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Dear Srila Gurudev,

Srila Gurudeva, I would like to share one of your pastimes from one of your doctor visits. During a comprehensive health examination, the doctor noted that you were not getting sufficient rest at night and recommended increasing the number of hours and avoiding waking up before 4am. I distinctly remember your reaction when the doctor conveyed this message. You appeared utterly astounded, as if the very foundation of your world had been shaken. It was inconceivable for you to contemplate not being able to maintain your decades-long practice of rising at 2:00am for your morning chanting. Your unwavering dedication left the doctor astonished; I'm certain he had never encountered a patient so resolute in their commitment to both minimal sleep and early awakening. You couldn't, even for a moment, entertain the idea of having to sleep more and wake up later! The very notion was entirely unacceptable to you, regardless of how your health is!!

Alakananda Devi Dasi - You have mercifully pulled me out of the dark well of ignorance.

Bhagavati Devi Dasi - I wish to continue serving you.

Bhakta Avatar Das - Srila Gurudeva, you are the personification of kindness.

Bhavani Devi Dasi - You are saving wretched souls of the material world.

Bhuvansevari Devi Dasi - The importance of the human form of life.

Caitanya Vani Das - You sacrificed your whole life to give Krsna consciousness.

Govinda Mohini Devi Dasi - Dream come true.

Guruvani Devi Dasi - Great role model

Hemanga Das - I want to imbibe your mood of compassion.

Kirtan - Your presence was still felt

Lilasmriti Devi Dasi - My attraction and love for Krishna is awakening.

Mahabhagavat Das - You are indeed a very close disciple of Srila Prabhupada.

Maharshi Patel - You made me understand Srimad Bhagavad Gita precisely.

[Melanie Boodoo - I could never repay you.](#)

[Neha - Thank you for enlightening us.](#)

[Nityakishori Devi Dasi et.al - Fortunate to have spiritual master like you.](#)

[Padmamukhi Devi Dasi - Thank you for guiding me.](#)

[Paramahansa Das - Not to lose the gratitude.](#)

[Paramatma Das Et.al. - Please accept our deep gratitude.](#)

[Priya Karvekar - I thank Krishna for connecting me to you.](#)

[Rob - Thank you for helping me on the spiritual path - Krsna Consciousness.](#)

[Satyavan Das - You teach us the path of Krsna Consciousness by your personal examples.](#)

[Savitri Devi Dasi - You are dedicated disciple of Srila Prabhupada.](#)

[Sheela Parthananarayana - "Become a pure devotee, everything will fall into place."](#)

[Sravanananda Das - You teach by your own examples.](#)

[Sudarshan Das - You expertly teach us to follow Srila Prabhupada's teachings.](#)

[Sulakshana Devi Dasi - rare valuable seed of bhakti yoga](#)

[Swati Manchanda - Thank you for the shelter and showering your mercy upon me.](#)

[Yugadharma Devi Dasi - Your love and mercy towards us is unfathomable.](#)

#### Eastern & Southern India

[Abhiremya. SS - All glories to your grace](#)

[Adithya Sudhir - Your enthusiasm is wonderful.](#)

[Aditya Devi Dasi - The most merciful spiritual father!!](#)

[Anand sagar krishna das - As per expectations of Srila Prabhupada](#)

[Anuradha devi dasi - You teach me how to serve Krishna consistently.](#)

[Balakrishna Devi Dasi - Your mercy is inconceivable.](#)

[Bhavani - Let me pray again and again](#)

[Caitanya Das - Thank you for always making yourself available to me.](#)

[C Sharath Kumar - I will be servant and son for eternal life](#)

[Dhananjaya Das - Your enthusiasm is contagious.](#)

[Gaura Lila Devi Dasi - Begging blessings to intensify my devotional service.](#)

[Guru Vandana devi dasi - I am indebted to your grace for accepting me.](#)

[G.Y. Satish Kumar - You are rendering incredible service.](#)

[Hamsa.S - I want to continue this everlasting journey as your disciple.](#)

[Hare Krishna Das - You convince us Srila Prabhupada's words are practical](#)

[Haripriya devi dasi - You are an example of the life of a pure devotee.](#)

[Jagadbandhu Das - You rescued me from dangerous material forest](#)

[Krishna Seva Das - You are fulfilling Srila Prabhupada's instructions.](#)

[Manju Sudhir - How enthusiastically you practice Krishna Consciousness!](#)

[Murali Manohar Das - Gurudev my life is indebted to your lotus feet.](#)

[Nisha Roy - Your spiritual qualities truly have no limit.](#)

[Palika Devi Dasi - May I be able to follow your loving guidance.](#)  
[Paramamrita Devi Dasi - I will try my best not to deviate from the path shown by you](#)  
[Prabhupada Das - You have mercifully come to distribute that divine nectar.](#)  
[Pradhanagopika Devi Dasi - Love for Krishna in your eyes and words](#)  
[Prajit Nair - Gurudev has showered his kind glance.](#)  
[Raghunandana Das - May you inspire millions to Krishna Consciousness.](#)  
[Revatinandana das - Thank you for your wonderful service to humanity.](#)  
[Sacipriya devi dasi - Your grace is a MIRACLE MAN.](#)  
[Sajitha - You are a pure devotee saving the conditioned souls.](#)  
[Śāligrāma das - Your strict and steady sadhana and seva is inspiring.](#)  
[S Balaji - You taught me all the concepts of Bhagavad Gita](#)  
[Sharada devi dasi - I will serve the Lord for the pleasure of Guru & Krishna.](#)  
[Shriram Bejalwar - I will remain ever indebted to you.](#)  
[Shyamapriya devi dasi - Your demonstrate to us how to be sold out servant](#)  
[Srivatsa Das - Your honesty in preaching has made me trust you 100%.](#)  
[Tarun Krishna Das - Grateful to you for teaching me pure devotional service](#)  
[Vani Chandrashekar - Gurudev, you are a personification of kindness](#)  
[Vishnurata Das - Please keep me in the dust of your lotus feet.](#)  
[Vraja Seva Dasa - Ambassador of Pure Devotional Service.](#)

#### [Northwest India + Nepal](#)

[Aakash Kumar - You inspire me to take up the world deliverance mission.](#)  
[Abhay Asray Das - I am filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude](#)  
[Acharya Das - You illuminate the path back to Godhead.](#)  
[Adetti Panchal - With your divine guidance I was able to make right decision](#)  
[Aneesha Nagpal - I want to be part of this wonderful Krishna Conscious family.](#)  
[Aum Jadhav - Gurudev thank you for being a beacon of light of wisdom in my life.](#)  
[Chinmayi Vikas Bangar - I look forward to serve you more and more](#)  
[Haladhar Das et.al - Your mercy is beyond comprehension.](#)  
[Himawati Devi Dasi - You are distributing causeless mercy - Bhakti all over the world.](#)  
[Karigouda - You inspire me to take up Krishna Consciousness.](#)  
[Kirtan Devi Dasi - "Forget all this nonsense and just chant Hare Krishna".](#)  
[Krishnapriya Devi Dasi - You are always there for us.](#)  
[Lakshman Das - You are the epitome of Vaishnava Compassion.](#)  
[Lilamanjari Devi Dasi - You teach how to see the loving hand of Krishna.](#)  
[Mausam Pandya - I really wish I can serve your Lotus feet forever](#)  
[Mayapur Devi Dasi - You are a Prabhupadanuga, giving Krishna to everyone.](#)  
[Monisa - Please bless me with the pure devotional service.](#)  
[Mukunda Das - You are the personification of Sri Gurvastakam prayers.](#)  
[Nitya Leela devi dasi - Your presence fills my heart with peace](#)

[Paap Harini Devi Dasi - You carry Sri Vrindavan dham within your heart.](#)  
[Padmakshi devi dasi - I will take these instructions to my life and soul](#)  
[Panca Tattva Das - By your mercy everything is possible.](#)  
[Pinky Nagar - I pray to remain a speck of dust at your lotus feet.](#)  
[Premananda Das - Your life is simply for the welfare of others.](#)  
[Radha Sakhi Devi Dasi - You are my guiding star.](#)  
[Rama Shanker Vyas - I wish you all success in making everyone Krishna Conscious.](#)  
[Sacinandana Das - I am touched by Your and Gurumata's love.](#)  
[Sadbhuja Das - You request everyone to take up the pure devotional service.](#)  
[Sai Akshara - I am not qualified to say about your Glories](#)  
[Savita Krishnan - Guru has removed me from the darkness of ignorance](#)  
[Shakuntala devi dasi - All this soul desires is to be your eternal servant](#)  
[Shraddha Yadav - You saved me from material existence.](#)  
[Sitapati Das- Replaced my material desires with the spiritual desires.](#)  
[Sunil - You are simply merciful to me and everyone.](#)  
[Vaisnavapriya devi dasi - I wish to help Gurudev](#)  
[Vrajanath Das - You make me advance in Krishna Consciousness.](#)  
[Yadunandana Das - My duty is to follow your instruction.](#)

Australia, New Zealand and Asia Pacific

[Acyuta Devi Dasi - By your grace auspiciousness has entered my life](#)  
[Adipurusha Das - Please bless me with intense Guru bhakti](#)  
[Ajita Devi Dasi - Because of your mercy...](#)  
[Amala Bhakta Das - Service to you is our only hope](#)  
[Ananda Vardhana Das - It's very enlightening to see you giving Krishna to everyone!](#)  
[Anasuya Devi Dasi - May your kind instructions become imprinted within my heart](#)  
[Bhaktipriya Devi Dasi - I beg to be an instrument in your mission of Srila Prabhupada](#)  
[Dinavatsala Das - You are the perfect representative of Srila Prabhupada](#)  
[Hanuman Dasa - I plead your graces that I can be always engaged in the service](#)  
[Indriyehwari Devi Dasi - Bless me to become a humble servant](#)  
[Kanyakumari Devi Dasi - Bestow your mercy](#)  
[Karuna Sindhu Dasa - You are fearlessly spreading Srila Prabhupada's teachings](#)  
[Krishna Jadhav - You are a true inspiration](#)  
[Krishnaprema Das - Please bless me to improve my devotion](#)  
[Madhavananda Das - I beg to please bless me with the mood of surrender](#)  
[Madhvacharya Das - I pray that one day I become your worthy disciple](#)  
[Madri Devi Dasi - With your mercy I will be a sold out servant of yours](#)  
[Mahalakshmi Dasi - May I always be under your divine shelter.](#)  
[Navaratridevi Jagtap - May everyone in this world get a spiritual master like Him](#)

[Nanda Dulal Dasa Et.al - Begging for your causeless mercy to become self realized](#)  
[Prashant Et.al - You don't just preach, but you embody the principles you teach](#)  
[Priyavrata Das - The Bhagavatam class makes me learn more about Krishna's mercy](#)  
[Radhakanta Devi Dasi - Without your blessing I am nothing and nowhere](#)  
[Rajesh Koyadan - By your minute blessing, my life will get some meaning](#)  
[Revati Devi Dasi - Please give me intelligence.](#)  
[Rohini Kumar Das - I start my day with "Take this process seriously"](#)  
[Rukmini Devi Dasi - I have been able to overcome difficulties](#)  
[Sanat Kumar das - I love you](#)  
[Saradiya Rasa Devi Dasi - Thank you so much for guiding this fallen soul everyday](#)  
[Sarvajna Das Et.al - I surrender this life to your lotus feet and to Krishna](#)  
[Subal Das - I'm here today with you to take Shelter of your lotus feet](#)  
[Subhadra Devi Dasi - I pray to remain faithful and obedient to your instructions](#)  
[Subhananda Das Et.al - Determination to serve your grace and Krishna](#)  
[Tungavidya Devi Dasi - You both are showing us the way back to the eternal home](#)  
[Uddhava Dasa - I beg your mercy](#)

#### Russia

[Indurekha Devi Dasi - Happy that I am now in your family](#)  
[Sudama das Et.al - You are our captain on the journey back to Godhead](#)

#### Europe

[Amalatma das - Total dedication to Srila Prabhupada's mission](#)  
[Arindama das - You are a spiritual master, who has reached perfection.](#)  
[Damayanti devi dasi - You are the best example showing how dedicated one can be](#)  
[Danakeli Devi dasi - Thank You for your care](#)  
[Danakeli devi dasi - Kaunas, Lithuania](#)  
[Dvijamani Gaura dasa - You are able to bring out the best in others](#)  
[Ekanamsha devi dasi - Your visit has a cleansing effect on me.](#)  
[Gadadhara Das - You are the perfect example for us](#)  
[Hemamukhi Devi Dasi - You actually love all the living entities as an uttama adhikari](#)  
[Isvara Parama Das - What a great fortune it is that I have met you!](#)  
[Jacky Willaert - Thank you for helping me and many others all over the world](#)  
[Jagadisvara das - Mercy of a Guru](#)  
[Jivan Mukta Das Et.al - Year 2010 was a memorable year for us](#)  
[Kunda Lata devi dasi - Example of pure devotional service](#)  
[Nitai Candra Das - When you appear in our lives all the darkness is dispelled.](#)  
[Pritha devi dasi - I'm realizing the enormity of what you've given us](#)  
[Rughoo Baboo - Srila Prabhupada really found in you](#)  
[Saranagata devi dasi - Thank you Gurudeva for your appearance.](#)  
[Vamanadeva das - It is simply beyond our capacity to understand you...](#)

[Vrajakishor Das - Your association is magical](#)

[Middle East](#)

[Parabhakti Devi Dasi - Desire to serve Spiritual Master](#)

[Africa and Mauritius](#)

[Nithin Gukhool - Will remember to honor your instructions.](#)

[Niyant - Praying with Krishna's mercy you soon become Jagadguru!](#)

[Prahlada das -I am nothing more than a beggar](#)

[Sneha-you desire no compromise on the path of devotion](#)

[Others](#)

[Shalini - My humble salutations](#)

## Introduction

Hare Krishnal every year, the students and disciples of His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari(referred to affectionately as "Sri Gurudev" by his disciples) celebrate the appearance day of their spiritual master.

The Vyasa Puja eBook is published as a part of those annual worldwide celebrations. Kindly refer to the "Meaning of Vyasa Puja" article for more importance of this celebration. Like past years, the written offerings are grouped by geography (where applicable) and alphabetically to make them easier to locate. This year the Vyasa Puja celebration is being held on November 07 in Melbourne, Australia.. We are grateful to these kind-hearted souls who have contributed in any capacity to the 2023 Vyasa Puja celebration. We cannot express our deep gratitude in words, and we hope to serve you as sincerely as you are serving Srila Gurudev.

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Sharada devi dasi-Kumool, India

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## Meaning of Vyasa Puja - Amala Purana Das

The Sanskrit words Vyāsa-pūjā literally translate to “the worship of Vyāsa.” Śrīla Vyāsadeva is the incarnation of The Supreme Personality of Godhead, who appeared five thousand years ago and compiled all the Vedic literatures. In the Gauḍīya-sampradāya, we annually celebrate the appearance day of our Spiritual Master. Since the Spiritual Master serves as the representative of Śrīla Vyāsadeva, this day is observed as Vyāsa-pūjā. The Spiritual Master not only represents Vyāsadeva, but also the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Kṛṣṇa. Therefore, we offer worship to the Spiritual Master in a manner akin to our worship of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Śrīla Prabhupada explains Vyāsa-pūjā as follows in Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta (Antya-līlā 20.82, purport).

“Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura says that all writers after Vṛndāvana dāsa Ṭhākura who are pure devotees of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and who have tried to describe the Lord’s activities are to be considered like Vyāsa. Śrīla Vṛndāvana dāsa Ṭhākura is the original Vyāsadeva in describing caitanya-līlā, and all others who follow in his footsteps by describing Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu’s pastimes are also to be called Vyāsadeva. The bona fide spiritual master is called Vyāsa because he is a representative of Vyāsa. Worshiping the birthday of such a spiritual master is called Vyāsa-pūjā.”



## The Position of Spiritual Master

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, Lord Kṛṣṇa says to Uddhava

*ācāryaṁ māṁ vijānīyān  
navamanyeta karhicit  
na martya-buddhyāsūyeta  
sarva-deva-mayo guruḥ*

One should know the ācārya as Myself and never disrespect him in any way. One should not envy him, thinking him an ordinary man, for he is the representative of all the demigods; (SB 11.17.27)

Krishna clearly describes to Arjuna as follows, as quoted in the Ādi Purāṇa:

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

“My dear Pārtha , those who are My direct devotees are actually not My devotees, but those who are the devotees of My devotee are factually My devotees.”  
We daily sing in Gurvaṣṭakam prayers

*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo  
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kutopi*

By satisfaction of the spiritual master, the Supreme Personality of Godhead becomes satisfied. And by not satisfying the spiritual master, there is no chance of being promoted to the plane of Krishna consciousness.

These verses serve as a profound illumination of the spiritual masters exalted position and elucidate why we venerate the spiritual master on par with Lord Kṛṣṇa.

## The Only Way

One might question the significance placed upon the spiritual master, considering the various paths to spiritual perfection. In response to such queries, we can quote the following verses from Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam.

This verse is spoken by Jaḍa Bharata to King Rahūgaṇa:

*rahūgaṇaitat tapasā na yāti  
na cejyayā nirvapaṇād grhād vā  
na cchandasā naiva jalāgni-sūryair  
vinā mahat-pāda-rajo-'bhiṣekam*

“My dear King Rahūgaṇa, unless one has the opportunity to smear his entire body with the dust of the lotus feet of great devotees, one cannot realize the Absolute Truth. One cannot realize the Absolute Truth simply by observing celibacy [brahmacarya], strictly following the rules and regulations of householder life, leaving home as a vānaprastha, accepting sannyāsa, or undergoing severe penances in winter by keeping oneself submerged in water or surrounding oneself in summer by fire and the scorching heat of the sun. There are many other processes to understand the Absolute Truth, but the Absolute Truth is only revealed to one who has attained the mercy of a great devotee.” (SB 5.12.12)

This verse is spoken by Lord Rṣabhadeva to His sons:

*mahat-sevārṇ dvāram āhur vimuktes  
tamo-dvāraṇ yoṣitārṇ saṅgi-saṅgam  
mahāntas te sama-cittāḥ praśāntā  
vimanyavaḥ suhrdaḥ sādhave ye*

“One can attain the path of liberation from material bondage only by rendering service to highly advanced spiritual personalities. These personalities are impersonalists and devotees. Whether one wants to merge into the Lord’s existence or wants to associate with the Personality of Godhead, one should render service to the mahātmās. For those who are not interested in such activities, who associate with people fond of women and sex, the path to hell is wide open. The mahātmās are equipoised. They do not see any difference between one living entity and another.

They are very peaceful and are fully engaged in devotional service. They are devoid of anger, and they work for the benefit of everyone. They do not behave in any abominable way. Such people are known as mahātmās.” (SB 5.5.2)

Thus, we must be fully convinced that the pleasure of a bonafide spiritual master is the only way to achieve pure devotional service.

### The Only Meditation

*vyavasāyātmikā buddhir  
ekeha kuru-nandana  
bahu-śākhā hy anantāś ca  
buddhayo;vyavasāyinām*

“Those who are on this path are resolute in purpose, and their aim is one. O beloved child of the Kurus, the intelligence of those who are irresolute is many-branched.” (BG 2.41)

In the context of this verse, Śrīla Prabhupada once told his disciples that in the 1950s, before he spread Kṛṣṇa Consciousness throughout the world, he read the commentary on this verse by Śrīla Visvanath Cakravarti Thakura. He said he was struck by the commentary, which further fixed him in his resolve to follow Śrīla Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura’s order to preach Krishna Consciousness in English.

