am slipping through the grip of your rope of instructions in the well called MAYA.

When you are here it is like the spiritual world has come down to me carrying Radha and Krishna in a palanquin. Day and night completely engaged in service of Radha Damodar, yourself and Gurumata, keeping all other regular mundane activities aside. I feel untouched by the material pangs like hunger, thirst, sleep, disease etc. I feel as if in a trance while serving you and it gives me immense satisfaction and purpose of life. I am very indebted to you for showing me the glimpse of my actual identity and goal of life as a dasanudasanudas.

This year June 2019, when you left at the airport, I could not bear your separation and tears rolled down my eyes as I saw You and Gurumata wave turning back again and again. I later recollected your instructions and carried you back in my heart. I could also feel that You and Gurumata are also carrying us through your loving reciprocations. I feel the Lord has placed me in safe hands to make use of this human life and go back home back to Godhead.

During the worship of Radha Krishna worship at temple when I chant the buthasudhi prayers,I feel reminded of my position that only by the mercy of my spiritual master I am now engaged in Radha Krishna worship and part of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's Sankirtan movement. I am eternally grateful to you for accepting me as your disciple. The perfection of my Sadhana would be to take your instructions as my life and soul and work towards it and I am sure the strength and will to do this in my surrender to your instructions.

Jai Srila Gurudeva!

Jai Gurumata!

Jai Srila Prabhupada!

your servant

Madri Devi Dasi - Melbourne, Australia



## Mahalakshmi Devi Dasi - I am eternally indebted to You

Hare Krishna. please accept my humble obeisances at Your lotus feet Srila Gurudeva & Gurumata. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada. All Glories to Srila Gurudeva & Gurumata.

want to say how much I am grateful that You are our parents

my master. You gave me this incredible life and services. I am eternally indebted to You. All I want is that I can please You again and again. I pray for Your love and mercy. please always correct me guide me. I love You very much!

your insignificant servant

Mahalakshmi Devi Dasi - Melbourne, Australia



Q & A in Melbourne, Australia Dec 2018

Mata Amritanandamayi Devi - Singapore - I can feel in every breath

Thank you Sir...Your grace I can feel in every breath I take and am sure You will guide me in every step of my journey here and beyond...gratefully always yours.

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Mata Amritanandamayi Devi - Singapore



### Matsya Devi Dasi - Endless desire to serve you

To my Gurumaharaj Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari,

Since I was 10, many years I was praying to Lord Ganesh for inner peace. This prayer led me to my beautiful Siksha Gurus and ISKCON Temples. I still remember the day like it happened today the 4th of April 2015, my first Bhagavad Gita class. Consequently, slowly I abandoned all material career plans and fully dedicated myself to pursuing spiritual enlightenment as my only goal and I am very enthusiastic in sharing my realizations whoever I meet. All these devotee's association, Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam classes, Harinam, Prasadam led me to the lotus feet of our Founder Acarya Srila Prabhupada. Finally, my prayers to our pre-eminent Siksha Guru A. C. Bhaktivedanta Prabhupada ushered me to the lotus feet of my eternal Spiritual master Srila Gurudeva. By surrendering to You Gurudeva as your initiated disciple I immediately achieved perfect peace. Otherwise how in the world I can live a peaceful life after losing my one and only son at 26. Now I am ready to totally renounce the world by living the life of a sadhvi.

The two hardest tests on the spiritual road are the patience to wait for the right moment and the courage not to be disappointed with what we encounter. Look like I have got both with your unlimited mercy.

Now I have endless desire to serve you to make the whole world Krishna Conscious even though I don't have any skills. Now I am praying to you Gurudeva for your mercy to be an insignificant humble servant to you eternally without falling. For all your guidance to me and accepting me as your initiated disciple and saving this poor soul from ongoing nightmare, I do not know, if there are any words to show my gratitude to you Gurudeva. Thank you so much Gurudeva!

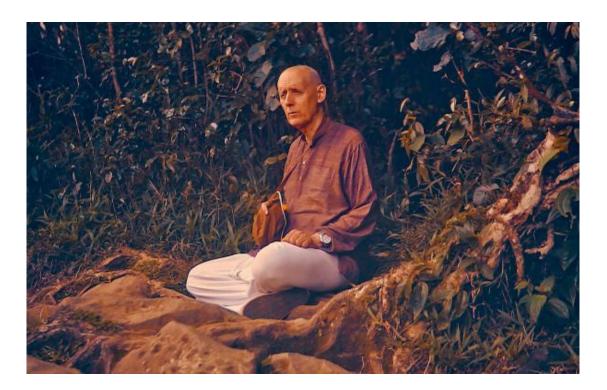
your insignificant humble servant

Matsya Devi Dasi - Melbourne, Australia









# Phil Evans - The work done in this course is incredible.

I humbly offer my respectful obeisances to His Divine Grace Sankarshan Das Adhikari on his appearance day. Have a wonderful blissful ecstatic day. I would like to say a big thank you for helping us fallen souls with your wonderful and enlightening Ultimate Self Realization course. The work done in this course is incredible. Thank you for the uplifting daily messages. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

All Glories to H.G. Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

Bhakta Phil Evans - Perth, Australia









Turning the Whole World in to a Paradise, Melbourne Australia

Prashant - You shine with purity

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances on your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to write to you on the auspicious day of your appearance.

I want to express my gratitude to you today for your very determined and steady effort to preach Srila Prabhupada's mission.

In your enlightening association is hope for everyone and with all your travelling you bestow the ultimate benefit upon people in general.

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 your austere, sacrificial life and setting inspirational example.

May you live a long life and continue your relentless preaching efforts right to your very last breath.

Thank you for your dedication to follow your spiritual master's footsteps.

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 Krishna Conscious.





Your ecstatic kirtans are also very inspiring. They radiate the bliss of devotional service and show us how to give everything for Krishna's pleasure.

your aspiring fallen servant

Bhakta Prashant - Melbourne, Australia



Melbourne Home Program

# Revati Devi Dasi – Your Lectures are like Nectar

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Gurudeva!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

nama om visnu-padaya Krishna-presthaya bhu-tale srimate sankarshan das adhikariti namine nama om visnu-padaya Krishna-presthaya bhu-tale srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine







#### Srila Gurudeva,

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 so grateful to you for accepting me as your disciple. I was inspired by hearing your audio lectures of Bhagavat Gita, they are like nectar. You have been a source of inspiration for me, with your inspiration I can study the Bhakti Sastri course.

I always look forward to your teachings and newsletters, I get more realizations by hearing your lectures, by reading your newsletters and day by day Lord Krishna looks more beautiful than before for me. Your determination towards fulfilling the mission of Srila Prabhupada is unbelievable, you are so determined and organized in traveling all around the world to purify us. Thank you so much for your service. I am looking forward to meeting you in June/July 2020 in Melbourne.

Thank you very very much

Yours aspiring servant,

Revati Devi Dasi - Auckland, New Zealand



### Sanat Kumar Das & Family - My guru is no ordinary guru. He saved me

Dear Father Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept our humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabupada.

We read that Srila Prabhupada once said:

"My guru is no ordinary guru. He saved me."

We feel the same way about you and Gurumataji. Although we are fools and rascals but we have been blessed with the essential advantage of having Srila Gurudeva in our lives whom we must serve nicely regardless the circumstances. It is the perfect system where service to Sri Guru will bring spiritual advancement but more importantly is the attachment to your lotus feet which is a sweet, loving relationship that equals to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa.

On this most auspicious occasion, we would like to say that this year's visit to Malaysia having you and gurumataji was one the most memorable visits of our life where we were fortunate to have all your help and guidance in helping us through crisis and motivating us to continue performing this Bhakti yoga process. Srila Gurudeva, please bless our family with more seriousness of service mood and gratitude in Kṛṣṇa consciousness till our last breath.

On that note, we thank you very much for this wonderful opportunity to be given a chance to wish you on your Vyasa Puja.

Happy birthday Srila Gurudeva and we love you very much.

Srila Gurudeva ki Jai.

Gurumataji ki Jai

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your humble servants,

Sanat Kumar Das, Parvati Devi Dasi, Subal Das, Amala Bhakta Das - Klang, Malaysia



# Sanjaya Das – If you can eat for the stomach you chant for the soul

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Walking in the blazing fire

You are like a blanket of water extinguishing each flame with your devotion saving souls

With each thought, word and action

The more association I have the more fallen I feel in serving your lotus feet

That first meeting is always a mark in my heart where you said if you can eat for your stomach you can chant for the soul.