Śrīla Visvanath Cakravarti Thakura writes:

Of all kinds of intelligence, the best is intelligence focussed on bhakti-yoga. In bhakti-yoga, one’s intelligence becomes single-pointed, or fixed in determination. One thinks,

“The instructions of my spiritual master to worship the Personality of Godhead by chanting, remembering, serving His feet and so on are my only sādhana, my only sādhyā, my only livelihood. I am unable to give up these instructions either in the stage of practice or in the stage of perfection. They alone are my object of desire and

my only responsibility. Besides them I can desire no other responsibility, not even in my dreams. It is all the same to me whether I feel happy or unhappy, or whether my material existence is eradicated or not”.

#### Conclusion

Finally, on this auspicious appearance day of my spiritual master, His Divine Grace Om Viṣṇupāda Paramahaṁsa Parivrājakācārya Aṣṭottara-śata Śrī Śrīmad Sankarshan Das Adhikari Śrīla Gurudeva, I pray to Lord Krishna to bless us so we can become fully sold out servant of my spiritual master and remain as such for all of eternity.

Amala Purana Das

## Offering to Srila Prabhupada by Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari

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

A little about Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari:

Here's how Krishna entered my life

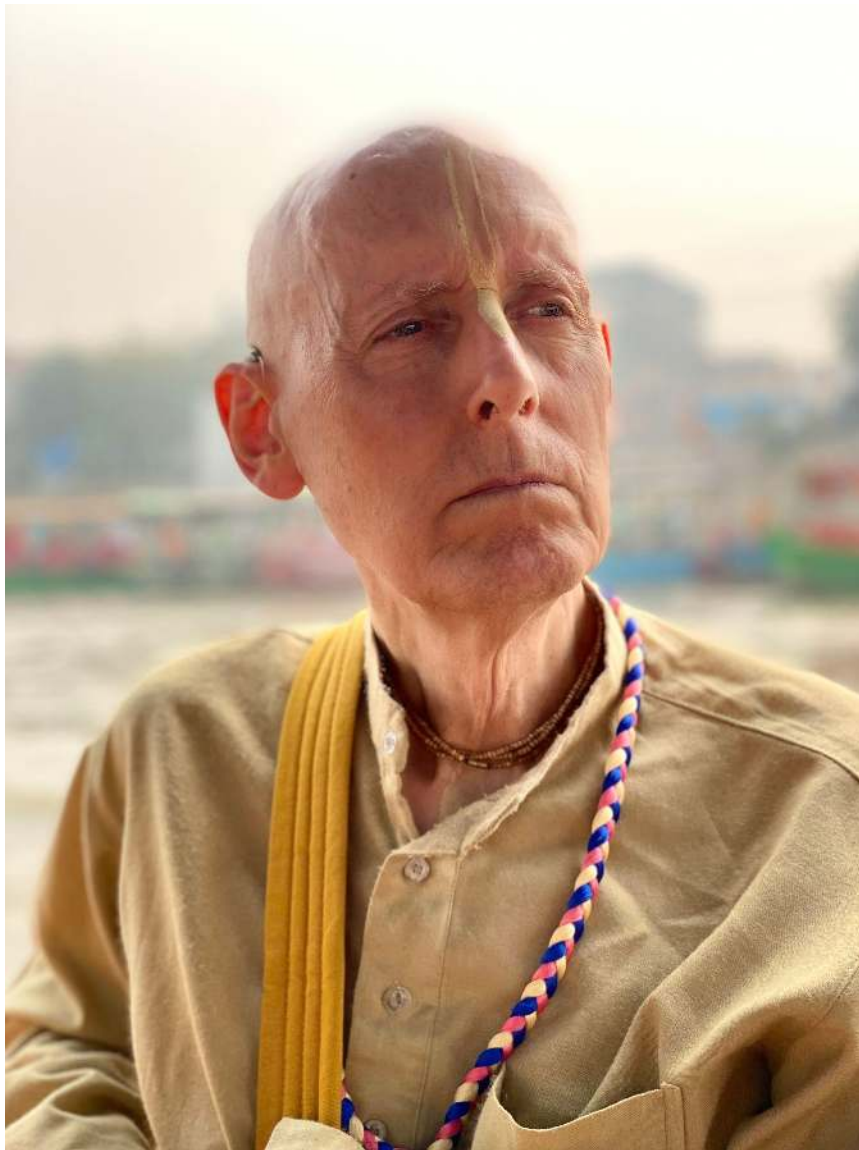
I was a young college student in the Fall of 1968 in Denver, Colorado USA who was more interested in self-realization than I was in a college degree. One night after I had gone to bed I got an impassioned knock on my apartment door. It was my friend, Patrick Dolan, with a few of his friends coming to hide in my apartment from their Joe who had just gone crazy on LSD and was going naked on the street. Patrick started chanting Hare Krishna and told us all to also chant it for Joe's protection. After a while they all left and I fell asleep.

The next day I went to Patrick's apartment to ask him about the Hare Krishna that he was chanting. He showed me an article from a popular magazine which talked about Bhaktivedanta Swami describing the benefits of chanting Hare Krishna. I was intrigued. So I checked out a copy of the Bhagavad-gita from a local library and read how Krishna was saying that if we offer Him our vegetarian food with love and devotion that He would accept. This truly amazed me. I never taught

anything like this in my Christian upbringing. So I found a beautiful picture of Radha and Krishna in a gift store and made an altar before which I chanted Hare Krishna and then offered my food.

This is how my spiritual life began. I then resolved that my career choice was to go to India and be a holy beggar for the rest of my life. However, on the way to India, I realized that if I deny everything, I have to also deny denial. This meant I had to accept something transcendental. So I then realized that I should dedicate my life for making a spiritual revolution on Planet Earth. This brought me eventually to becoming a disciple of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada in 1971..

***To know more about Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari stay tuned for updates on his upcoming Memoir.***



## My desire: I Want to Take Over the World

My dear , in 1972 Srila Prabhupada instructed me that I could aspire to be jagad-guru, the spiritual master of the whole world. So with the blessings of Srila Prabhupada, that is my aspiration. By preaching I want to conquer the world. I want to restore the Vedic civilization that was destroyed 5,000 years ago when the foolish Brahmana boy, Sringi, cursed Maharaj Parikshit.

Someone may say that this is a foolish, impossible dream. Someone may argue that it is foolishness, craziness to desire such an impossible thing. But Srila Prabhupada said that "impossible" is a word in a fool's dictionary. Even though it was considered impossible for the little sparrow to dry up the ocean, by the grace of Garuda the ocean was obliged to return her stolen eggs.

In this connection my aspiration is backed up by sastra. It is stated in the Caitanya Caritamrita, Adi Lila, Chapter 7, Text 26:

*saj-jana, durjana, paṅgu, jaḍa, andha-gaṇa  
prema-vanyāya ḍubāila jagatera jana*

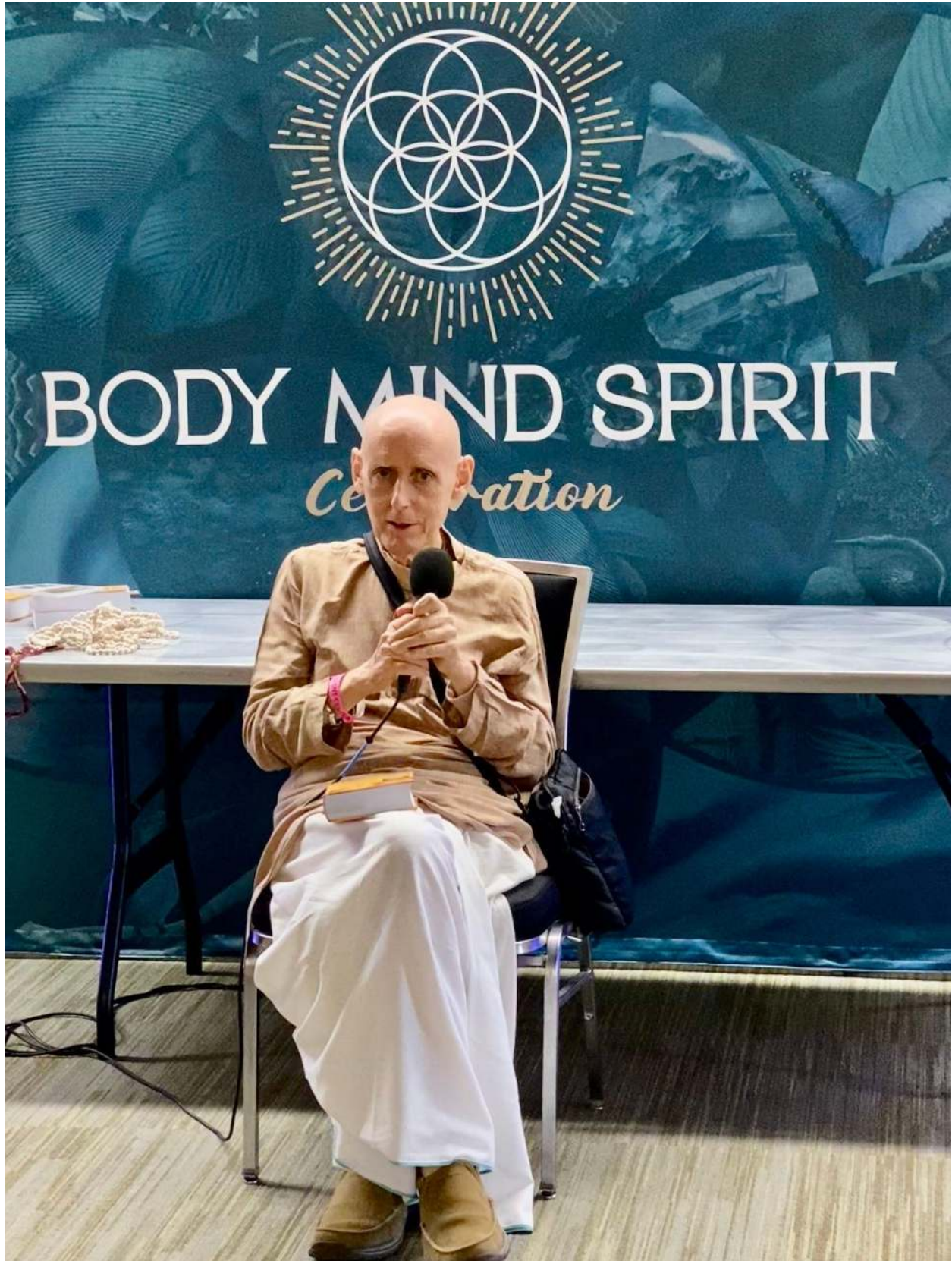
The Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement will inundate the entire world and drown everyone, whether one be a gentleman, a rogue or even lame, invalid or blind.

So I want to see that this happens before I leave my present body. And if it does not happen during my lifetime, I want to take birth and birth until it happens. I want that all the world leaders will come to me to take guidance from me how they can rule their respective countries in such a way that all of their citizens become qualified to go back to home, back to Godhead.

I am not interested in any political post, nor am I qualified to occupy any kind of political post. In the Vedic culture the political leaders would take instruction from the brahmanas how to execute their political duties in a way that would be pleasing to Krishna. This is my desire.

Srila Prabhupada told me that to become jagad-guru all of my material desires had to become zero. The difficulty is that at the present moment my pure consciousness is covered by many, many layers of lust, anger, greed, madness, illusion, and envy. Thus, I am praying to Krishna that all of the impurities in my heart can be removed so that factually I can become jagad-guru and can take over the world by purely preaching the teachings that I am receiving from my most beloved Guru Maharaja, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.







## My Humble Attempt: for Spiritual Revolution

Kindly consider these words from the Srimad Bhagavatam, Canto 1, Chapter 5, Texts 10-11:

*na yad vacaś citra-padaṁ harer yaśo  
jagat-pavitraṁ pragṇīta karhicit  
tad vāyasaṁ tīrtham uśanti mānasā  
na yatra haṁsā niramanty uśik-kṣayāḥ*

*tad-vāg-visargo janatāgha-viplavo  
yasmin prati-ślokaṁ abaddhavaty api  
nāmāny anantasya yaśo 'ṅkitāni yat  
śṛṇvanti gāyanti grṇanti sādhaḥ*

Those words which do not describe the glories of the Lord, who alone can sanctify the atmosphere of the whole universe, are considered by saintly persons to be like unto a place of pilgrimage for crows. Since the all-perfect persons are inhabitants of the transcendental abode, they do not derive any pleasure there.

On the other hand, that literature which is full of descriptions of the transcendental glories of the name, fame, forms, pastimes, etc., of the unlimited Supreme Lord is a different creation, full of transcendental words directed toward bringing about a revolution in the impious lives of this world's misdirected civilization. Such transcendental literatures, even though imperfectly composed, are heard, sung and accepted by purified men who are thoroughly honest."

Following in the footsteps of the Srimad Bhagavatam, even though my writing is imperfectly composed, because I am trying to connect everyone with the sublime teachings of this great literature I am praying that my humble attempt will bring about a spiritual revolution on this planet.

## My Duty: Repeat Exactly What I Have Heard from My Spiritual Master

My duty is to repeat exactly what I have heard from my spiritual master without adding or subtracting anything. What he has taught me is not something that he has concocted. No. It is authorized knowledge coming down through a line of teachers that go back for 155 trillion, 520

billion years when Lord Krishna Himself revealed the Supreme Absolute Truth to Lord Brahma. Lord Brahma then revealed this knowledge to Narada Muni who revealed it to Srila Vyasadeva, etc, etc. In this way the Supreme Absolute Truth has been passed down without any changes through the parampara system, the system of disciplic succession. Here is how this knowledge has come to us:

1. Kṛṣṇa
2. Brahmā
3. Nārada
4. Vyāsa
5. Madhva
6. Padmanābha
7. Nṛhari
8. Mādhava
9. Akṣobhya
10. Jaya Tīrtha
11. Jñānasindhu
12. Dayānidhi
13. Vidyānidhi
14. Rājendra
15. Jayadharma
16. Puruṣottama
17. Brahmaṇya Tīrtha
18. Vyāsa Tīrtha
19. Lakṣmīpati
20. Mādhavendra Purī
21. Īśvara Purī, (Nityānanda, Advaita)
22. Lord Caitanya
23. Rūpa, (Svarūpa, Sanātana)
24. Raghunātha, Jīva
25. Kṛṣṇadāsa
26. Narottama
27. Viśvanātha
28. (Baladeva) Jagannātha

29. Bhaktivinoda

30. Gaurakiśora

31. Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī

32. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda

So now it is my duty to be a proper number 33 by repeating exactly what I have heard from my spiritual master without any additions or subtractions. In this connection Srila Prabhupada has written, "Krishna wants every one of the living entities to go back to home, back to Godhead, so if we can induce even one person to understand that this material world is not meant for our living, our real home is in the spiritual world, and if we can convince this philosophy to even a single person, that is the success of our missionary activities."

So if I can persuade even one of you, my dear readers, to fully understand, accept, and apply this pure knowledge of the Supreme Absolute Truth that has been so carefully passed down to us for these trillions of years, I will consider my life's mission to be a grand success.



My offering: An offering of love to my most beloved spiritual master.

The song lyrics I wrote as an offering of love to my beloved spiritual master, His Divine Grace Prabhupda on 16 September 1983 when I was a young brahmachari preaching in Norman, Oklahoma.

My dear Srila Prabhupada  
Won't you please set me free.  
Give your loving mercy to me  
I'm so blind I cannot see  
Drowning in this ocean of hopelessness.  
Please pick me up, put me on the path  
I've veered out of the way  
I've gone so far astray


That there's no telling of my whereabouts.

My dear Srila Prabhupada  
Please put me back on my feet  
Get me back out on the street  
Telling everyone I meet  
That here's the way we can go back to Godhead.  
Yes, I'm ready to go anywhere  
I'm ready now to preach  
Bhagavad-gita I will teach  
To anyone who has the ears to hear.

My dear Srila Prabhupada  
You've been so kind to me  
You've come and set me free  
Now I'm ready to do the same for others.  
I don't need anything except your order  
That's my life and soul  
Your pleasure is my goal  
Eternally let me remain as your servant.

My dear Srila Prabhupada  
Your love has pulled me through  
Given me a life anew  
Yes, you've turned my life into a blissful celebration.  
And now as I face the future  
Your loving smile I see  
Bestowing grace on me  
I'm walking bravely forward following your footsteps.

My dear Srila Prabhupada  
I sing this song to you



For you've taught me what is true  
You've shown me Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead.  
So now with renewed determination  
I pledge my life to you  
Your order is my cue  
To enter the stage of eternity, bliss, and knowledge.

Oh, my dear Srila Prabhupada  
I can't stop singing your song  
Praising you for eternity long  
May my tongue be always decorated with your glories.  
So now I turn and challenge the night  
With the weapon of your light  
Giving blind men back their sight  
Driving wrong away with right  
Turning sadness to delight  
Freeing people from their fright  
As your teachings I recite  
Oh, Srila Prabhupada,  
My life is to love you.

Srila Prabhupada reciprocates by blessing us

Very meditatively, devotedly take Srila Prabhupada deep into your heart. By doing so Srila Prabhupada will plant the seed of Krishna bhakti in your heart as described in this verse number 151 from the Sri Caitanya Caritamrita, Madhya Lila, Chapter 19:

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

"According to their karma, all living entities are wandering throughout the entire universe. Some of them are being elevated to the upper planetary systems, and some are going down into the lower planetary systems. Out of many millions of wandering living entities, one who is very fortunate gets

an opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master by the grace of Kṛṣṇa. By the mercy of both Kṛṣṇa and the spiritual master, such a person receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service."

By mercy of his spiritual master, His Divine Grace Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Maharaja our most beloved ISKCON Founder-Acharya, His Divine Grace A.C.Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, is blessed by Krishna's light and is now blessing us with that same light. Therefore let us always remain in the light of Krishna consciousness so benignly bestowed upon us by Srila Prabhupada and never again foolishly entangle ourselves in the darkness of this degraded age of Kali.

By doing so sincerely you've got nothing to lose and everything to gain!



Sankarshan Das Adhikari





## Offerings from Disciples around the Globe

### North America

Abhay Charan Das - Guiding by example

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Srila Gurudeva, I would like to share one of your pastimes from one of your doctor visits. During a comprehensive health examination, the doctor noted that you were not getting sufficient rest at night and recommended increasing the number of hours and avoiding waking up before 4am. I distinctly remember your reaction when the doctor conveyed this message. You appeared utterly astounded, as if the very foundation of your world had been shaken. It was inconceivable for you to contemplate not being able to maintain your decades-long practice of rising at 2:00am for your morning chanting. Your unwavering dedication left the doctor astonished; I'm certain he had never encountered a patient so resolute in their commitment to both minimal sleep and early awakening. You couldn't, even for a moment, entertain the idea of having to sleep more and wake up later! The very notion was entirely unacceptable to you, regardless of how your health is!!

Dear Srila Gurudeva, your unwavering commitment to completing japa before 3:30 am and your steadfast determination to adhere to such early schedule vividly exemplifies the seriousness you feel for Krishna consciousness. While we regularly read and hear about the importance of everyday good morning sadhana, Seeing your exemplary actions gives me an opportunity to witness how a pure devotee hankers for Krishna and his holy name. This is the only way anyone can appreciate the real import of Srimad Bhagavatam, by seeing a Person Bhagavatam. You are not merely imparting the importance of chanting; you are living it and teaching me how much determination I should have for my own sadhana. Of course I cannot imitate but I want to follow you and your instructions.