What a year it has been since my first initiation with unlimited bliss from Radha vallabha and a new birth as Sanjaya Das and now joining my spiritual master in Vrindavan

May I always have the opportunity to serve your divine lotus feet as you did with His Divine Grace A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabupada

your servant of the servant

Sanjaya Das - Melbourne, Australia









# With disciples in Melbourne, Australia

Siva Yepuri - Following your instructions, every day so blissful

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to his Devine Grace Srila Prabhupada

All glories to you and Gurumata

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā caksur unmīlitam 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 visnu-padaya Krishna-presthaya bhu-tale srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine

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 prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

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

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I do not think I am qualified to write an offering, nor can I find the words to describe how I feel, but if I can reciprocate the change in my life when I see first time in Melbourne year 2016, I'm not sure about my life in future when I was not serious in Krishna Consciousness since 2005 but I'm sure now the future of my life is towards the direction of what Krishna wants, I felt one fine day as I want to be very near to you always so that I will be always in happy mood not sure why but I experienced it from last three years. I keep in mind always and start my day going to Mangala Aarati every alternative day to temple and I am not sure how and why it happened but my mind is always thinking about your association and I feel your presence is always near to me ,slowly I am becoming fearless not why it is all happening but by following your instructions every day is so blissful as you always bestowed upon me, my life will be a success.

I'm visiting Vrindhavan with my Parents during vysapuja just wanted to get your lotus feet blessings to serve you continuously more and more, my parents are struggling a lot to find happiness (Krishna Seva) in spiritual life although they are very sincere and true followers of lord Rama and Govinda. I wanted to give them a good and happy life in Krishna Consciousness path so that they come to know their birth reason after your lotus feet blessings.

Srila Gurudeva, without your mercy I am lost in the material world. I still pray for your merciful blessings to me and my parents that we always remain Krishna consciousness at your lotus feet.

May we become a dust at your lotus feet and stay there for eternity. May we get all my temporary attachments and be able to serve you with all my heart. Even that will be possible only by your mercy.

hare kṛṣṇa hare kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa hare hare hare rāma hare rāma rāma rāma hare hare

your humble Servant

Bhakta Siva Yepuri, Nancharaiah, Sivasowbhagyam - Melbourne, Australia.



# Sri Radhika Devi Dasi - Your mercy is in Your instructions

Hare Krishna my dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my most sincere and humblest obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to you!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā cakşur unmīlitam 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.

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I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Sankarshan Das Adhikari, who is very dear to Lord Sri Krishna, having taken shelter of His lotus feet.

My Dearest Spiritual Master, May I humbly seek permission to write a few words to express my gratitude towards Your Grace on this most auspicious occasion Sri Vyasa Puja. O Ocean of Mercy, O Desire Tree bestowing Krishna Bhakti and Krishna Prema freely to the whole world, what can a fool like me write to glorify the most beloved Devotee of Sri Sri Radha Damodar? Your mercy is so magnificent and causeless that somehow, this fool has also been bestowed with this fortunate service. I humbly beg for forgiveness for any deficiencies in glorifying Your Grace.

mukam karoti vachalam pangum langhayate girim yat-kripa tam aham vande sri-gurum dina-taranam (CC Madhya 17.80)

By the mercy of the guru, even a dumb man can become the greatest orator, and even a lame man can cross mountains. As advised by Lord Brahmā, one should remember this śāstric injunction if one desires success in his life.

Dear Spiritual Master, I am a living example of the above verse. Only by Your Grace's mercy, I have been able to understand the futility of this material world and the secret to eternal life full of bliss in service to Lord Krishna.

Often, I feel incapacitated to render services and despair that I am not progressing in my spiritual life. However, Your Grace reaches out through social media and thought for the day and I am reminded of my great fortune to have the shelter of my Spiritual Master who sends His blessings every day. The mercy of a bonafide Spiritual Master like Your Grace is that if one only follows Your Grace's simple and clear instructions, that will ensure spiritual advancement despite one's own disqualifications and deficiencies.

His Grace continues to transform the lives of millions of suffering souls through His multi-dimensional preaching efforts. Every soul who comes into contact with Your Grace even through social media and emails is immensely benefited spiritually what to talk of disciples who have the opportunity to associate with His Grace and serve His Grace regularly during His Grace's lecture tours!

Although His Grace has many disciples across the globe, who have, by virtue of His Grace's association itself, become the most auspicious Vaishnavas themselves and are serving His Grace wonderfully, His Grace does not let even a single soul who approaches with a question or concern go disappointed. His Grace answers questions whether on life problems or spiritual inquiries in a way that leads a conditioned soul towards the ultimate ideal destination.

In many religious cults in India, some sections of the society are seen as outcasts and banned from rendering devotional services. Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON is the only place where Sanatana Dharma has been re-established in accordance with Lord Krishna's original teachings. Under the shelter of Srila Prabhupada, my dear Spiritual Master has accepted me, despite all my disqualifications as a disciple and mercifully planted the seed of bhakti in my heart. On 7 July 2019 (this year), His Grace gave me a new life by initiating me and accepting me as a disciple for eternity.

His Grace's strong words fully represent the teachings of Lord Krishna and His Grace's unflinching faith in the words of His Spiritual Master Srila Prabhupada at once expels the darkness of suffering and despair in the hearts of suffering souls.





On this auspicious day when the opportunities to render service and prayers are in abundance and the mercy is amplified even to worthless souls like me, I pray for constant remembrance of the qualities, services and the mood of my Spiritual Master.

I beg to have the consciousness to be able to remember my Spiritual Master's mercy every moment of this life and carefully use my free will in serving His Grace's mission of world deliverance by first becoming fully Krishna Conscious myself, following His Graces' instructions carefully and by infusing everyone around me with the sincere and pure devotion to Lord Krishna.

Sri Radhika Devi Dasi - Canberra, Australia



# Subhadra Devi Dasi - feeling gratitude for the greatest gift you have bestowed

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

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

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.

yasya prasadad bhagavat-prasado yasya prasadan na gatih kuto pi dhyayan stuvams tasya yasas tri-sandhyam vande guroh sri-charanaravindam

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. At least three times a day I should offer my respectful obeisance unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master.

Dear Gurudeva, on this auspicious day of Your Vyasa Puja, I would like to express my feelings of gratitude for the greatest gift that you have bestowed on this conditioned soul. When I sing Gurvashtakam prayers, I remember you Gurudeva and I realize you possess all the qualities of a true spiritual master and perform all the activities that are mentioned in the prayers. It's very enlightening to see how you live by the words of your spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada. I pray to Krishna that I follow my Gurudeva's instructions in every word, thought and deed.

It's only Krishna's mercy that I am blessed to have your association and serve you and Gurumata in Melbourne in the association of my dear God brothers and sisters. Serving you and Gurumata is the sweetest and blissful experience I can ever have. I pray to Krishna that I keep getting this opportunity every year. I am more blessed this year as I will be getting your divine association and be able to serve my beloved spiritual parents in Melbourne in December. Gurudeva, I have so many anarthas in my heart due to which I have to embrace suffering but hope that under your guidance and following your instructions, it will be removed and I can enjoy the real bliss of Krishna consciousness. I always need your mercy and blessings to remain steady in my spiritual life. Please keep showering your love and compassion through your lectures, ultimate self-realization course and your association.





On this auspicious day, I pray to Lord Krishna for your good health and protection so that you continue helping many fallen souls from the miserable quagmire of material existence. By the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, you have been awarded unlimited bliss and knowledge and with your potency, your mission to benedict all the conditioned souls with the love of Godhead be successful. I beg you Srila Gurudeva 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.

your humble servant,

Subhadra Devi Dasi - Canberra, Australia



### Sudevi Devi Dasi - You are willing to answer all questions

#### Dear Gurudeva

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

Gurudeva, you reach out to so many people around the world via the internet and are always willing to answer all questions put to you hence guiding every reader with your precise answers. Thank you for your kindness and guidance.

Wishing you the very best on your Vyasapuja!

your servant

Sudevi devi dasi - Hamilton, New Zealand



# Upendra, Bhargavi and Sai Tanvik - Expert Guidance

Dearest Sriman Sankarshan Adhikari Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Happy Vyasa puja to you on this glorious day and occasion.