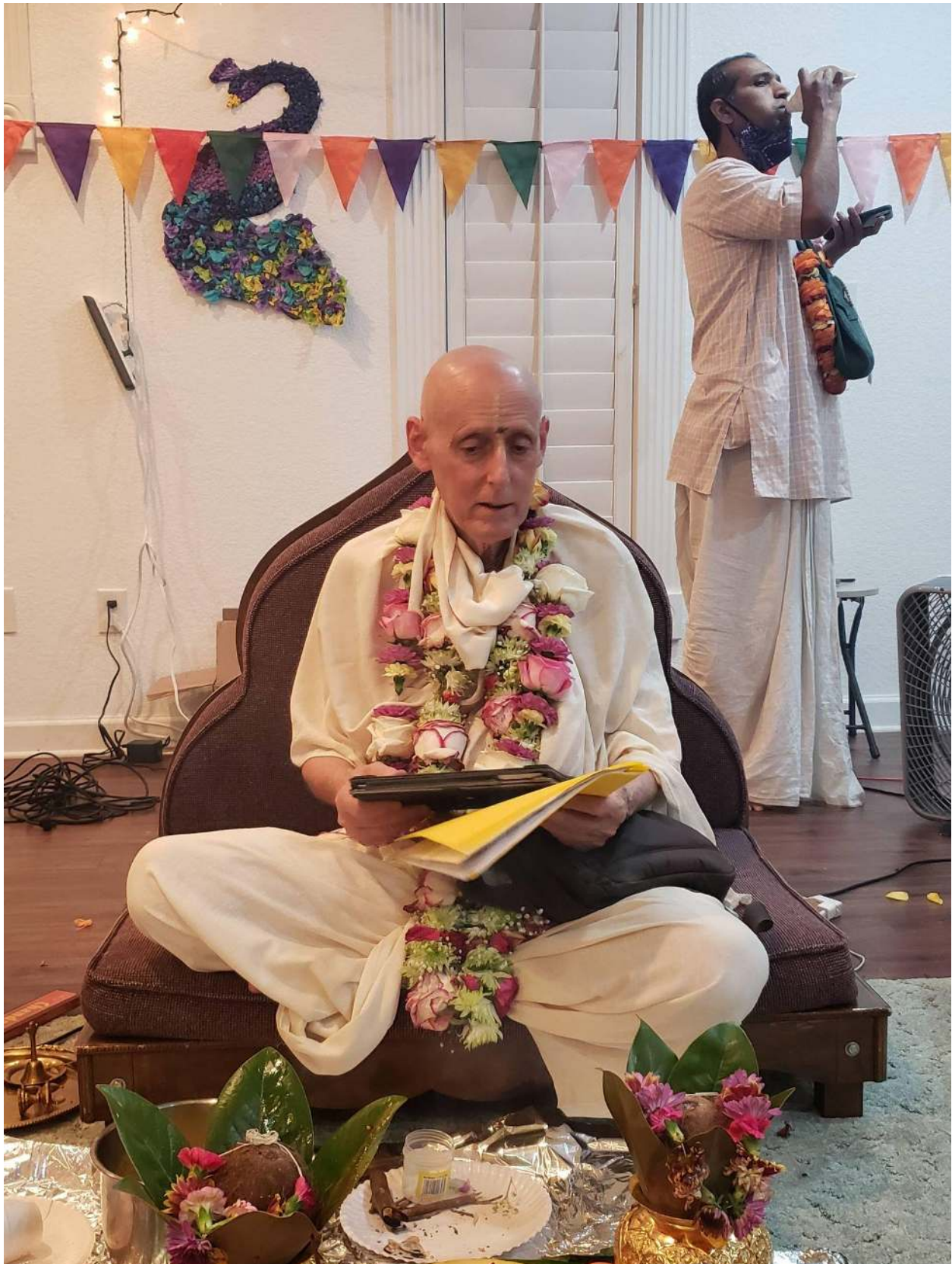
Very practically I see when the scriptures say that Guru gives the direction in life. How an Acharya brings out the teachings of Krishna to life for the disciples. So that we also develop pure love for Krishna, your lectures consistently convey the same sense of urgency for Krishna consciousness that you embody.

On this most auspicious day of your appearance, my prayer is to remain your faithful servant in every moment, every place, and under all circumstances, life after life. My only wish is to perpetually serve you.

Your servant,

Abhay Charan Das - Austin, USA





Alakananda Devi Dasi - Pulled me out of the dark well of ignorance.

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

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

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

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

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

Srila Gurudev, I feel happy and honored to write this humble offering to you on the occasion of your Vyasa Puja. I am very thankful and grateful to you for accepting me as your disciple and always kindly and patiently guiding me in the divine path of Krishna consciousness.

You are a pure devotee of the Supreme Lord Krishna and have completely dedicated your life to His service. Your great enthusiasm and determination to practice and preach about Krishna consciousness throughout the world in accordance with the instructions of your guru His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada are truly inspiring and highly commendable. You have miraculously awakened and developed my dormant Krishna consciousness since I first heard your lecture about 10 years ago. I am tremendously indebted to you for dispelling my ignorance and enlightening me with the most valuable spiritual knowledge given in authentic scriptures such as the Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam. Through your wonderful lectures, books, and daily Thought for the Day you have helped me to clearly understand who I actually am and what my true purpose in life is. I understand now that I am the eternal spirit soul – part and parcel and the eternal servant of the Supreme Lord Krishna. My most important duty is to serve Lord Krishna with love and devotion under your able guidance and thus qualify myself to go back home to His wondrous spiritual abode where I actually belong. I have been suffering in the miserable material world for millions of lifetimes and you have mercifully pulled me out of the dark well of ignorance. You have given all your disciples the greatest gift of Krishna consciousness which is the ultimate solution for all the problems of the material world. You inspire us with your personal example of performing sincere daily sadhana and preaching intensively despite several obstacles and difficulties such as health conditions, etc. I am also grateful to you for helping me to see everything including difficulties as special mercy of the Lord to help me become more fixed in my Krishna consciousness.

I hope I could follow your instructions seriously and become a pure devotee and also assist you in your noble mission of making the whole world Krishna conscious. I pray to Lord Krishna to enable Your Grace and Gurumataji to preach enthusiastically for many more years and save the fallen conditioned souls of the material world.

Thank you.  
Your eternal servant,  
Alakananda Devi Dasi - Austin, USA

Alison Elliott - I am thankful for you for your spiritual guidance and encouragement.

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

I am thankful for you accepting me as your aspiring Disciple. I am very thankful to have you as my Guru and Spiritual Master who gives me instructions. I am thankful for your guidance as my Spiritual Master and Guru. I am thankful for you as my Spiritual Master and Guru who has taught me Valuable lessons in life as a Devotee. I am thankful for your kind words and support. I am thankful for your encouragement as your aspiring disciple and devotee .

Bhaktin Alison Elliott - Vancouver, Canada

Bhagavati Devi Dasi – I wish to continue serving you.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to you, gurumata and Srila Prabhupada.

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

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

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

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

Srila gurudev, this year we had so many opportunities to serve you and also were able to get association with you in person and would like to thank you for that. We were able to attend the Ratha yatra celebration in your presence and were able to remember how you always set the mood “bringing Krishna back to Vrindavan, into our heart”.

Even Though I am not qualified but still by your mercy have been able to receive second initiation this year.

Moreover, I was fortunate to be present in Austin Dham serving with you and gurumata for the Janmashtami and Prabhupada appearance day, where I encountered your personal care and attention for our wellbeing. Just to mention one such instance, you came to receive and drop us off at the airport in spite of fasting for more than 24 hours!

I only pray that by your blessings I will be able to continue serving you without offenses and will seek such opportunities in future.

Dear Srila gurudev, please forgive any inconveniences and any offenses committed and wish you all good health and Vyasa puja.

Your servant,  
Bhagavati Devi Dasi – Cambridge, Canada

Bhakta Avatar Das - Srila Gurudeva, you are the personification of kindness.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva  
Please accept my obeisances.  
All glories to your lotus feet!

Srila Gurudeva, you are the personification of kindness. You have accepted and allowed such a ridiculous idiot as me to take shelter at your lotus feet. You have never rejected me even though I continue to fail to make steady progress in Krishna consciousness; you have only encouraged me to continue. Thank you for your constant encouragement.

Bhakta Avatar Das - Los Angeles, USA





Bhavani Devi Dasi - You are saving wretched souls of the material world.

Hare Krsna, Srila Gurudeva.

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga

On this special day, your Vyas Puja, I give many thanks to you for your causeless mercy in accepting me as your disciple and guiding me through difficulties and joys, towards being qualified to come to know Lord Krsna and be allowed back home, Back to Godhead. I have no way to repay you for the many wonderful things you have done for me....and for all your disciples....the many times you have forgiven my stumbling efforts to stay on the path that Lord Krsna has laid out for us all. With your assistance only, can I reach the purity and perfection I so crave, in my spiritual advancement. Each day brings new realizations of the selfless way you are working to save this wretched soul, the countless hours you must be so upset by the mistakes I make. I am sorry for all the problems I have caused you, Srila Gurudeva and promise to make greater strides in following your instructions.

Thank you for everything you have done and are doing for me. I am most grateful and will always strive to work in a way that pleases you, Srila Prabhupada and Lord Krsna.

My sincere thanks. Hare Krsna.

Your humble servant and devoted disciple,

Bhavani Devi Dasi - Vancouver, Canada

Bhuvansevari Devi Dasi – The importance of the human form of life.



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

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

Gurudev, you open my eyes with knowledge of Krishna bhakti.

First, I'm thankful to your grace and gurumata for giving me shelter of your lotus feet. I'm a conditioned soul and don't understand anything but it is your mercy that I get step by step guidance by your Thought for the day, Vrindavan Dham darshan, association and every day Mangla aarti till Caitanya caritamrita class.

With my limited knowledge and stupid thought process I was in illusion and didn't know the importance of the human form of my life.

On this auspicious day what can I give you? Because I having nothing to speak or give but I'm beggar asking for mercy of your grace to make me "tṛṇād api su-nīcena, taror api sahiṣṇunā." Maybe also with that capacity to follow your instructions with enthusiasm and confidence.

Thank you gurudev for everything which is called "ahaituki Kripa" by which I can use human form in service.

Your servant,  
Bhuvanesvari Devi Dasi – Brampton, Canada.

Caitanya Vani Das - You sacrificed your whole life to give Krsna consciousness.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
śrimate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine  
namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane  
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O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti in order to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya.

Dear Srila Gurudev,  
Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet.  
All glories to you, Smt. Gurumata, Srila Prabhupada.

Every passing year is great for it continues to give me the opportunity to serve you. Lord Krishna talks about different sacrifices in Bhagavad-gita, chapter 4. You sacrifice your own body in the form of health, taking the austerity of traveling and absorbing the sins we commit after initiation. You sacrifice your breath

for speaking about Krishna and convincing so many of us to take up Krishna consciousness and pulling us back on to the right path for those who are wavering. Krishna says of sacrifices (text 33), that sacrifice of knowledge is greater than the sacrifice of material possessions which most of us do. You sacrifice your happiness for others' happiness and elevation day after day. We are ever indebted to you for the sacrifices you make for the good of us and the rest of the world.

There is sense gratification all around us as you have many times pointed out and how to overcome them. In one of your recent "Thought For The Day", it was obvious how painful it was for you as they forced us to walk through the duty free liquor shop to exit from the airport gate. Some are attracted and make a purchase; some walk pass by ignoring it. But you agonized because they are forcing everyone to get tempted to sense gratification. You proved by example the quality of a Vaishnava always thinking of others' elevation. We all are very fortunate to have your association, transcendental knowledge to learn, temple to attend, and more importantly an opportunity to serve pure devotee(s).

I continue to pray to be your eternal servant,  
Caitanya Vani Das - Austin, USA

Govinda Mohini Devi Dasi - Dream come true.

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Hare Krishna dear Srīla 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 Srīla Prabhupada.

Wish you a very happy Vyasa Puja Srīla Gurudeva. I beg at the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha Damodar and Sri Sri Radha Shyamasundar to fully bestow Their blessings for Your good health and long life so that You can deliver many more fallen souls like me.

Srīla Gurudeva, this year is very special to us as Your Grace and Srimati Gurumataji showed your causeless mercy upon us by giving us your personal association not just once but two times. Something more special that happened was when Your Grace and Srimati Gurumataji personally brought Sri Sri Radha Shyamasundar from Lalitha Sakhi mataji's house to our place and instructed us to serve Their Lordships at our place. This was a dream come true for us to be personally guided by Gurumata on how to serve the deities and we couldn't have asked for more. Although we fall short in our service day after

day, Their Lordships mercifully allow us to serve Them and forgive our offenses because your grace and gurumataji personally brought Them and set up Their altar in our house.

Srila Gurudeva, my son, little Balarama likes to hear and dance in the kirtans as he usually does during Your Grace arrivals and departures at the airport. Please bless him so that he always takes shelter at the lotus feet of the pure devotees who can deliver him from this material world. Gurudeva, I am not perfect either in my material duties or spiritual duties. I am very grateful to Your Grace for accepting me as Your disciple and for kindly taking up the selfless task of delivering me from this material world. Your Grace has a desire to take birth after birth to deliver all the fallen souls of this material existence. Whenever I hear this, I can't actually fathom Your Grace's inner mood. But then when I try to understand Srila Prabhupada's mood in carrying out a mission of spreading Krishna Consciousness in the western world at a very ripe age of 70, I understand that Your Grace being an obedient son and sincere follower of Srila Prabhupada, you would imbibe the same mood even if it takes many lifetimes to deliver this entire world.

Srila Gurudeva, I pray for your continued mercy, guidance and illumination for practicing Krishna Consciousness and to do whatever little I can in helping others take up Krishna Consciousness.

Your humble servant,  
Govinda Mohini devi dasi - Brampton, Canada

### Guruvani Devi Dasi - Great role model

My dear Srila Gurudev,

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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.

Every day you show us by example how to be a pure vaisnava.  
You often quote the verse from NOI

*utsāhān niścayād dhairyāt  
tat-tat-karma-pravartanāt  
saṅga-tyāgāt sato vṛtteḥ  
ṣaḍbhir bhaktiḥ prasidhyati*

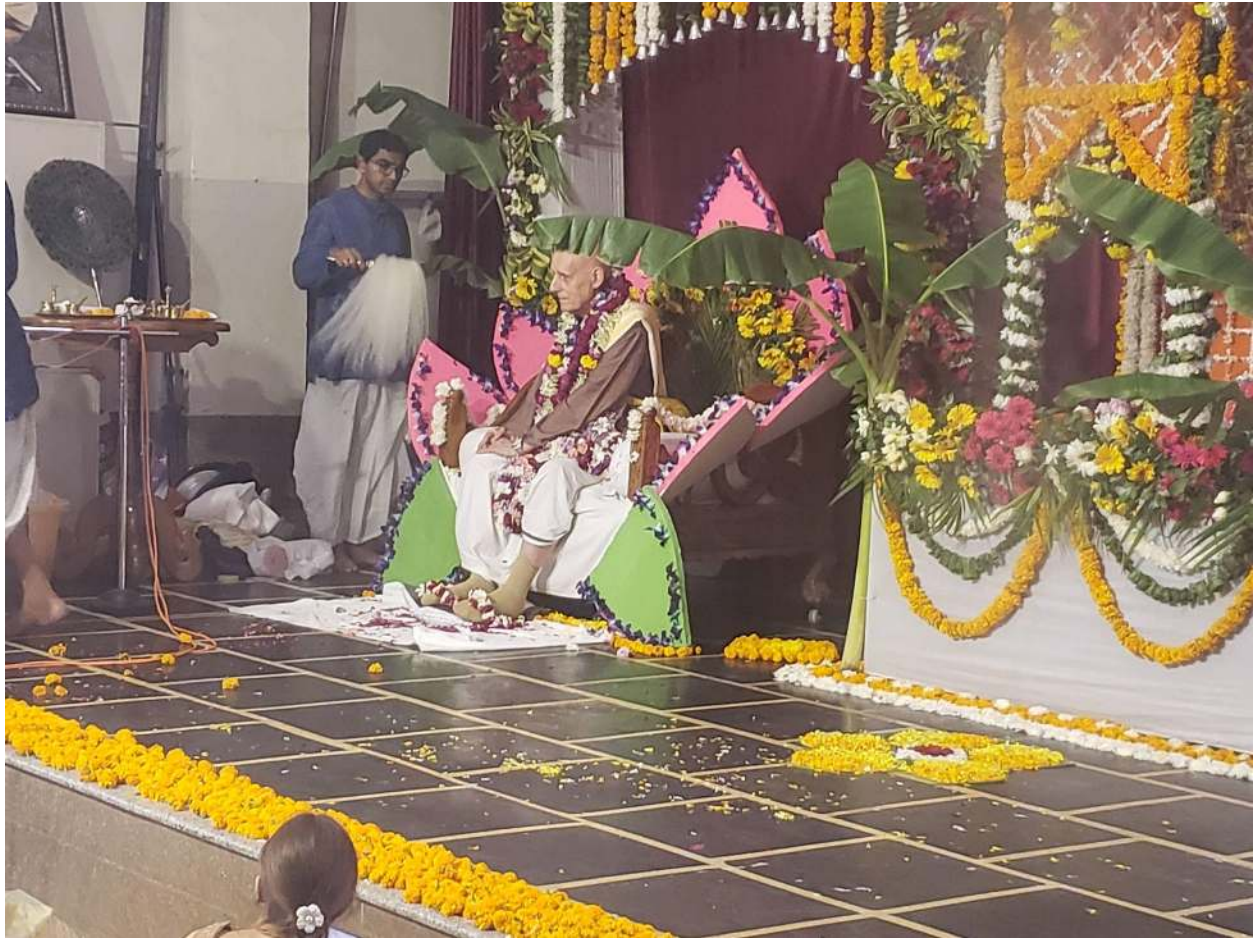
There are six principles favorable to the execution of pure devotional service: (1) being enthusiastic, (2) endeavoring with confidence, (3) being patient, (4) acting according to regulative principles [such as śravaṇaṁ kīrtanaṁ viṣṇoḥ smaraṇam – hearing, chanting and remembering Kṛṣṇa], (5) abandoning the association of non devotees, and (6) following in the footsteps of the previous ācāryas. These six principles undoubtedly assure the complete success of pure devotional service.

And always say we have to be enthusiastic, I never understood how to be enthusiastic or make myself be enthusiastic when I don't really feel it. But by your example I was able to understand, everytime you speak of Srila Prabhupada or hear lectures of Srila Prabhupada, you get recharged with immense enthusiasm which comes from extreme gratitude. So I learned that I should develop the attitude of gratitude and appreciate the association of pure Vaisnavas like you and that will keep me enthusiastic in service,

Thank you Gurudev for being such a great role model.

Your servant

Guruvani Devi Dasi - Austin, USA.



Hemanga Das - I want to imbibe your mood of compassion.

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to your divine grace

A very happy Vyasa Puja Srila Gurudev!

Desire to conquer and lord over mentality has reached new heights! The mass killing of innocent civilians by people in power is brutal. As your grace rightly reminds us that the root cause of all these problems is skin disease. I'm black, white, Jewish, Indian... The thought for the day emails come as a medicine that cleanses the consciousness to come out of deep rooted misidentification with my body.