By Lords inconceivable mercy and kindness, he sends a bona fide spiritual master to a discipline who is ready to surrender to the lotus feet of such a qualified guru.

We pray on this day that we may become qualified to servant and surrender to your lotus feet, by following your instructions wholeheartedly and without ulterior desires.

With great care and affection, you expertly guide each and every one of your disciples to make progress in their devotional service.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and Her Grace Vishnu Priya Mataji for the association at "From Fear to Love " retreat in Melbourne in 2018 where you have blessed us with books by giving





autograph with your lotus hand since then we are hearing your lectures and reading book called "Stop Worrying and Start Living".

Please accept my humble obeisances.

yours Aspiring Servants,

Bhakta Upendra, Bhargavi and Sai Tanvik - Melbourne, Australia



Srila Gurudeva Leading a Harinam in Melbourne, Australia





# Espanol / Offerings in Spanish with English Translation



Initiation of Hari Bhakti Devi Dasi Santiago, Chile.

# Govinda Devi Dasi - Guayaquil, Ecuador - muchas gracias

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

Thank you very much for coming to this world, your wise words always dispel the doubts, for me you are a source of inspiration, an example to follow, I always try to apply your teachings to my daily life, even though every day presented to me a difficulty in my student life, I remember an answer you gave to a devotee, that if she got the duty to study, she should do her best, and her message of the day when she said that a devotee is an expert in every aspect of her life, for that and more I am eternally grateful to

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you, for your mercy without cause, for accepting me as your disciple and for so many other things, I hope to always be under the refuge of your lotus feet.

Your most insignificant servant,

Govinda Devi Dasi - Guayaquil, Eucador

(original offering in Spanish)

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā cakşur unmīlitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

Ofrezco mis respetuosas reverencias a mi maestro espiritual, quien está abriendo mis ojos con la antorcha del conocimiento.

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

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine

Mi querido Srila Gurudeva, muchas gracias por haber venido a este mundo, sus palabras tan sabias siempre disipan las dudas, para mi usted es una fuente de inspiración, un ejemplo a seguir, siempre trato de aplicar sus enseñanzas a mi vida diaria, cada que se me presenta una dificultad en mi vida estudiantil, recuerdo una respuesta que usted le dio a una devota, que si obtuvo el deber de estudiar, debe hacerlo lo mejor que pueda, y su mensaje del día en el que decía que un devoto es experto en todos los aspectos de su vida, por eso y más estoy eternamente agradecida con usted, por su misericordia sin causa, por aceptarme como su discípula y por tantas cosas más, espero estar siempre bajo el refugio de sus pies de loto.

Su sirvienta más insignificante

Govinda devi dasi

Guayaquil, Ecuador



Haribuddhi Dasa - Your surrender to Srila Prabhupada is a fantastic example

Dear most Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at Your divine lotus feet.

All glories to You and Srila Prabhupada.

Today we are celebrating the most auspicious day, because You appeared on this earth to save lost souls under the guide of Srila Prabhupada.

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Your surrender to Srila Prabhupada is a fantastic example about how to get a significant life.

I born blind and weak, and only with Guru kripa I can live as an aspiring devotee.

Every day I can see my not enough faith, but I pray to the Lord for get more and more chances to serve You.

All glories to You, all glories to Your Vyasa Puja.

your servant,

Haribuddhi dasa - Lima, Peru



# Xavier Rivera - Gracias

Haribol Gurudeva

All the glories to Prabhupada,

Day by day his light-filled song to fallen souls, his love for Krishna and devotees makes this world aware of Krishna, Gurudeva thank you because at every sunrise I can remember Jagannath Baladeva and Subhadra. His mercy is infinite.

Your most insignificant servant

Xavier Rivera

Guayaquil, Ecuador

(original offering in Spanish)

Haribol Gurudeva

todas las glorias a Prabhupada,

Día a día su canto llena de luz a las almas caídas, su amor hacia krishna y los devotos hace que este mundo vaya tomando conciencia de krishna , Gurudeva gracias porque en cada amanecer puedo recordar a jagannath baladeva y subhadra. Su misericordia es infinita.

Su sirviente más insignificante