Be it a thought provoking question during your lecture "When was the last time I saw myself in the mirror and said to myself that i'm not this body" or a real life example – "When a car driver who is very much attached to his car gets into an accident and starts yells You hit me!! You hit me!! ", jolts my untrained mind to stop perceiving things through the senses and helps me learn to see from the eyes of the scriptures.

How wonderful it is to hear from your grace day after day consistently and boldly preaching the message of Kṛṣṇa to people from all sects and setting an example of how adventurous can a Krishna consciousness lifestyle be. Moreover you take out time in guiding the misguided souls – be it a primary school boy or an inquisitive high ranked scientist. You bestow your mercy equally upon them.

Considering all the odds of being in an old body like health issues, lack of rest, constant traveling, Your perseverance to reach and teach the world population is exemplary!

On this most auspicious day, i seek your blessing to imbibe your mood of compassion and progress in Krishna consciousness in all circumstances

Your fallen servant,  
Hemanga Das - Brampton, Canada

Kirtan - Your presence was still felt

My Dear Srila Gurudev,

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namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane  
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I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Srīman Sankarshan Dās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

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

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

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

How kind and merciful you are,

Your love and compassion shine bright, Even from afar.

This past year in Japan,  
Was the longest I've been without you,



But your presence was still felt,  
In my heart, it was true.

Your teachings echoed in my mind,  
And your love helped me to unwind.

Your kindness and mercy, a guiding light,  
Showed me the path, both day and night.

Even when I fell, you lifted me up,  
Your forgiveness was like a sweet cup.

You taught me to love, to serve, and to give,  
To live a life that's truly alive.

O Srila Gurudev, my debt to you is great,  
But your mercy is greater, it cannot abate.

I beg you to guide me, forever and aye,  
On the path of devotion, where Krishna I'll find my way.

Your Servant  
Kirtan Nagavarapu - Austin, USA

Lilasmriti Devi Dasi - My attraction and love for Krishna is awakening.

All Glories to you Srila Gurudeva  
All Glories to Guru Mataji  
All Glories to Srila Praphupada

My Dear Srila Gurudeva...  
Please accept my most respectful humble obeisances to your lotus feet on this most auspicious day of your appearance in this world.

I wish you a very happy and blessed Vyasa Puja Srila Gurudeva.  
I was so fortunate to be able to meet you face to face in Vrindavan last year, 2022.

By your endless teachings and your grace Srila Gurudeva I have engaged more and more in devotional service and my life is full of new spiritual experiences with your blessings. Each day I can feel how your causeless mercy is flowing in Krishna Consciousness & and my attraction and love for Krishna is



awakening.

I am so fortunate that Lord Sri Krishna mercifully sent you as my Spiritual Master Srila Gurudeva. I am forever grateful for your virtual association with your lectures, daily emails, Sri Bhagavatam classes and Mangala Aarti day in and day out. On this most auspicious day, I pray to remain a speck of dust at your lotus feet. If only I can serve you better with all my heart and soul and receive the nectar of your grace Srila Gurudeva...

Wishing you the most wonderful Vyasa Puja Celebration.

I will be celebrating Srila Gurudeva with my God Brothers & God Sisters in Vrindavan.

May Lord Krishna shed his mercy and grace upon you always and may Krishna Balarama Temple be built very soon.

Thank You for everything Srila Gurudeva!

Hare Krishna

Your humble servant

Lilasmriti Devi Dasi - Miami Beach, USA

Mahabhagavat Das - You are indeed a very close disciple of Srila Prabhupada.

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All glories unto your divine grace.

First and foremost, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, for accepting me as your disciple. I can't imagine what my life would have been had I not surrendered at your lotus feet, to your instructions. But it is not so much my own surrender as your mercy... For every drop of my own surrender, you have poured

in thousands of drops of your own mercy!

For a while, even after discovering Krishna Consciousness, I was convinced that I would just stay out there, chant Hare Krishna, read the books, do some service, but stay independent. To his credit, Giriraja Swami Maharaja inspired me to make the leap and grab the opportunity during his Rama Navami class in Philadelphia, but you still very mercifully accepted me as a disciple and trained me. Gurumataji has very mercifully corrected me too, and also Abhay Charan Prabhu has always inspired me with his own humble service attitude.

But above all, your own personal example of humility and surrender to Srila Prabhupada and to Krishna acting in so many ways through so many souls remains my inspiration. Your Godbrothers and Godsisters, their disciples, students, and followers, and even souls outside of our tradition continue to help me to follow your instructions.

Over the years, there have been so many challenges, so many situations where I would normally have just parted ways and struck out on my own... so many traps and pitfalls. But you gracefully helped me navigate those and helped me stick it out and stay in the process for the long haul. Your kind patience and love is what has kept me going. So I am grateful to you, for the numerous times when you saved me.

Every time I bring you a sensitive conundrum or question like that, your love for Srila Prabhupada, and your absolute faith in his instructions shine forth clearly. And this is by a disciple who was externally so far away from Srila Prabhupada physically during his manifest presence. Your faith helps me navigate all those circumstances and stay within the shelter of the Parampara instructions. No, you are indeed a very close disciple of Srila Prabhupada, and Srila Prabhupada lives in your heart.

Due to the arrangements you have made for me, I'm often in a position where others within and outside of ISKCON offer me much undeserved honor and respect. The love with which I am treated is just unbelievable. What could I have possibly done to deserve all that? A worthless recovering atheist such as myself? I realize that it is only as your servant that I have anything worthwhile.

But again, your kind instruction saves me from falling victim to false pride - nothing less, you instructed, nothing less than pure devotional service is acceptable. One can hardly remain comfortable, as you said, with "remaining a well-respected devotee within ISKCON". And so the quest to purity continues.

Over the years, I have made so many decisions in accordance with your kind instructions to me, both general instructions you have given in your writings and talks, but also your personal instructions to me. To reflect and act on your instructions has been a great privilege. Srila Gurudeva, I can't imagine the extent of my good fortune, to have these wonderful instructions to guide me, fence off the deep dark recesses of Maya, and make a nice wall with which to retain the water of hearing and chanting, which continues to nourish my little creeper of devotional service.

I am happy therefore, to not only report my little accomplishments in following your instructions, but also to present before you my own failings and my challenges. The way you make yourself accessible to your disciples and students is truly inspiring and moving. I cannot find many examples where a spiritual master extends himself in this way, even to an unworthy disciple such as myself.

On this day of your Vyasa Puja, I renew my commitment at your lotus feet, to strive to fulfill your instructions in thought, word, and deed. It is very likely that I may die trying without much success, but at

least that guarantees me at least another life in blissful devotional service.

You have shared so many times that your desire is to remain birth after birth in this material realm until all souls have become pure in their devotional service to Krishna. Of course, you remain surrendered to whatever Srila Prabhupada and Krishna want from you. Similarly, my duty is to remain in your service until your service to Srila Prabhupada is completed to his satisfaction. But it is not just out of duty, but out of my own free will that I accept your mission as my own. For whatever it is worth, please continue to accept my humble attempts.

Your simplicity, your honesty, your transparency, and your childlike innocence is such a joy to behold. Your humility, your surrender, your kindness and compassion are truly something to aspire for.

Above all, Srila Gurudeva, you have given me a great treasure, the Holy Name. I pray to try and chant the Holy Name sincerely, as all your instructions will automatically be fulfilled the moment I can chant purely, and the more I can strive to follow your instructions, the purer I can chant the Holy Name.

Srila Gurudeva, I can't wait to see all the adventures that lie in store on the pathway to pure devotional service! It is getting increasingly ecstatic and overwhelming in Krishna Consciousness. And I'm just a bumbling neophyte yet. What more amazing nectarean adventures do you have in store for me?

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja, if there is anything at all that I may have done to please Krishna, whatever it may be, then I offer that as my humble offering at your lotus feet.

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

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. (ŚU 6.23)

Praying to be your worthy disciple someday,

Your insignificant servant,  
Mahabhagavat Das - Toronto, Canada  
[www.dasadas.com](http://www.dasadas.com)



Maharshi Patel - You made me understand Srimad Bhagavad Gita precisely.

Thank you so much, Sankarshan Prabhu, for shedding additional light on the purport of the effulgent teachings of Srila Prabhupada!

Before I knew who you were, I was puzzled with the multiple, seemingly contradictory statements by Srila Prabhupada in his books. I had started reading Bhagavad Gita As It Is since 2019 but was not able to understand the true purports. Despite the fact that I was reading Srila Prabhupada's commentary, I still somehow arrived at the opposite conclusion of Mayavada. In that confusion, I found Srimad Bhagavatam and Krsna Book, and they gave me some more context and understanding.

But I can say for sure that I only began to comprehend the numerous statements of Srila Prabhupada's books when I read your book "Know Who You Are and Be Who You Are" and when you explained them. Your way of simplicity in explaining is something which made me understand the message and made me understand what Krishna consciousness truly is: knowing who we are (jnana, knowing that I am a spirit soul), and acting in that position (vijnana, knowing that I am constitutionally a servant of Krishna).

At one time, I started taking bhakti lightly, but at that time, your disciple Paramahansa prabhu explained to me about your e-course, Ultimate Self Realization Course and signed me up. After that, I have been understanding so many difficult concepts very easily. You also answer questions in a funny way.

Thank you for guiding me.

I have composed a verse for you below

त्वं कीर्तनेनैव संकीर्तनेन  
कृष्णानुरक्तिं प्रददासि नित्यम् ।  
करोमीव योऽल्पोऽपि तेनासि तृप्तं  
संकर्षणाख्यो गुरवे नमामि ॥ १ ॥  
*tvaṁ kīrtanenaiva saṅkīrtanena  
kṛṣṇānuraktiṁ pradadāsi nityam  
karomīva yo'po'pi tenāsi tṛptaṁ  
saṅkarṣaṇākhyo gurave namāmi*

You give attachment to Krishna by glorifying Him (by the Ultimate Self Realization Course, Thought of the Day, and your lectures), and by performing Sankirtana. No matter how meagerly I must serve you, you are nonetheless pleased by it. I offer my obeisances to you, O guru, Sankarshan prabhu!

Bhakta Maharshi Patel - Kitchener, Canada

Melanie Boodoo - I could never repay you.

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya  
cakshur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-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.

Jaya Srila Gurudev! Hare Krishna. Dandavat Pranams. Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories onto your lotus like feet.

Srila Gurudev, with utmost humility and sincerity of heart, I offer my respectful obeisances unto your lotus like feet. I whole- heartedly wish you a most auspicious and wonderful Krishna Conscious appearance day. I am mostly unqualified to approach you, but you are kind and sincere and accept all of us as your insignificant servants.

I pray that our sweet Lord, Bhagavan Sri Krishna, will keep you healthy and strong to continue in His and Srila Prabhupada's service for a long time on this planet, and that you will ascend to Krishna's abode.

This year at the Toronto Ratha Yatra festival I received the most sublime blessing of seeing you and Guru Mataji almost immediately upon arriving at the starting point of the parade. I came to you and offered my obeisances and you immediately showered your blessings upon me. I was so excited to tell my family



members about you. At certain points during the parade I was able to see you walking and each time I saw you I felt emotional and kept thinking wow, you're really here, we are all so blessed and fortunate to have you in our city and parade.

I brought my family to listen to you give an inspirational lecture on Centre Island, which they enjoyed very much. On the way back from the island Krishna knew my heart and without any arrangements on my end, and to my greatest surprise and joy, we ended up on the same water taxi as you and Guru Mataji. I was ecstatic the whole way back to the city. When we got off the taxi I approached you and Guru Mataji, ever so nervously, to see if there was anything I could assist with. But everything was already taken care of by your dear Toronto disciples. I told you I was excited to see you and you told me I should always be excited to see Krishna. I felt very special hearing those words directly from you to me personally. Then I told Guru Mataji that I was happy to see her, and in her sweet, nectarean voice she said to me that if I came to Austin, I could see her all the time. I left with tears in my eyes because I felt that her blessing was that some day I will be qualified enough to see her every day and serve her, and you, with love and devotion.

I pray that day will come soon when I will fully surrender myself in service to you and Guru Mataji, Srila Prabhupada and Shri Gaura Natai. I pray that I can know what it means to be a true servant of the servant of the servant.

You and Guru Mataji are my inspiration in Krishna Consciousness and even though life is unsure and tough at times, having your association through your Thought for the Day, videos, lectures all keep me alert and active in Krishna's service at home, while I work and while I care for my 93 year old mother. I know I lack a lot of devotion and service to you and to Krishna, and I can always do better and improve my sadhana, but by your mercy I am striving daily to get there.

Srila Gurudev, I fervently thank you for carrying out Srila Prabhupada's orders selflessly and unadulteratedly, and for guiding us all back home back to Krishna. You continuously make tremendous sacrifices by traveling around the world to help bring all fallen souls back to Krishna, and I could never repay you for that mercy.

Please give me your blessings to dutifully love and serve you, Srila Prabhupada, Shri Gauranga and all Vaishnava devotees.

Hare Krishna!

Your most insignificant servant.  
Bhaktin Melanie Boodoo - Toronto, Canada

Neha - Thank you for enlightening us.

*tad viddhi praṇipātena paripraśnena sevayā  
upadekṣhyanti te jñānam jñāninas tattva-darśinahaḥ*

Thank you for enlightening us

Bhaktin Neha - Toronto, Canada

Nityakishori Devi Dasi et.al - Fortunate to have spiritual master like you.

Dear Srila Gurudev,

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Many many thanks to you Srila Gurudev for showering your mercy on us menial servants. We are so fortunate that we have a spiritual master like you who keeps blessing us despite the mistakes we commit. I feel unlimited bliss with your ecstatic classes and kirtan. It shows how strictly you follow His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada without any deviation! Whenever we have problems in spiritual and material life, we always think of you and how strong you are in following Srila Prabhupada's teachings. You are always in high spirits and very enthusiastic to preach to everyone whether devotees or non devotees. You are exactly like the devotee that Sri Krishna describes in BhagavadGita. I left Austin 12 years ago, I still have this strong desire to come back at your lotus feet and serve you and Gurumata forever. In Vancouver temple, we have new temple management and with your blessings we are bringing some changes that are very helpful in our spiritual advancement. We are hoping you and Gurumata can grace us in Vancouver soon. Please Gurudeva, continue to shower your mercy so we can always remember Krishna and always chant and be happy. Happy appearance day Srila Gurudeva.

Your fallen servants,

Nityakishori Devi Dasi, Sundarmukunda Das, Murari and Vibhavari - Vancouver, Canada

Padmamukhi Devi Dasi - Thank you for guiding me.

Hare Krishna

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to Srila Gurudeva

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Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet.

Today, I remember the fortunate day I had your first association through the Ultimate self- realization course. And my life has changed ever since. I remember your first instruction to me to hear and chant the Hare Krishna mahamantra sincerely. Though I am still a neophyte you have given me the ultimate knowledge and entry into the most rare and precious path of pure devotional service.

Thank you, Srīla Gurudeva, for so mercifully removing the dark clouds of ignorance and guiding me on the path of pure bhakti. Please bless me that I may always remember the lotus feet of Radha and Krishna and be fixed in devotional service at all places, times, and circumstances. I pray to Sri Sri Radha Shyamsundar for your best health and many more fallen souls like myself will obtain your mercy and engage in the mission of Chaitanya Mahāprabhu.

Your humble servant

Padmamukhi Devi Dasi - Monmouth Junction, USA

Paramahansa Das – Not to lose the gratitude.

Hare Krishna Srīla Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you, gurumata and Srīla Prabhupada.

*nama oṃ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
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It has been a very eventful year overall. In the last few years my Krishna conscious process has been a lot more adventurous. I was able to come for a weekend and able to do book distribution in your presence and also was able to attend the Austin Janmsatami program.

While traveling to reach Austin, it was the best time for me to introspect that it is by the mercy of the Spiritual master only that once can overcome the mountain of the material miseries. I am very fortunate to have you but sure will be most fortunate when I actually surrender fully to you and your instructions that are straight coming from Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Gurudev, I sure cannot fathom the amount of tolerance that you have.

My only desire is that I remain conscious of your position in my life and not lose the gratitude towards you. What else can I say, I know that repaying the debt is never possible but at the least will keep working in the same mindset.

Thank you very much.

Your servant,

Paramahansa Das – Cambridge, Canada.

Paramatma Das Et.al. - Please accept our deep gratitude.

Hare Krishna

Our dearest Srila Gurudeva,

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O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema!

I offer obeisances to

you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti in order to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya. 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 your grace on this auspicious day of your Vyasapuja our beloved Srila Gurudeva. We wish you a very happy Vyas Puja celebration. We beg at the lotus feet of Their Lordships Sri Sri Kishora Kishori from ISKCON Chicago to bestow us with your powerful association to us Gurudeva, by keeping your grace and Srimati Gurumataji with the best health & shower Their choicest blessings on all of us.

For conditioned souls like us, it is sometimes very easy to fall prey to Maya and forget the importance of the spiritual master's presence with us in this world and we may take both his vani instructions and vapu association for granted. This is one of the most misfortune conditions of a disciple and we are one among many. Hence, we are begging at your lotus feet to bless us that we never forget your instructions, and never leave your association but we remember you to the deep of our heart eternally. Srila Prabhupada says that he was never alone, but he always had the association of his Guru Maharaja – His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Siddantha Saraswati Thakura. We sincerely aspire that we be able to follow all your instructions obediently for eternity Srila Gurudeva.

We were deliberating on a few points from Srimad Bhagavatam and Caitanya Caritamrita emphasizing the glories of a bona fide spiritual master and his characteristics. We were reading that the most expert spiritual master can transform a low class person, into a Brahmana as Srila Prabhupada exemplifies this. Srila Prabhupada refers in one of his purports of Srimad Bhagavatam that "The International Society for Krishna Consciousness is trying to turn mlecchas and yavanas into real brāhmaṇas by properly initiating them and stopping them from engaging in meat-eating, intoxication, illicit sex and gambling. One who stops these four principles of sinful activity and chants the Hare Kṛṣṇa mahā-mantra can certainly become a pure brāhmaṇa through the process of bona fide initiation, as suggested by Śrīla Sanātana Gosvāmī. (SB 5.24.17)"

Also in CC Adi, 7.47, Srila Sanatana Goswami mentions this regarding the initiation of low-class men to turn them into brāhmaṇas.

*yathā kāñcanatām yāti  
kāṁsyaṁ rasa-vidhānataḥ  
tathā dīkṣā-vidhānena  
dvijatvaṁ jāyate nṛṇām*

As one can transform kaṁsa, or bell metal, into gold by treating it with mercury, one can also turn a lowborn man into a brāhmaṇa by initiating him properly into Vaiṣṇava activities.[Also quoted in Hari Bhakti Vilasa]

We can see the characteristics of a disciple with a perfect mood from the life of Srila Rupa Goswami and Srila Sanātana Goswami, especially when they met Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. In great humility, both brothers took bunches of straw between their teeth and, each binding a cloth around their neck, fell down like rods before the Lord. They said "Dear Lord, let us inform you that no one is more sinful than us,



nor is there any offender like us. Even if we wanted to mention our sinful activities, we would immediately become ashamed. And what to speak of giving them up!” (Bhakti-rasāmṛta-sindhu – 1.2.154, by Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī)

From SB 11.10.6, verse explains the characteristics of a proper disciple or a servant of the spiritual master –

*amāny amatsaro dakṣo  
nirmamo dṛḍha-sauhṛdaḥ  
asaṭvaro 'rtha-jijñāsura  
anasūyura amogha-vāk*

“The servant or disciple of the spiritual master should be free from false prestige, never considering himself to be the doer. He should be active and never lazy and should give up all sense of proprietorship over the objects of the senses, including his wife, children, home and society. He should be endowed with feelings of loving friendship toward the spiritual master and should never become deviated or bewildered. The servant or disciple should always desire advancement in spiritual understanding, should not envy anyone and should always avoid useless conversation.”

In the same context, Lord Sri Krishna teaches how the spirit soul bound within the material body can develop pure transcendental knowledge by giving an analogy to Uddhava with reference to the bona fide Spiritual Master

*ācārya 'raṇir ādyaḥ syād  
ante-vāsy uttarāraṇiḥ  
tat-sandhānam pravacanam  
vidyā-sandhiḥ sukhāvaham*

The spiritual master can be compared to the lower kindling stick, the disciple to the upper kindling stick, and the instruction given by the guru to the third stick placed in between. The transcendental knowledge communicated from guru to disciple is compared to the fire arising from the contact of these, which burns the darkness of ignorance to ashes, bringing great happiness both to guru and disciple.” (SB 11.10.12)

Also in one of the purports of CC Madhya 24.330, Srila Prabhupada talks about a disciple’s relationship with a spiritual master, “One must love the spiritual master with unflinching faith, and one must be very steady and fixed. The bona fide disciple should be inquisitive to understand transcendental subject matter. He must not search out faults among good qualities, and he should no longer be interested in material topics. His only interest should be Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead.” Further, he adds, “Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura explains that a bona fide disciple must be very inquisitive to understand the transcendental subject matter.”

Also, it’s not just enough to be inquisitive on the transcendental subject matter, but it is also very important for a disciple to know the importance about submissive hearing from the spiritual master. The fact is if a disciple makes a submissive hearing from the spiritual master, he curbs the waves of material illusion, though Lord’s illusory energy acts eternally within the material world, and there is no possibility of destroying illusion, one may, however, destroy the presence of illusion within one’s own heart. Hence, in the same context, Krishna concludes his teachings to Uddhava as – “By submissively hearing from an

expert spiritual master, the expert disciple develops pure knowledge, which repels the onslaught of material illusion arising from the three modes of material nature. Finally this pure knowledge itself ceases, just as fire ceases when the stock of fuel has been consumed.” (SB 11.10.13)”

Additionally, some of the wonderful characteristics of a spiritual master from Padma Purana says, “The guru must be situated on the topmost platform of devotional service. There are three classes of devotees, and the guru must be accepted from the topmost class. The first-class devotee is the spiritual master of all kinds of people. It is said, gurur nṛṇām. The word nṛṇām means “of all human beings.” The guru is not limited to a particular group. It is stated in the Upadeśāmṛta of Rūpa Gosvāmī that a guru is a gosvāmī, a controller of the senses and the mind. Such a guru can accept disciples from all over the world. Pṛthivīm sa śiṣyāt.”

Further to add from the purports from Caitanya Caritamrita, “The guru is a qualified brahmana; therefore he knows Brahman and Parabrahman. He thus devotes his life for the service of Parabrahman. The bona fide spiritual master who accepts disciples from all over the world is also worshiped all over the world because of his qualities. Lokānām asau pūjyo yathā hariḥ: the people of the world worship him just as they worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead. All these honors are offered to him because he strictly follows the brahminical principles and teaches these principles to his disciples. Such a person is called an ācārya because he knows the principles of devotional service, he behaves in that way himself, and he teaches his disciples to follow in his footsteps. Thus he is an ācārya or jagad-guru. Even though a person is born in a brahminical family and is very expert in performing sacrifices, he cannot be accepted as a guru if he is not a strict Vaiṣṇava. A guru is a brāhmaṇa by qualification, and he can turn others into brāhmaṇas according to the śāstric principles and brahminical qualifications.” (CC Madhya 24.330)

Hence, we would like to be always under your care and shelter for eternity, so that we progress in our devotional service Gurudeva. Kindly shower your blessings on us that one day we may become pure devotees and be able to please you one day with our sadhana and services. Without pleasing you O’ Srila Gurudeva, there is no chance that we can ever please Krishna. From SB 11.3.21 verse, we realize how much important is to approach a bona fide spiritual master who is not just niṣṇātaṁ means expertly realized the conclusions of Vedic scriptures but also very mercifully who gives shelter to even the most fallen conditional souls –

*tasmād gururṁ prapadyeta  
jijñāsuḥ śreya uttamam  
śābde pare ca niṣṇātaṁ  
brahmany upaśamāśrayam*

Therefore any person who seriously desires real happiness must seek a bona fide spiritual master and take shelter of him by initiation. The qualification of the bona fide guru is that he has realized the conclusions of the scriptures by deliberation and is able to convince others of these conclusions. Such great personalities, who have taken shelter of the Supreme Godhead, leaving aside all material considerations, should be understood to be bona fide spiritual masters.

So we humbly seek your blessings that we eternally be able to remain as your sold-out animals and attain your pure mood to serve Srila Prabhupada's mission.

We are left with no words to express our feelings of boundless gratitude in our heart for Your Divine Grace and for our beloved Her Grace Gurumata. We can't show our gratefulness enough, for rescuing us and saving us from the grasps of the material world Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumata.

Srila Gurudeva ki Jai !!  
Srimati Gurumata ki jai !!!

Hare Krishna !!

Your insignificant servants,  
Paramatma Dasa, Mohana Mohini Devi Dasi - Chicago, USA

Priya Karvekar - I thank Krishna for connecting me to you.

Dear Srila Gurudev,  
Thank you for unrelenting strive to constantly help neophyte devotees find their way in this process. You are and will always be the closest to my heart and to see you smile and enthusiastic without fail on Sunday program just melts my heart. I am a very minial soul with no capabilities but if I can strive in my life to just follow one of your instructions, I can consider that the highest success in this birth. Please bless me so I can serve you and I thank Krishna for connecting me to you.

Bhaktin Priya - Austin, USA

Rob - Thank you for helping me on the spiritual path - Krsna Consciousness.

Hi Gurudev,

Many thanks for all your guidance in making sense as I've been learning about Krishna. I have had many teachers for various things such as meditation but you're the first Spiritual Master that I have had. Thanks for helping guide my Spiritual Path! It's been wonderful getting to practice and serve alongside you!

Best,

Bhakta Rob - Austin, USA

Satyavan Das - You teach us the path of Krsna Consciousness.

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

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

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

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Guru Mataji.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Gurudev, your personal life is an example of complete surrender and exclusive service to Srila Prabhupada and Supreme Lord. You are leading us in the spiritual path with your transcendental qualities and causeless mercy. 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 any cost.

Srila Gurudeva, on this auspicious day of your Vyasa puja, I beg your causeless mercy that I become more sincerely determined to continue to take up the chanting of Hare Krishna mahamantra attentively and forgive me for all the offenses I have committed at your lotus feet and to keep me always in your service.

I pray to their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Damodhar to bestow you good health and strength to spread Krishna Consciousness to more and more people.

Your insignificant servant,



Satyavan Das - Austin, USA



Savitri Devi Dasi - You are dedicated disciple of Srila Prabhupada.

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

Dear Srila Gurudev,

As a dedicated disciple of Srila Prabhupada, you have been serving his mission of spreading the Krishna consciousness movement all over the world by overcoming all obstacles. There is no factor that can deviate you from that path like health problems, flight delays, weather conditions etc.. "There is no difference between the spiritual master's instructions and the spiritual master himself. Pleasing the spiritual master directly pleases the Supreme Lord ", which you have followed and implemented throughout your life. You are so mercifully teaching us the importance of the spiritual master everyday in your lectures to improve our dedication towards serving the spiritual master.

*yasya prasada bhagavat prasado  
yasya prasadan na gatih kuto 'pi*



*dhyayan stuvams tasya yasyas tri-sandhyam  
Vande guro sri charan ara vindam*

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.

With your own example Srila Gurudev, you showed us that pleasing the spiritual master is the secret of spiritual success. Of all your divine qualities, your love and dedication towards Srila Prabhupada always shines. You have been the most dedicated follower of his words, "The disciple considers the spiritual master to be non-different from the Supreme Lord Himself and thus offers him respects accordingly" .

I am so grateful to you and Srimati Gurumataji for accepting me as your disciple and for showering the nectar of Shrimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad gita classes everyday though you are traveling to different countries in different time zones.

On this auspicious occasion I beg both of your blessings to continue my Krishna conscious journey till the end of my life with great spiritual strength to overcome any obstacle on my way and beg for both of your mercy to forgive my offenses, mistakes, imperfect services doing till now.

Your insignificant servant,  
Savitri Devi Dasi - Austin, USA

Sheela Parthananarayana - "Become a pure devotee, everything will fall into place."

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva!  
Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to Your Grace!  
All glories to GuruMata!  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Srila Gurudeva, I cried before Srila Prabhupada and You appeared before me. In Vrindavan, before Srila Prabhupada samadhi I cried loudly for many minutes to bless me with a Guru. Just after 2 months Your grace came to my city and gave direct instruction, seeing me in the eye "Become a pure devotee, everything will fall into place!"

Your every instruction since then has convinced my rebellious mind that it is possible to go back to Godhead if I sincerely follow your instructions. Your assurance of taking us back to Godhead with so much determination, has made me happily endeavor to follow your instructions to the best of my capacity.

Your every straightforward instruction is exactly what Srila Prabhupada instructed, is exactly what pure devotees mentioned in Shrimad Bhagavatam, is exactly what Lord Krishna has told in Bhagavad Gita. This leaves no room for confusion or misunderstanding Krishna Consciousness for me or anybody who hears your instructions from your Lotus mouth. You are truly showing the world what "bonafide" means.

You are a true follower of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu! You revealed wanting to spread Krishna Consciousness in every town and village in the whole world regardless of your repeated births! You are a true warrior of Srila Prabhupada! You are constantly immersed in Prabhupada Vani which I closely witnessed when I was fortunate to travel with you. That day I felt Srila Prabhupada was alive and sitting next to you seeing how ecstatically you were relishing and reiterating his instructions listening to his lectures.

Srila Gurudev, you are unconditionally merciful to everyone who is struggling in this material world. To everyone and anyone you say, "I can become your Guru, follow 4 regulative principles and chant 16 rounds, I will accept you as my disciple and take you back to Godhead." Seeing such mercy overflowing I can only pursue to serve sincerely and be hopeful one day to be accepted by you, to be accepted by Krishna!

Thank you, Srila Gurudeva, for blessing me with this opportunity to glorify you on your Vyasa Puja.

Your humble insignificant servant,  
Bhaktin Sheela - Ottawa, Canada

Sravanananda Das - You teach by your own examples.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev!

Please accept my humble obeisances!  
All Glories to you and Srimati Gurumataji!  
All Glories to Srila Prabhupad!

Srila Gurudev, I am very fortunate to be one of your disciples and to get your precious association which helps me to correct my mistakes and makes my way forward in Krishna Consciousness. I am very thankful to Krishna and Srila Prabhupad who out of their causeless mercy have made this arrangement to pick this fallen soul and give me a chance to reach back to home, back to Godhead.

Out of many occurrences, I would like to quote one merciful incident with Srila Gurudev. I am very fortunate to be called for services in Jonwood way ashram in Austin. When I was there for the first time doing evening service for Sri Sri Radha Damodar, I was late in doing the offering. Srila Gurudev was teaching me the steps on what and how to do and when to do. But since the offering was late by a few minutes, Srila Gurudev was a bit upset and angry. He was expressing his anger in a very sweet way. He expressed his anger in such a way that I felt Srila Gurudev was angry at himself and not at me, which was amazing. That is how he teaches his disciples, forgives and motivates them to continue the service of Krishna. I feel privileged to get their personal association and opportunities to serve them at various occasions. I humbly pray to please continue your mercy upon us Srila Gurudev and take us back to Krishna. Hare Krishna

Your Servant,  
Sravanananda Das - Austin, USA

Sudarshan Das - You expertly teach us to follow Srila Prabhupada's teachings.

Hare Krishna Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to you and Srimati Guru Mataji  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

There is no way for me to express my gratitude toward you and Guru Mataji. I am a fallen soul who had no hope whatsoever in getting any relief from the pangs of material miseries, but it was you who mercifully gave shelter to me and showed me the right path. I still have a huge tendency to cheat and make mistakes which is preventing me from completely surrendering at your lotus feet. There is still a long way for me to go before I can have a taste of Bhakti as you are teaching it. But I am not hopeless. I can see that I have come a long way in being able to leave behind a lot of unwanted things and make constant progress. With that I have complete faith in the process, in you and in Srila Prabhupada. I only pray to you to please allow me to continue to be at your lotus feet. There is no other place where I would like to be.

Srila Gurudev, you mercifully continue to travel around the world guiding so many souls both in-person and via the online classes. You take time to personally reply to emails and to answer questions during the classes. All you talk about is Srila Prabhupada's instructions to us and about his teachings. All this is very motivating. It sets up high standards for us who tend to get lazy and relaxed about devotional service. You have taught us by example that one can be fully Krishna Conscious and can use all actions, thoughts, and deeds in the service of Krishna in all times, places, and circumstances. You leave us with no doubt that Srila Prabhupada's teachings can be practically followed even in today's time and age. This gives us the hope that if we only follow you, we will be able to revive our dormant love from Krishna and again experience our lost loving relationship with Him. All we need to do is to stop holding ourselves back. I pray at your lotus feet that I stop cheating and acting foolishly and take Krishna Consciousness as a priority and completely surrender immediately.

Thank you very much for your guidance and patience with this fallen soul.

Your Servant,  
Sudarshan Das - Toronto, Canada



Sulakshana Devi Dasi - rare valuable seed of bhakti yoga

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

My dear Srīla Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet!

Gurudeva, I thank you for planting such a rare valuable seed of bhakti yoga in my heart. I am eternally indebted to you. Thank you gurudeva for all your compassion and kindness.

Now it is my responsibility to show compassion to others who are suffering in this material world due to ignorance or lack of knowledge by distributing this knowledge to them by my body, mind and words. You have said in many of your lectures- the more you give to others the more you will receive.

The ultimate goal of human life is to attain the love of Godhead prema pumārtha mahan and that is achieved only by surrendering fully to the lotus feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa, or His representative bona fide spiritual master.. It is said in Caitanya caritāmṛita “Let me take shelter of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Śrī Kṛṣṇa, who has descended in the form of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu to teach us real knowledge, His devotional service and detachment from whatever

does not foster Kṛṣṇa consciousness. He has descended because He is an ocean of transcendental mercy. Let me surrender unto His lotus feet”

On this auspicious appearance day of yours, I pray to Lord Sri Krishna that you have a very long and healthy life and your desire to spread Krishna consciousness all over the world be fulfilled. I hope I will be able to assist you somehow or other in a small way to fulfill your mission. Thank you for accepting this worthless foolish person as your disciple.

Yours most fallen and unworthy servant,

Sulakshana devi das - USA

Swati Manchanda - Thank you for the shelter and showering your mercy upon me.

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Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you and Guru Mataji. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I would like to express my gratitude for giving me shelter at your lotus feet. Thank you for always showering me with your mercy. I have been connected with the Ultimate Self-Realization Course for the past 7 years. Your Thought For The Days have helped me understand the true purpose of my human life.

While you have so many followers across the world, you still reply to each email personally. It feels very comforting to know that I can reach you anytime for my queries.

I am in awe of your endless efforts to spread Krishna consciousness to the whole world.

I am very thankful to you and Guru Mataji for your personal association in Toronto and giving me an opportunity to serve your lotus feet. It is because of your causeless mercy that I have come into the association of such beautiful devotees, who have always been patient and kind with me despite my foolishness.

Thank you, Guru Mataji, for your guidance, kind association, mercy, and immense patience with me.



Srila Gurudev and Guru Mataji, you have dedicated your lives to spreading Srila Prabhupada's mission. I pray to their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Damodar for your good health and strength so that you can shower your mercy on more and more souls around the world.

Please bless me so that I can always follow your and Guru Mataji's teachings and instructions.

Your insignificant servant,  
Swati Manchanda - Toronto, Canada

Yugadharma Devi Dasi - Your love and mercy towards us is unfathomable.

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

Dear Srila Gurudev,  
Last year vyas puja I visited your Grace personally and celebrated with my God brothers and sisters in Sri Vrindavan dham. The memories are still fresh in my heart. I cherish the moments when we all offered your Grace flower garlands and in reciprocation, we all got back one garland each. That reminded me that once your Grace mentioned in a lecture that an affectionate father accepts a paper tie made by his child and also wears it out of love for the child. Your love and mercy towards us is unfathomable.  
I am an ignorant fool and have no sense of good and bad. I am very fortunate that your Grace accepted me as a disciple. This is all your mercy and Krishna's Grace but nothing else.

Srila Gurudev you have given me everything(Hare Krishna maha-mantra, Krishna conscious devotional service, Gayatri mantra, Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam teachings). I am so unfortunate that I have not taken it seriously. I am still holding on to the material attachments.  
Srila Gurudev Please, Please, and Please forgive me.

Your servant,  
Yuga dharma Devi Dasi - Rocky Hill, USA

## Eastern & Southern India

Abhiremya. SS - All glories to your grace

Hare Krishna Gurudev  
Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to your grace  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!  
Srila Gurudev, I have come in contact with your grace's and Srimati Gurumataji's class through one of your disciple Harekrishna das.  
I reside in Trivandrum Kerala  
Wishing you full of health in the auspicious Vyasa puja

Abhiremya. SS - Kerala, India

Adithya Sudhir - Your enthusiasm is wonderful.

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

Dear Srila Gurudev, it is my first ever experience of meeting your grace in person in Vrindavan and I thank Lord Krishna for making that happen. What astonishes me the most is how enthusiastically your grace practices Krishna Consciousness. I pray to wish other fallen souls would follow your grace's footsteps of Krishna Consciousness.

Also Gurudev, during your graces' time in Vrindavan, your grace instructed us to follow 4 regulative principles... No gambling, No meat eating, No illicit sex, and No intoxication, I have failed to follow all of them and I am trying and failing, please help me with your blessings.

Srila Gurudev Ki Jai

Your grace's servant  
Bhakta Adithya Sudhir - Kerala, India

Aditya Devi Dasi – The most merciful spiritual father!!

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Dear Srila Gurudev,

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

Thank you so much Srila Gurudeva for entering into this fallen soul's life, always bestowing unlimited mercy in the form of instruction through thoughts for the day, video, songs, books and especially personal guidance. As a father holds the child and takes care of him in all the circumstances, in the same way you are holding me with the powerful instruction which knocks me again and again from this material existence. The mood of tirelessly serving your beloved spiritual master His Divine Grace Abhay Caranaravinda Bhakti Vedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada to spread this movement all over the world by visiting personally and virtually with all enthusiasm makes me to realize the unlimited compassion that

you have for all the conditioned souls. By your mercy may I remember and develop this mood of pure devotion to you, my spiritual master though I am incapable in all the way.

On this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, we pay our prostrated obeisances repeatedly at the dust of your lotus feet and pray for your causeless mercy so that we can develop the proper consciousness to carry out your instruction as life and soul.

Also, we pray to Lord Narashimha Dev for your grace and Srimati Gurumataji's grace, healthy long life so that you can deliver more and more souls all around the world.

Thank you so much Srila Gurudev.  
Hare Krishna!  
yours humble servant,  
Aditya Devi Dasi - Chennai, India

### Anand sagar krishna das - As per expectations of Srila Prabhupada

Hare Krishna.

His grace Sankarshan Das Adhikari Maharaj please accept my dandavat pranam to your lotus feet.  
Your holiness, Happy 76th Vyasa puja and happy Krishna conscious birthday to you maharaj...

I express my heartfelt gratitude to all disciples of Maharaj in trivandrum on this auspicious occasion of 76th Vyasa Puja and grant me the opportunity to glorify my beloved Maharaj. You embraced Krishna consciousness as per the expectation of Srila Prabhupada and imparting the very essence of Krishna consciousness to so many hapless human souls. Moreover, Maharaj shows the practical way to submit our life to Krishna and Guru while enjoying a homely life.

Of course, Maharaj is a sublime model to all humble disciples of Thiruvananthapuram. First of all their humbleness and then their service minded nature which attracts everyone. It is obvious that Maharaj imparts all His qualities to disciples.

Srimad Bhagavatam 3:24:13..

*etāvaty eva śuśrūṣā  
kāryā pītari putrakaiḥ  
bāḍham ity anumanyeta  
gauraveṇa guror vacaḥ*

Sons ought to render service to their father exactly to this extent. One should obey the command of his father or spiritual master with due deference, saying, "Yes, sir."

This sloka is for the obedient disciples of Maharaj. Maharaj imbibes the valuable preachings of Srila Prabhupada and practices in your own life. We express our sincere gratitude to beloved Maharaj to come into this materialistic world and impart Krishna consciousness to us, the sinned human beings.

Thank you for appearing this material world your holiness  
Happy birthday Maharaj...  
Merry Vyasa puja...

Your unworthy servant  
Anand sagar krishna das - Trivandrum, India.

Disciple of H.H. MAHAVISHNU GOSWAMI

Anuradha devi dasi - You teach me how to serve Krishna consistently.

Dear Srila Gurudev,  
Please accept my most humble obeisances.  
All glories unto your merciful lotus feet.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*namah om vishnupadaya krishna prestaya bhutale  
srimate sankarshan das adhikari itinamine  
namo prabhupadanuga premamurti kripatmane  
gauradesa vikasarta uttama bhakti varsine*

*utsāhān niścayād dhairyāt  
tat-tat-karma-pravartanāt  
saṅga-tyāgāt sato vṛtteḥ  
ṣaḍbhir bhaktiḥ prasidhyati*

There are six principles favorable to the execution of pure devotional service: (1) being enthusiastic, (2) endeavoring with confidence, (3) being patient, (4) acting according to regulative principles [such as śravaṇaṁ kīrtanaṁ viṣṇoḥ smaraṇam [SB 7.5.23]—hearing, chanting and remembering Kṛṣṇa], (5) abandoning the association of non-devotees, and (6) following in the footsteps of the previous ācāryas. These six principles undoubtedly assure the complete success of pure devotional service.

All glories, all glories, all glories, all glories, all glories, all glories unto you for manifesting all these and making me understand this sloka LIVE. Srila Gurudev, a disciple reflects the spiritual master. I pray and beg your blessings forever to submit myself to reflect you. In the journey towards Krishna, consistently serving Krishna is very very challenging for me. By showing all these qualities in you, you show me hope, Srila Gurudev.

On the auspicious day of your appearance I seek your unlimited mercy to be your perfect disciple.  
want to serve your lotus feet

Anuradha devi dasi - Coimbatore, India



Balakrishna Devi Dasi - Your mercy is inconceivable.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev, please accept my humble obeisance  
All glories to Srila Prabhupad  
All glories to Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji

Thank you so much Srila Gurudev for giving me an opportunity to glorify your grace on this auspicious occasion, I cannot offer my gratitude in words. Your grace has showed, how a devotee is cheerful at any situation they are going through in their lives. Srila Gurudev, your grace has likewise figured us how to carry on with a grhastha life through your model. Your grace's mercy towards fallen spirits like me is inconceivable. I am always thankful for your grace's guidance and direction, but I didn't treat your grace's instructions in a serious way. Kindly bless me to take up your instruction as my very life and soul. Always seeking shelter at your grace's lotus feet.

Your humble servant,

Balakrishna Devi Dasi - Kerala, India

Bhavani - Let me pray again and again



Dear Srila Gurudev,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.  
All glories to you and gurumataji.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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

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

On the most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa puja celebration, I would like to humbly put forward my heartfelt offering at your lotus feet for your pleasure and for my purification.

Remembering your greatness keeps me safe and you are simply the best.  
You have given us eternal life, knowledge and bliss in the service of Kṛṣṇa and I removed my material contamination in my heart, still I am addicted to material things and with the help of your grace I have to climb the spiritual steps as per your instructions. Let me pray again and again that I may get your darshan at least once and take your lotus feet as a decoration on my head.

Bhaktin Bhavani - Chennai, India

Caitanya Das - Thank you for always making yourself available to me.

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

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Srīman Sankarshan Dās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa 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.

My dear respected Srila Gurudev,  
Dandavat Pranam, please accept my humble obeisances unto yours and Srimati Gurumataji's lotus feet.  
Srila Gurudev, thank you for always making yourself available to me, to all of your disciples, and to anyone else who seeks your guidance. Your loving presence fills my heart and makes up for all of my shortcomings. Even though I don't yet fully realize how fortunate I am, I beg to remain grateful and sincere.\

Your servant,  
Caitanya Das - Kerala, India

## C Sharath Kumar - I will be servant and son for eternal life

Dear Gurudev,

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His grace Sankarshan das  
All glories to you Srila gurudev and Srimati Guru Mataji,

Gurudev you taught me the Krishna consciousness life and what am I and where i am from, what is the goal of life of our soul, Gurudev you taught us how to be Krishna conscious by following four regulative principles and chanting 16 rounds, you taught me by your causeless mercy so many pastimes about Srila prabhupada with you, Gurudev you taught me the path to how to reach Lord Krishna by accepting your each words and instructions as life and soul. Gurudev with your sublime qualities you have spreaded your mercy on the whole world to make all the humans take up Krishna consciousness and mold their lives according to Lord Krishna's instruction by serving yours and Srila Prabhupada's instructions.

You have given your effort and your desire to make a sinful, very degraded soul full of false ego to be blessed by your great unconditional mercy.

I am not at all a capable person to see the love and compassion that you are bestowing upon me and over the world by instructing us through Srila Prabhupada's instructions and Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatham.

Gurudev you are the greatest boon to the fallen souls and you always make us happy by sending us about pastimes of Supreme Godhead Krishna, Srimati Radharani and Lord Balaram. You have been sharing with us about your Guru Maharaj about his mercy, dedication, and his devotion to Lord Krishna, you taught me how to behave with the world and spread Krishna consciousness and you have told me that what Srila Prabhupada likes is that we have love for Krishna.

Guru maharaj as you know about my beating of heart and need of my heart in advance than me and sending us the same thought of the day to match. You are the spiritual father for me and lord Krishna and Srila Prabhupada are also fathers for us.

How many times I have fallen down to a very low level of consciousness by bad habits and my shameless mind. You were still saving us again by uplifting a rebellious child who is always hitting his father and mother, but due to your unlimited compassion, unconditional love you are uplifting me an equal number of times.

Saying thanks itself is not sufficient for your unlimited mercy, efforts, kindness, and unconditional love for me. But wholeheartedly I will be servant and son for eternal life and be the servant of you Gurudev, Srila Prabhupada, Lord Balaram, and Lord Sri Radha Krishna. A very happy Vyasa puja day Gurudev. Gurudev please forgive my mistakes in writing the offering letter.

Yours insignificant fallen servant of servant,  
Bhakta C Sharath Kumar - Hyderabad, India

Dhananjaya Das - Your enthusiasm is contagious.

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śrimate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine*

*namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane  
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Dear Srīla Gurudev,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories unto your grace and Srīmatī Gurumatāji.  
All glories to Srīla Prabhupada.

Thank you Srīla Gurudev and Srīmatī Gurumatāji for tirelessly preaching all over the world and reclaiming the fallen conditioned souls like me. You and Gurumatāji set an example of how a pure devotee should behave and act. I had the chance to see your graces in Srī Vrindavan Dham this year. It was so nice and mesmerizing to see you both inspiring and guiding us to take up Kṛṣṇa Consciousness seriously.

Although I am struggling to fight against material modes of nature, you are a ray of hope in my dark life. You personify what a faithful follower of Srīla Prabhupada should be thinking and doing to spread this movement. You always represent the pure teachings of Srīla Prabhupada. You want to spread this Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement all over the world. Although it's a very difficult and unimaginable task, your enthusiasm in your advanced age is still contagious for a person like me who is nowhere without your mercy. Your online Ultimate Self Realization course is simply wonderful and you are also simply wonderful and all your faithful followers are also simply wonderful. I want to smear my body with the dust of your lotus feet and your followers.

I pray to Srī Srī Rādhā Girīdhārī to award you good health so that you and Gurumatāji can reach more fallen conditioned souls like me. Thank you once again for everything your graces have done for me.

Your aspiring servant,  
Dhananjaya Das - Bangalore, India

Gaura Lila Devi Dasi - Begging blessings to intensify my devotional service.

*nama om vishnu padaya krishna preshtaya bhutale  
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine  
namo prabhupadanuga premamurti kripatmane  
gauradesa vikasartha uthama bhakti varshine*

My dear Srīla Gurudev,  
Please accept my humble obeisances,  
All glories to Srīla Gurudev and Srīmatī Gurumatāji  
All glories to Srīla Prabhupada

Every year we are eagerly waiting for your grace and Gurumatā's arrival at Vrindavan. This year we are blessed with your grace and Gurumatā's association for a week. We are very fortunate to get the vapu and vani association of your grace and Gurumatā twice daily. Srīla Gurudev, you always demonstrated by

example that the more you give Krishna, the more you get Krishna. It is this undefeatable attitude that inspires me a lot.

Gurudev, each and every word coming from Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji penetrate our consciousness and cleanses the dirt accumulated in our heart.

I am short of words and not qualified for glorifying your grace and Gurumata. I would like to express my gratitude for all the love, care and knowledge you both have given to us. I sincerely pray to The Supreme Lord for giving me the capability to carry out the instructions of my spiritual master sincerely and to keep it always close to my heart.

On this auspicious Vyasapuja day I offer my special prayers to the Lotus feet of Krishna to keep Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji always in good health to save the wretched souls from the miserable material life. I humbly beg to Srila Gurudev for your grace's blessings to intensify my devotional service.

Your insignificant servant  
Gaura Lila Devi Dasi - Kerala, India

Guru Vandana devi dasi - I am indebted to your grace for accepting me.

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śrīmate saṅkarṣaṇa-dāsādhikārin iti nāmine  
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My dear Srila Gurudev,  
Following in the footsteps of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhu-pada you are revealing the timeless science of Kṛsna consciousness to the entire world. Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura instructs us, in his famous prayers for the spiritual master, as follows

*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo  
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi  
dhyāyan stuvaṁs tasya yaśas tri-sandhyaṁ  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

By satisfaction of the spiritual master, the Supreme Personality of Godhead becomes satisfied. And by not satisfying the spiritual master, there is no chance of being promoted to the plane of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I should, therefore, meditate and pray for his mercy three times a day, and offer my respectful obeisances unto him, my spiritual master.

Srila Gurudev I am indebted to your grace for accepting me into your fold as a worthy recipient of the mercy of the previous spiritual masters.

It is very inspiring that you teach Krishna Consciousness in a simple aphorism, “Know who you are and be who you are”. You explain that, “we are all constitutionally Krishna's eternal servants. So, becoming Krishna conscious is simply a matter of getting back to being who really are. It's like a fish getting back into the water. Now we are like fish flapping in agony on the beach and the spiritual master picks us up and mercifully throws us back into the water. In this we can get back to being who we really are”. Srila Gurudev you are compassionate to pick me up with your powerful instructions again and again, though I am so attached to stay in this material ocean.

Srila Gurudev your instructions are brief and simple which gives solutions to all problems in life. “When you are feeling tortured like anything when all hell breaks loose in your life simply you have to remember that everything that is happening to you at every moment is Krishna's unlimitedly loving personal arrangement to bring you back to your original loving relationship with Him as soon as possible. Krishna is the supreme orchestrator desiring to get you back into His wonderful divine orchestra as soon as possible. So just try to tune into Krishna by chanting His names with love and you will taste ecstasy”. You and Srimati Gurumataji are exemplary leaders leading everyone with your perfect high standard spiritual life. You both are simple, humble, pure, determined, intense and intolerant to nonsense. There is no end to the descriptions of your transcendental qualities and I find my inability to describe the same. Let me bow down and offer the prayers which Bhakti Vinod Thakura has sung

*gurudev!  
kripa-bindu diya, koro' ei dase,  
trinapekha ati hina  
sakala sahane, bala diya koro',  
nija-mane spriha-hina*

Gurudeva, give to this servant just one drop of mercy. I am lower than a blade of grass. Give me all your help. Give me strength. Let me be as you are, without desires or aspirations

*sakale sammana korite sakati,  
deho' natha! jathajatha  
tabe to' gaibo, hari-nama-sukhe,  
aparadha ha 'be hata*

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

*kabe heno kripa, labhiya e jana,  
kritartha hoibe, natha!  
sakti-buddhi-hina, ami ati dina,  
koro' more atma-satha*

O Lord and Master! When will such mercy fall to this one who is weak and devoid of intelligence? Allow me to be with you

*jogyata-vicare, kichu nahi pai,  
tomara karuna—sara  
karuna na hoile, kandiya kandiya,  
prana na rakhibo ara*

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

your insignificant servant in the dust of your lotus feet  
Guruvandana devi dasi - Chennai, India



G.Y. Satish Kumar - You are rendering incredible service.

Hare Krishna, All the glories to my Gurudev and to our Gurumata.

I am fortunate to see and follow this content in the website since 2013, and these emails that contain three aspects, one is all the content that Gurudeva writes is based on Vedic literature (not concocting his own ideas), his thought of the day will carry so much information and inspiration to live (in my case I am still living because I have got confidence after going through the messages) and one's problems that can be applied to me as I am also going through neophyte state. Sometimes I argued with Gurudev to give permission for renunciation due to scaring with my materialistic problems and to devote my full time with God.

However, Gurudev did not give me permission, as I am a married one, having my materialistic duties still pending. Hence, I cannot run away from those obligations (as Arjun was reluctant to wage war with his relatives).

I want to convey my sincere thanks and I pray to the Lord to give good health to both Gurudev and to Gurumata who is rendering incredible service to the present generations.

Hare Krishna.

G.Y. Satish Kumar - Bengaluru, India

Hamsa.S - I want to continue this everlasting journey as your disciple.

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

All glories to Srila Gurudev.  
Dandavat pranam Gurudev.

This insignificant conditioned soul, bows down repeatedly at your lotus feet Gurudev. I accidentally joined your online ultimate self realization course but, after a few days, being attached to it, I felt that I wanted to follow what's being told. Sometimes I was amazed to behold that the questions that were running in my mind would be answered through the daily 'Thought for the day'. And the replies that were mentioned to questions posed by other devotees, would answer mine as well.

It's wonderful to be on this real journey, with your captainship Gurudev. I want to continue this everlasting journey as your disciple even after leaving this body. Gurudev, it's your great causeless mercy and compassion that I felt that whenever I have tried following your instructions, my chanting(japa) has been good. Through your discourses on great vedic literature like Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita, you enrich this material world with the determination and enthusiasm "to serve Sri Krishna". All glories, All glories, All glories to you dear Gurudev.\

Through your exemplary service, your grace has sown seeds of devotion in the hearts of your dedicated disciples. Your determination, perseverance, humility, tolerance, enthusiasm and your efforts to make this material existence Krishna conscious are all unparalleled. It's your mercy that this fallen soul has been given such a great unexpected, rare opportunity to express gratitude to you.

A big big big HARIBOL to you wholeheartedly Gurudev for everything. I place this short offering to your lotus feet and with folded hands ,I beg you to please please please kindly accept it Gurudev.

*Vancha kalpatarubhyasca krupa sindhubhya evaca, patitanam pavanebhyo vaishnavebhyo namo namah*

Please accept my obeisances on to your lotus feet.

Please bless me so that my faith, dedication and Love for Sri Sri RadhaMadhava and Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga's lotus feet increase and increase infinitely.

Gurudev, you are a unique Vaishnava , I beg your mercy repeatedly on this very auspicious day.

Please, please kindly guide me, rectify me and please bless me with the dust of your lotus feet, so that someday even this fallen soul can take shelter of your lotus feet and become Krishna conscious.

All glories to Srila Gurudev

NITAI GAURA PREMANANDE HARI HARIBOL,

Hare Krishna.

Hamsa S. - Karnataka, India

Hare Krishna Das - You convince us Srila Prabhupada's words are practical

Srila Prabhupada convinced us The Supreme Lord is a little blue cowherd boy, and your grace convinced us Srila Prabhupada's words are practical.

My Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances!

All glory to Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji!

All glory to Srila Prabhupada!

Srila Gurudev, The words of Srila Prabhupada are transforming many, many souls from the clutches of bodily consciousness to regain their original spiritual consciousness. By your grace, we were trained to read Srila Prabhupada's books daily. Each word is purifying and protects the souls. Srila Prabhupada gave us a vision to return to our original home.

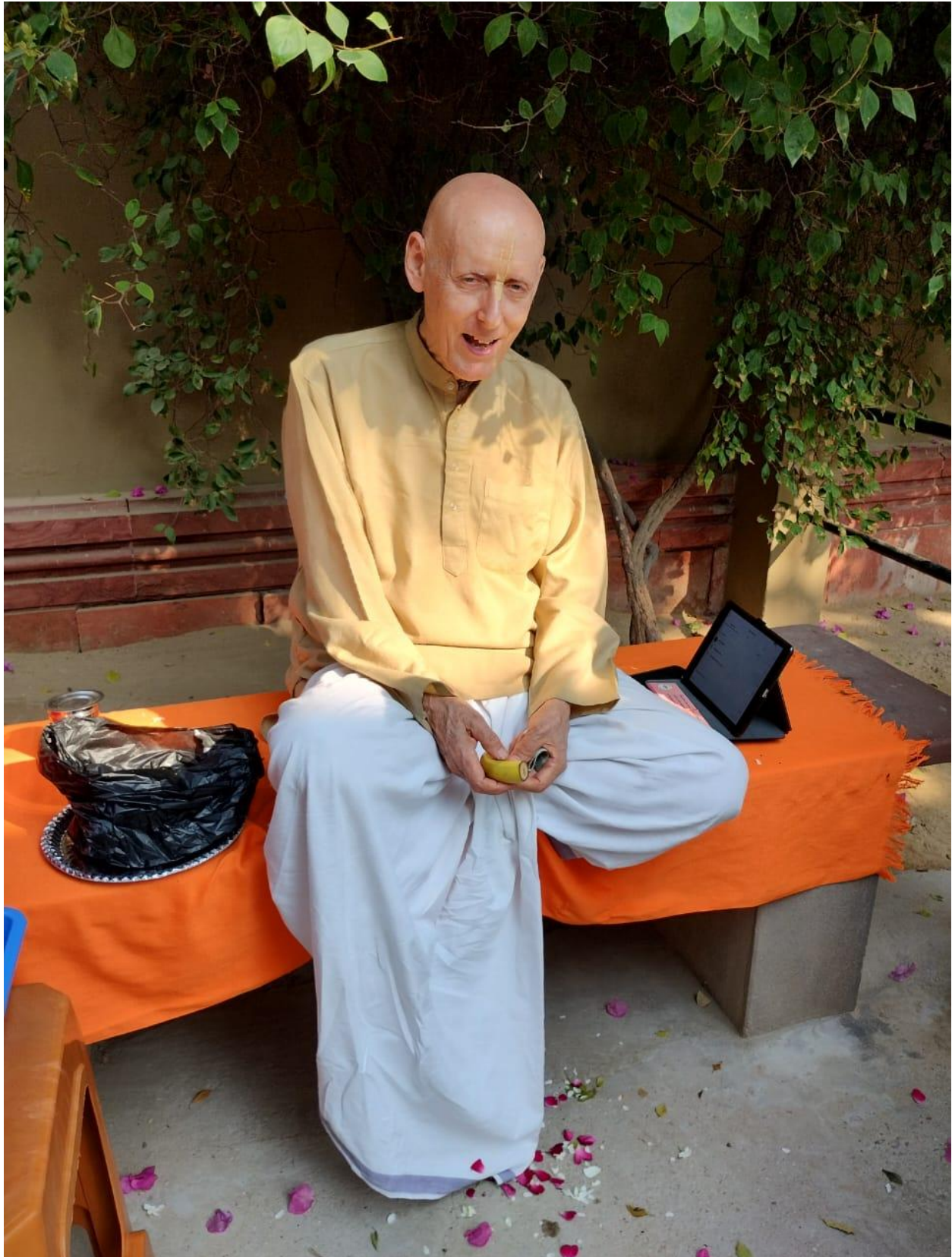
But however profound the teachings of Srila Prabhupada are, unless we can practically see the life and examples of sincere followers of these teachings, inexperienced seekers of spiritual life cannot develop any confidence. Such neophytes will tend to concoct and fall away, missing the taste of Krishna consciousness.

So, as an insignificant disciple of your grace, I am convinced that you are the greatest gift of Srila Prabhupada to me. Your grace's teachings, precepts and even the gestures are the pure embodiment of Srila Prabhupada's teachings.

May I always hold onto your lotus feet and follow your instructions sincerely. Your grace is always available to us through your daily online classes, your thoughts for the day, your associations, and your

faithful followers. Srimati Gurumataji gave us all the practical training to follow you perfectly. We cannot imagine how we become fortunate to receive this causeless mercy. May your grace continue to have total health, and may I desire to aspire to your shelter and compassion eternally. Happy Vyasapuja Srila Gurudev.

Always holding unto your lotus feet,  
Your eternal servant,  
Hare Krishna Das - Kerala, India



Haripriya devi dasi - You are an example of the life of a pure devotee.

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gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha-uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

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

On the occasion of the most wonderful day of your Vyasapuja, I am offering my heart to your grace and Gurumataji with utmost devotion and gratitude. We have been with your grace for the past ten days in Vrindavan Dham. Like a father taking care of all his children's material needs, your grace and Gurumataji as our eternal spiritual parents, have given us your guidance through vapu and vani to nourish our spiritual needs. We know, like a child who is sometimes unaware of the importance of his father's sacrifice to provide for his needs, we also behave with no gratitude, for the immense mercy your grace and Gurumataji are showering on us, your disciples... Your grace and Gurumataji take long long travels to give us darsana and give nectarean classes to nourish us, answer all our questions with so much love and affection, give practical experience of sudha bhakti, by showing us how you lovingly worship Sri Sri Radha Damodar.

Sometimes I fall prey to my mind's uncontrolled material desires and forget your love, and like Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur says - *kota nidra jao maya pisacira kole* - I sleep like an ignorant child, lazy, not wanting to get up from bed of maya's lap.

Every year I lose so many wonderful days which should be used for Sudha bhakti, and I remain asleep in that lap of maya. Then one day when your grace and Gurumataji comes to give us darshan in Vrindavan, your grace writes to us, we hope to meet you all in Vrindavan. That letter is like calling that sleeping child - *Jiv Jago Jiv Jago...* Unwillingly I open my eyes and hear your grace's voice - "Welcome to the wonderful world of Krishna consciousness, the dimension of eternity, knowledge and bliss ". It's like a father with great love saying to me - my dear kid - *bhuliya rohile tumi avidyara bore* - your sleep is ignorance. I have come to save you, your grace says - *ami vina bandhu aara ke ache tomara* - I am your only friend. And your grace, by taking me at your lotus feet - saying - "harinama mahamantra lao tumi maagi " - Take this mahamantra, this is only aushadhi to destroy maya.

Your grace gave me Harinama and gave me shelter, gave me service to Sri Sri Gaur Nitai and Sri Sri Radha Damodar. Not this alone, your grace and Gurumataji personally showed the life of pure devotees, absorbing twenty four seven in devotion without considering your health, and comforts at all. And I am here standing wonderstruck, thinking how am I fortunate to get your mercy..

Srila Gurudev, kindly give me your mercy so that I can at least be the kid who gets up and holds your little finger and learns how to walk on the pathway back to home.

I deeply thank your grace and Gurumataji for considering me a soul who is eligible to receive your mercy, which is not available to so many other souls. You made me Sanatha - having asraya at your lotus feet. Kindly let me remain there, under the shelter of your grace and Srimati Gurumataji, for all of eternity.

Always holding unto your lotus feet  
Your eternal servant  
Haripriya devi dasi - Kerala, India



### Jagadbandhu Das - You rescued me from dangerous material forest

Dear Srila Gurudev, Please accept my humble obeisances unto dust of your lotus feet.

I don't know how to pay your debt, you rescued me from a dangerous material forest. I was lost in this material forest due to my false ego identifying this material body and relation with the body is I and mine. Forgetting my real master and our beloved Shri Shri Radhakrishna, I became master and enjoyer and wanted to lord the material nature. By your causeless mercy I came to know that I am not master and enjoyer, my real position is that I am an eternal servant of our hearts of heart Shri Shri Radhakrishna and a spirit soul of our supreme soul Shri Shri Radhakrishna.

Dear Srila Gurudev, you are my Spiritual father, I am your child. So is it possible for a child to pay his debt to his father? I am eternally indebted to you, so please dear Srila Gurudev keep me at your lotus feet to serve your lotus feet and lotus feet of our life and soul Shri Shri Radhakrishna eternally. Dear Srila gurudev please always keep your lotus feet on my head.

Your insignificant eternal servant  
Jagadbandhu Das - Durgapur, India

### Krishna Seva Das - You are fulfilling Srila Prabhupada's instructions.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev, please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji.

I understood that there is no other way to get out of this miserable material world other than taking shelter at your grace's lotus feet. By your unlimited mercy, you have given shelter to such an insignificant soul like me. How can I thank you for this most merciful thing that happened in my life? I wanted to be your true follower, but unfortunately I have no taste for chanting or love towards Krsna. Kindly bless me to have an intense desire to please Guru and Krishna through sincere devotional service. I didn't do any significant services unto your grace or Krishna, but irrespective of the health issues, your grace travels across the globe and fulfilling Srila Prabhupada's instructions and I feel ashamed that I am not having a tinge of your conviction to following the spiritual master's orders. Kindly bless me to have such a staunch faith in Guru and Krishna and the books of Srila Prabhupada to spread this mission as much as possible for me.

Praying at the lotus feet of Sri Sri Krishna Balaram for your grace's better health to push the movement to new regions.

Your humble servant,  
Krsna Seva Das - Kerala, India

### Manju Sudhir - How enthusiastically you practice Krishna Consciousness!

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

Dear Srila Gurudev,

It has been a blessing for me to meet your grace in person in Vrindavan and I thank Lord Sri Krishna and Srimati Radharani for making that happen. What astonishes me the most is how enthusiastically your grace has been practicing Krishna consciousness. I admire your grace's consistency and dedication and I wish to follow your grace's footsteps. It is one of your grace's disciples, Her Grace Haripriya mataji and His Grace Hare Krishna Das prabhu who opened my eyes about Krishna consciousness and made me take my Diksha. Sometimes I wonder if I hadn't come to know about Krishna consciousness, just like the previous lives, I would have disobeyed the 4 regulative principles and lived and lost my life for nothing, and now I thank your grace for opening my eyes by giving me knowledge about Krishna consciousness.

Praying to follow your grace's footsteps till the very end.

your grace's servant

Srila Gurudev Ki Jai

Bhaktin Manju Sudhir - Kerala, India

Murali Manohar Das - Gurudev my life is indebted to your lotus feet.

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My dear Srila Gurudev

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Before submitting this Vyasa Puja offerings I got the most fortunate events in my life with Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji at Vrindavan. The nectar we relished by the association of Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji for last one week could not be narrated. I feel that I am so lucky to be the disciple of your grace, who has offered his life and soul for spreading Krishna consciousness throughout the whole world even though I am so fallen. Gurudev my life is indebted to your lotus feet

On this auspicious day of Vyasa puja I pray to Lord Krishna for His mercy to give good health to Srila Gurudev and Gurumataji

your insignificant servant

Murali Manohar Das - Kerala, India

Nisha Roy - Your spiritual qualities truly have no limit.

Dearest Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you on this auspicious day. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Gurudev, this is the very first time I am writing Vyas puja offering in your glory which is impossible to describe in words because words can't explain my emotions.

I am a fallen soul who came to know about this wonderful world of Krishna consciousness which has become more auspicious through your spiritual guidance and teachings.

How fortunate we are to have you as our eternal father, for your spiritual qualities truly have no limit. There is no end to your purity and depth, your simple honesty that springs mightily from the fully realized liberated soul.

Gurudev , I can also sum up what I have learned till now from this vast ocean of devotion.

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

For now we pray at your divine lotus feet to always have your shelter despite my entire shortfall. Thank you for being there when we need you. Thank you for always answering questions and clearing my doubts. Thank you for making me a swan from a crow.

Thank you for everything.

Your servant,

Bhaktin Nisha Roy - Patna, India

Palika Devi Dasi - May I be able to follow your loving guidance.

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

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

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

My dear respected Srila Gurudev,

I am so grateful for your grace and Srimati Gurumataji's association and audience, even though I am not worthy of it. Your practical way of showing us how to live a grhastha life is a constant encouragement for me, a neophyte, to look up to and learn from.

We are also so grateful to receive and witness your grace's instructions and guidance to us, your disciples, and to anyone and everyone who approaches you with questions and seeks guidance.

My prayer is to understand and sincerely follow your loving guidance and to make my life a success in the way that you like for me and the whole world.

Your servant,

Palika Devi Dasi - Kerala, India

Paramamrita Devi Dasi - I will try my best not to deviate from the path shown by you

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your grace.

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to glorify your grace.

I was rotting in this material world, busy in all kinds of sinful activities to gratify my senses.

But now after getting shelter at your lotus feet I realized I was leading an animalistic life with no aim or goal of life. Your grace has changed the lives of so many fallen souls like me by educating us about the goal of our lives. You have kept yourself always accessible and reachable to us through the live lectures, emails, etc.

Thanking you for initiating and officially accepting me as your disciple. I nor any one can ever repay the debts. We will ever be indebted to you

Struggles undergone by your grace and gurumataji for the welfare of others even in advancing age are a source of motivation and inspiration to me.

I promise you that I will try my best not to deviate from the path shown by you.

Thank you Srila Gurudev for holding the hands of such a fallen, undeserving, unworthy person like me.

I beg You to always keep me at your lotus feet.

A beggar

Paramamrita Devi Dasi - Pune, India







Prabhupada Das - You have mercifully come to distribute that divine nectar.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev  
Please accept my humble obeisance  
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

Generally, we all admire the positive aspects of others, individually and collectively. We appreciate their practices and thought processes that bring wholesome meaning to each moment. Beyond this, we are usually skeptical to align ourselves to those positive ideals. Reactions from near and dear ones may over-power our motivation for the change. We may not ponder much into such transitions, being engulfed in daily chores. And very soon we forget those inspirations, eternally postponing them.

However, rare are those beings who would contemplate over those positive examples. Even rarer are those who would embrace those ideals and put them to practice in their lives. One has to be bold enough to persist in these changes. The immediate society would have a plethora of opinions. Let alone society, one's own mind would drive countless views on the initiative for change. Despite all such onslaughts, when one remains steadfast on those ideals, they become the pioneers of positive change for all. Not only is the society benefited but also each and every future progeny.

Such pioneers must have unflinching confidence in those ideals. More importantly, they will have the greatest love and concern for all, for they would have to strive single-handedly till the goal of change is accomplished.

Your benevolent grace is one such pioneer to me. Having appeared amidst abundance of material comforts, skills and opportunities to explore, your grace left all of that behind. Rather your grace embraced the far eastern philosophies. Naturally those ideals are completely at odds with the contemporary conceptions of modern society that constantly lure for immediate gratification till death. With each passing day your grace delved deeper and deeper into those teachings of Sri Krishna. Every day brought newer understanding. Your grace realized the purpose of our existence, understood the cause of all causes.

Alas! I, an inhabitant of that far east, merely existed as an inhabitant. I, knowingly & unknowingly, rejected those great teachings. Out of foolishness and false ego I wasted the true treasure, hunting hollow gratification.

Your grace, after being rock solid in Krishna consciousness, have most mercifully come to distribute that divine nectar to me. Although I am utterly unqualified to associate with you, but you have extended that helping hand of wisdom to this lost soul.

All glories to your merciful grace, enthusiasm, purity, hard work and compassion.  
Many Many and Many more Glories on this most auspicious Vyasa Puja of your grace.

Prabhupada Das - Arunachal Pradesh, India

Pradhanagopika Devi Dasi - Love for Krishna in your eyes and words

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev  
Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to your grace, srimati gurumataji, Srila Prabhupada

At the very first, I wish you a very auspicious Vyasa puja ceremony  
You are my saviour. You have rescued me from my hellish condition of life and brought me to the best way of life. I was in deep dark ignorance. It's Krishna's causeless mercy on this fallen soul that I have received via mercy of your grace. I feel myself the most fortunate to receive all the true knowledge that I could have ever received from your lotus mouth. You have introduced to me my true self, gave me the purpose of my life, made my Krishnaless life into one full of Krishna consciousness. You gave meaning to the life of this clueless person.

Seeing the big smile on your face, enthusiasm in your activities, love for Krishna in your eyes and words, conviction in your words everytime, gives me lots of courage in every situation of my life. You are my inspiration to reach the ultimate goal of my life.

You are my true well-wisher, thank you for all the wonderful classes you provide everyday, all the divine Thoughts for the Day and lessons. Thank you for giving us your divine association in Vrindavan in October 2023. Those were the true precious moments of my life. Thank you for accepting this fallen soul as your disciple, I can't imagine my life without your constant guidance. I always remind myself to spit at the thought of sense gratification as you always instruct and to remain fixed in the loving service of Guru and Krishna.

At last, I beg your mercy forever upon this fallen soul so that I can be your true disciple, follow all your instructions word by word and please you and Krishna by my services and go back to godhead within this lifetime.

Your humble servant,  
Pradhanagopika Devi Dasi - Assam, India

Prajit Nair - Gurudev has showered his kind glance.

Hare Krishna, Jai Gauranga, Jai Gurudev, All Glories to Srila Prabhupad,

Please accept my humble obeisance.

Wretched I was, born out of lust in this dukhalaya,  
Wandered about without any knowledge of the supreme,  
Cried my heart out to Krsna to guide me,  
And, he entered my life & how,  
Connected me to an email, sent by Gurudev,  
And all my trials & tribulations seem trivial,  
As Gurudev has showered his kind glance,  
And given me his feet as shelter.  
It must be some of my past karma,  
That has raised my hopes,  
All I humbly beg,  
Is a one-way trip back to Godhead,  
With the mercy of Guru, Guranga & Krsna.

I remain, the servant of your servants  
Happy Vyasa puja day prayers & wishes

Deep respects,  
Prajit Nair - Bangalore, India

Raghunandana Das - May you inspire millions to Krishna Consciousness.

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya  
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
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gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

*jaya sri krishna chaitanya prabhu nityananda sri advaita gadadara srivasadi gaura bhakta vrinda*

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

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

On this 2023 auspicious occasion of your Vyasa puja day, I humbly beg and pray to their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Madanmohan that They may always bless you and Srimati Guru Mataji with long life of good health, happiness, prosperity and fulfill all your desires.

Srila Gurudev, by your order this year I have started an online Bhagavad Gita reading club 2023 to read "Bhagavad Gita As It Is" end to end from Jan 1st to Dec 31st with other interested people. We meet online on Zoom call once a week. By your blessings, on an average about 10 devotees regularly join the weekly classes. The videos are recorded and uploaded on my YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/@ravikolluru2383>

So far 47 sessions have been completed. It has gained over 50 subscribers and an average of 100 plus viewers watched each video.

With your blessings, next year I want to continue the new batch of Bhagavad Gita Reading Club 2024 and start Srimad Bhagavatam Reading Club 2024.

By Lord Krishna's arrangement in June 2023, we a congregation of 200 plus devotees under the leadership of HG Lilananda Das Prabhu opened "Bhakti Center Gachibowli" in Hyderabad supervised by HG Radheshyam Das Prabhu and ISKCON Abids, Hyderabad temple. We meet on Sundays for the Love Feast program and on festival days. We have also started a Nitya prasadam seva to serve Lord Krishna's Prasadam to over 150 people everyday evening with sponsorships from different devotees. Here is the link for Gachibowli Bhakti Center YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/@GachibowliBhaktiCenter>

This year, Gachibowli Bhakti Center congregation devotees along with ISKCON Rampally, Hyderabad congregation devotees have mobilized donations to distribute around 500 Srimad Bhagavatam sets to nearly 500 Vaishnava temples around Sri Laxmi Narasimha Swamy Temple (Yadadri, about 60 kilometers from Hyderabad). A grand event is planned on Nov 4th at Yadadri temple.

I humbly feel all these wonderful things are happening simply by your blessings and our Parampara Acharyas desire. I humbly request your grace and Srimati Gurumataji to include Hyderabad in your itinerary when you plan to visit India next time. We can arrange programs for at least 5 days in different temples, societies, and farm communities in and around Hyderabad.

Once again, I humbly beg and pray that Lord Krishna may give your grace good health and long life so that you may inspire millions of people and world leaders so that there may be peace and prosperity all over the world.

Your most insignificant disciple,  
Raghunandana Das - Hyderabad, India

Revatinandana das - Thank you for your wonderful service to humanity.

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

My dear Srila Gurudev,  
Thank you for your wonderful service to humanity.  
Your servant  
Revatinandana das - Chennai, India

Sacipriya devi dasi - Your grace is a MIRACLE MAN.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev  
Please accept my humble obeisance  
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada  
All Glories to Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji

TODAY IS YOUR GRACE BIRTHDAY..special day for your grace Disciples ,because today we will get special mercy from your grace.  
I always feel that your grace is a MIRACLE MAN...

Whenever I send mail to your grace with my mundane problems, immediately within no seconds your grace solves them.  
Whenever I ask questions relating to my Spiritual difficulties, your grace solves them without further delay.  
One sentence or one word answer of your grace...solves million dollar questions.

I am a fallen soul with mundane thoughts...but your grace, a miracle man always carries me with his causeless mercy.  
I was not regular to Bhagavatam class but Gurumataji instructed me to attend regularly. Now I realized how important it is to take the association of Srila Gurudev.  
I am getting many doubts solved, by hearing lectures.  
Thanks to your grace for giving such a lovely mother..

Please always bestow your causeless mercy upon us.

Your insignificant rascal servant  
Sacipriya devi dasi - Dharwad, India

Sajitha - You are a pure devotee saving the conditioned souls.

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gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

My Dear Gurudev  
Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet  
All Glories to you and Srimati Gurumataji  
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

Dear Gurudev,  
I have strong faith that, your mercy, being a pure devotee, can light the path for so many conditioned souls to go back home back to Godhead, the eternal abode of Sri Sri Radha Krishna. I also earnestly wish to take shelter of your lotus feet. I pray to Krishna for your good health.  
Holding on to your lotus feet

Your eternal servant  
Sajitha - Kerala, India

Śāligrāma das - Your strict and steady sadhana and seva is inspiring.

Hare Krishna  
Please accept my humble obeisances  
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada  
All Glories to you Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji

Dear Srila Gurudeva,  
Thank you very much for accepting this insignificant soul as one of your eternal servants by your causeless mercy. I was really touched by your exalted qualities of tolerance and humility which you always exhibit in your personal presence.

Thank you for helping me see how every situation of life is a blessing from Krishna and therefore always be enthusiastic and eager to render transcendental loving service to the lord on the authority of Guru, sadhus and sastras. Despite all the inconveniences of the material world your strict and steady Sadhana and seva is remarkably awe-inspiring to one and all.



Please bless me so that I can continue rendering some insignificant service to the best of my capacity unto your lotus feet

Wishing you the very best and may Krishna empower you unlimitedly to inundate the whole material existence with pure Krishna Prema.

Thanking you,  
Your servant,  
Śāligrāma das - Dharwad, India  
Dear Gurudeva

S Balaji - You taught me all the concepts of Bhagavad Gita

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

I still remember the days in 2004 when I initially came in contact with you. A sequence of events in my life has made the supersoul to make me connected with you. In the initial days I was so much offensive and you took all my challenges patiently and showered mercy upon me. As time progressed I understood the concepts and it was clear to me that the supersoul has directed me towards a real Guru. You taught me all the concepts of Gita and I am at present surrendering to Lord Krishna as much as possible in spite of my family commitments. Willing to meet you in person within a few years.

Haribol,  
S.Balaji - Kalpakkam, India

Sharada devi dasi - I will serve the Lord for the pleasure of Guru & Krishna.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev,  
Please Kindly accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet,  
All Glories to You and Srimati Gurumata,  
All Glories to Srila Prabhuada,

My Dear Srila Gurudev,  
Although I am unfit to practice Krishna consciousness and serve the Supreme Personality of Godhead Krishna, but by your causeless mercy, it has become possible that I have been given the opportunity to do so. Just like Srimati Gurumata once said to me in a class that my service stinks! Honestly I must say that it really does. My devotional services are not perfect and are filled with mistakes. But Srila Gurudev, I will definitely work to improve my services. Again it's by your grace that I have got little taste to do services but I will serve the Lord not for my pleasure but for the pleasure of your grace and Krishna only.

It is said that the spiritual master is the mercy personification of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. And your grace exemplifies it. The disciples are considered as the sons and daughters of the spiritual master and many times your grace addressed me as your daughter also, which makes me feel obliged at your feet. I am nowhere to be your grace's daughter but still your grace has so kindly accepted me as such. No one can show such love and affection as your grace and Gurumata show. That is the real love, which can liberate a fallen soul from this quagmire of material existence and place it in its original constitutional position.

Your menial servant  
Sharada devi dasi - Kurnool, India

Shriram Bejalwar - I will remain ever indebted to you.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev  
Please accept my humble obeisances to you and Gurumata.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I joined your e-course in January 2006 and have been regularly receiving your email containing daily Thought for the day. I don't recall a single day when your email was not received. This shows your 1000% dedication to the instructions of your spiritual master, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.

During this period of 17+ years, I have asked you several questions to clarify my doubts about devotional service and even sought guidance about my personal problems. Each time you replied with precise and practical answers, sometimes backing them up with quotes from scriptures. There was not a single occasion when I did not receive an answer. I will remain ever indebted to you for the same.

Because of your causeless mercy, I have been introduced to Krishna consciousness. I am ever grateful to you for the same.

Pardon me for any mistakes I might have made in the above narration. I hope to receive your mercy to get initiated in this lifetime.

Shriram Bejalwar - Nagpur, India





Shyamapriya devi dasi - Your demonstrate to us how to be sold out servant

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

My dearest Srila Gurudev,  
Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of your grace's lotus feet.  
All glories to your grace and Srimati Gurumata.  
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.  
All glories, all glories to your grace's Sri Vyasa puja celebrations.

I humbly fall in the dust of your grace's lotus feet and beg to submit a few words of glorification in your endless glorification on this most auspicious occasion of my life. Please accept this insignificant offering at your grace's lotus feet.

Srila Gurudev, I can never thank your grace enough for accepting me as one of your disciples and for giving shelter under the cooling shade of your lotus feet in the burning forest of material existence. I feel extremely fortunate to have your grace as my eternal spiritual master, my eternal guide in guiding me on this amazing path of developing love for Krishna and guiding me out of the darkness of this material world. I will be eternally indebted to both your grace and my beloved Srimati Gurumata.

Your grace and Gurumata have clearly demonstrated to us by your personal examples what it means to be a 'sold out' servant of the spiritual master. Every single moment you breathe and live the instructions of your spiritual master. I beg and pray at your grace's lotus feet that by following your footsteps by dedicatedly following your grace's instructions, may I be able to please your grace and make my life successful.

One of the greatest opulences I have as your grace's disciples is that every single day we are able to see and hear your lectures live from ISKCON Austin dham. It is simply your grace's immense compassion on us that you have made this facility available to all of us. Because of which anyone who has access to the internet can join these nectarean lectures from any part of the world..

I came across this beautiful verse that says

*yatra bhāgavatā rājan sādhaso  
viśadāśayāḥ bhagavad-guṇānukathana (SB 4.29.39-40)*

Translation: My dear King, in the place where pure devotees live, following the rules and regulations and thus purely conscious and engaged with great eagerness in hearing and chanting the glories of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, in that place if one gets a chance to hear their constant flow of nectar, which is exactly like the waves of a river, one will forget the necessities of life, namely hunger and thirst, and become immune to all kinds of fear, lamentation and illusion.

Just hearing your grace and Srimati Gurumata live through these interactive lectures and being connected to both your graces every single day, keeps all my fear, lamentation and illusion away.

Srila Gurudev, as per the following your grace is a 'tirtha-pada'.

"Anyone who is fixed in the service of the lotus feet of Govinda is called tirtha-pāda; he does not need to travel on various pilgrimages, for he can enjoy all the benefits of such travel simply by engaging in the service of the lotus feet of the Lord. Such a pure devotee, who has implicit faith in the lotus feet of the Lord, can create sacred places in any part of the world where he decides to remain: *tīrthī-kurvanti tīrthāni* (Bhāg. 1.13.10). "The places are sanctified due to the presence of pure devotees; any place automatically becomes a place of pilgrimage if either the Lord or His pure devotee remains or resides there. In other words, such a pure devotee, who is engaged one hundred percent in the service of the Lord, can remain anywhere in the universe, and that part of the universe immediately becomes a sacred place where he can peacefully render service to the Lord as the Lord desires."

Austin center is a holy place (dham) for us where both your grace and Srimati Gurumata reside and engage in the service of the most beautiful and wonderful Lordships Sri Sri Radha Damodara. Every single day we are able to attend all programs starting from mangal arati until evening Caitanya caritamṛta classes followed by Sandhya arati. What could be more merciful than receiving this constant flow of nectar from Austin dham. Every single day throughout the day is like a festival for us.

Also, I remember the Jhulan yatra from last year when Sri Sri Radha Damodar were enjoying the swing out in the nature (of the asrama's backyard), during this time still the world was recovering from the pandemic and we had no jhulan festivals in our respective temples due to restrictions. It was most compassionate of your divine grace and Srimati Gurumata for making it possible for us sitting on the other side of the world to attend such beautiful festivals. And I heard your grace sing... "Jaya Radhe Jaya Krishna." I immediately was taken to the sweet memories of Sri Vrindavan dham when your grace and Srimati Gurumata would take all of us on a boat on Yamuna.

Srila Gurudev, time and again your grace showed us how to be a devotee by exhibiting all the qualities of a devotee..Humility, tolerance, patience, remaining equipoised, always enthusiastic, determined, peaceful, merciful to name a few. Your compassion to even an ant that was about to get crushed under the feet of a devotee dancing in kirtan at Vrindavan asrama. Despite all sorts of material disturbances your grace and Srimati Gurumata is showing us how to always remain engaged in devotional service.

I remember earlier this year one day as we were all present in the online class of Caitanya Caritamṛta class, we could hear your grace coming downstairs from your room, in moaning pain due to the horrible itch and described how it felt as if your skin was on fire. Despite this great difficulty your grace still went ahead with your service of sandhya arati and resting Sri Sri Radha Damodar. Similarly, I have seen Gurumata never letting any physical ailments be an impediment in the service of Sri Sri Radha Damodara. I am eternally indebted to Krishna for bringing and giving the shelter of both your grace's and Srimati Gurumata's lotus feet. I cannot ask for anything more but I beg Sri Krishna to let me eternally remain your grace's and Srimati Gurumata's menial servant.

Again and again I fall on the ground and offer my most humble obeisances to your grace for appearing in this world and Sri Krishna for sending you to rescue me from the quagmire of this material existence. Now my goal is to work towards that goal by sincerely following your instructions. And humbly fall at your grace's lotus feet and seek your mercy and blessings that may I be able to do it to please your grace. I offer prayers to Sri Sri Radha Madhava and Asta sakhis, Sri Prahlad Nrsimhadev and Sri Pancatattva for my spiritual master's and Srimati Gurumata 's long and healthy life so that so many more souls can be rescued from this world.

Yours insignificant servant,  
Shyamapriya devi dasi - Sridham Mayapur, India



Srivatsa Das - Your honesty in preaching has made me trust you 100%.

My dear Srila Gurudeva  
Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to you Srila Gurudev

On this great auspicious occasion of your Vyasa puja day, I am just recollecting how come one trainee engineer in my office shown me a copy of Bhagavad Gita As it is and I got impressed with it and I got a copy from him and later on attracted by it I wanted to buy the complete Vedic library of Srila Prabhupad and searching for it in the net, I landed in [www.backtohome.com](http://www.backtohome.com). Knowing that Srila Prabhupada is not physically present in this world and you are one of his direct disciples and learning that I have nothing to lose except my anxiety, I joined the course on 14th Nov 2010. All along I was a suffering soul, more suffering than a stray dog.

Before coming in contact with you, though I started reading Bhagavad Gita, I did not know the meaning of even the word spirituality. After signing up for the course and starting to receive your reply to my mails, I started to understand the meaning of spirituality.

Now I know:

1. Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead and He is the absolute truth and everything emanates from Him.
2. You are fully empowered, bona-fide spiritual master fully surrendered to Srila Prabhupada
3. As a bonafide spiritual master in addition to your 100% submission to Srila Prabhupad, you are a living embodiment in every sense of your Pranama mantra, Guru Ashtakm and Nectar of Instruction.
4. As a pure devotee, you have all the qualities mentioned in the scriptures like Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagvatam and other Srila Prabhupada books. You are Mahabhagavat, and fully empowered Acarya
5. And you are 100% honest, you say the truth without any consideration of your image, losing of disciples/students or anything else. I mean, you never try to act humble by hiding your realizations, ecstasies, and the blissful experiences, etc. You openly say and I worship this quality of yours that made me trust you 100%.

On this most auspicious day, I beg you sincerely at your lotus feet to save me from becoming a Go dasa and able to serve you 24x7.

Your servant,  
Srivatsa Das - Aluva, India

Tarun Krishna Das - Grateful to you for teaching me pure devotional service

Dear Srila Gurudev  
Please accept my humble obeisances  
I am very grateful from the core of my heart to you for accepting me as your disciple on Oct 22 in Sri Vrindavan Dham.

I learnt many wonderful things from your lectures and your association here in this holy dham and I want to practically apply them. So I will do the following things to change my life to be more committed and Krishna consciousness. As I am trying just like a child sometimes I may fall but I will rise up again as I have understood that practicing Krishna consciousness and helping others to practice is my top priority.

1. I will everyday wake up early around 3 am and try to complete with attention and quality at least 16 rounds before prasadam because Gurumata has told If I will do this then I will be always out of maya and I also have observed this fact that if I don't do it then I fall into maya and she is very dangerous.
2. I saw your conviction and example and I can relate it how you are rupanuga and thus I will also

meditate internally on Nectar of Instruction always.

3. I will always pray for calamities and if they come I will be grateful to Krishna and thus I will be happy in my life always.

4. I will not identify with this material body by constantly engaging myself in activities of the soul like hearing, chanting, dancing and will control my mind by trying to always chant Hare Krishna Mahamantra.

5. I will not associate with sense objects, persons or situations which will agitate or titillate my mind and senses so that I can be fixed in Krishna consciousness.

6. I will always understand that my body, mind and words belong to you and should be used in your and Srila Prabhupada service.

7. I will try to engage wealth more and more in Krishna's service.

8. I will not care for petty sense gratification, family and relative opinions but will always with care and attention try to serve Krishna with love as I am Krishna das.

9. I will read your and Srila Prabhupada books deeply and distribute at least 1 book in a week.

10. I will go for Harinaam Sankirtan at least once a week.

I am very grateful to you for teaching me pure devotional service and I will always remember that I am eternal spiritual being having unique relationship with Krishna which I will revive by chanting Hare Krishna Mahamantra and I will apply this premanjana so that I can also see Krishna face to face one day.

Your servant

Tarun Krishna Das - Bangalore, India

Vani Chandrashekar - Gurudev, you are a personification of kindness

All glories to Srila Gurudev. My humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Gurudev, you are a personification of kindness in spreading Krishna consciousness to humans. I am one of the recipients of this extreme kindness. No words can express my gratitude for bringing light in the darkest well I had chosen to be in. With the lamp of knowledge you have ignited the spark of joy in me of which I chose to be totally ignorant for many life times. Holding on steadily to your lotus feet I feel confident, happy and sure of returning to the eternal spiritual world.

Thank you Gurudev for bestowing your mercy on me.

Vani Chandrashekar - Chennai, India

Vishnurata Das - Please keep me in the dust of your lotus feet.

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please Accept my humble Obeisances.

All Glories to your grace.

All Glories to Srimati Gurumataji.

All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

On this most auspicious day of your Vyas puja, I pray to your lotus feet for enthusiasm in Krishna consciousness. When you come to Pune, it is a great festival for me. The time I spent in your divine association here is ever fresh in my memories. Your tight schedule while being engaged in service of Radha Damodar is an impetus for me to redouble my pace in Krishna consciousness. Your frequent visits to Pune made me very much obliged to take Krishna consciousness seriously. This year, unfortunately I could not progress in my Krishna consciousness even though being crushed by the wheel of time. I pray

to your lotus feet for what shield I feel from your divine vapu association, the same I may get in your divine vani association when you are traveling across the globe.  
Please keep me in the dust of your lotus feet.

Your servant  
Vishnurata Das - Pune, India

Vraja Seva Dasa - Ambassador of Pure Devotional Service.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva,  
Please accept my humble & respectful obeisances at your lotus feet.  
All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.  
All glories unto you.

It's my immense fortune to get guidance & association from an exalted devotee like your grace through inspiring daily emails & start meeting lectures which always helps the readers & listeners to dive deep into Krishna consciousness. Whenever I remember about your grace, only two words come to my mind, that is Pure devotion. I am eternally grateful to your grace for always stressing the importance of pure devotional service & explaining how practically one can perform it irrespective of any external bodily condition.

Your grace's love & commitment to Srila Prabhupada can be understood by eagerness to deliver the whole world, even if required to take birth again, to fulfill Srila Prabhupada's desire. The way you present the science of Krishna consciousness and answer the questions scientifically and logically really inspires the sincere seeker to take up bhakti yoga swiftly. Your grace's compassion can be seen by eagerness to answer any number of questions in a crystal clear way. Your grace's love & gratitude for Srila Prabhupada can be understood by your grace's eagerness to preach and always glorify Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you very much Srila Gurudev for giving me the association of wonderful disciples, an embodiment of vaishnava qualities & are a great source of inspiration in devotional service.

On this auspicious Vyasa puja occasion, may Sri Sri Radha Krishna bless your grace with the best of health and spirits to continue the world deliverance mission fulfilling Srila Prabhupada's order.

I humbly beg at your grace's lotus feet to kindly bless me so that let my heart become fulfilled with spiritual desires, which is full of material desires, so that I can become a pure devotee

Your aspiring servant,  
Vraja Seva Dasa - Kerala, India

Northwest India + Nepal

Aakash Kumar - You inspire me to take up the world deliverance mission.

Hare Krishna Gurudev,  
Please accept my respectful obeisances at your Lotus feet  
All glories to you  
All glories to Srila Prabhupad.

Although I am unqualified and can never ever repay what merciful souls like you do to suffering souls like me. Still for my purification I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude.

Gurudev your world deliverance mission has really blessed this world. Your divine mission of Srila Prabhupad to save humanity and the world has really saved this planet. Your instructions and message through emails and lectures has saved me from falling into the ditch of the material world.

Your compassion for suffering souls and your deep desire to save them from hellish nightmare has inspired a lot of people to take up the world deliverance mission.

I personally take a lot of inspiration and shelter from you dear Gurudev. Whenever I feel shattered and low in Krishna consciousness, the remembrance of your teaching helps me to stand up.

Kindly pray for me Gurudev so that I never leave this movement and become a humble instrument of your and Srila Prabhupada.

Bhakta Aakash - Bihar, India

Abhay Asray Das - I am filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude

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

On this auspicious day of your divine appearance, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude, devotion, and love. It is with great joy and deep reverence that I take this opportunity to glorify you, not only for the extraordinary spiritual wisdom you have imparted but also for your remarkable journey around the world in service to Lord Krishna and Srila Prabhupada. Your life, my dear Gurudev, has been a beacon of inspiration for countless souls, transcending geographical boundaries and cultural differences. As you embarked on your global spiritual journey, you carried the teachings of Lord Chaitanya and the Vaishnava tradition with you, and in doing so, you illuminated the lives of seekers far and wide.

Your tireless dedication to the cause of spreading Krishna consciousness has been nothing short of remarkable. With your boundless enthusiasm, you have traversed continents, engaged with diverse communities, and shared the profound teachings of Bhagavad Gita. Through your preaching ordained by Srila Prabhupada you have helped countless souls find solace and purpose in their life. Your ability to connect with people from all walks of life, regardless of their background, giving precise and convincing, logical answers has been truly exceptional. You have shown us the universality of the spiritual path,

emphasizing the importance of love, compassion, and devotion as the common threads that bind us all. Your heart warming interactions and insightful discourses have touched the hearts of many.

As we celebrate the day of your divine appearance, it is my sincere prayer that your spotless, rock-solid wish of making the whole world Krishna conscious, continues to inspire and guide us in our spiritual endeavors.

May the blessings of Lord Krishna always be with you, dear Gurudev, as you continue your divine journey in the service of the Lord. On this special day, I offer my deepest gratitude and reverence to you and pray that we may always be blessed with your divine association.

With heartfelt devotion and admiration,

Abhay Asray Das - Pune, India

Acharya Das - You illuminate the path back to Godhead.

Dear Srila Gurudev,

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

You illuminate the path back to Godhead by your infallible instruction and shining example. You make it possible for someone like me to be engaged in devotional service and you make real spiritual life accessible for those who would not otherwise have the opportunity through the e-course and personal guidance through email. You are the spiritual master in whose footsteps we should all be following, by investing our hearts and vital energy in bhakti yoga, we should seek to please guru and Krishna in the best possible way.

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

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

Gurudev, without your guidance I would be completely lost, drowning in the material ocean of miseries. Although I may still have a long way to go, at least now I have the opportunity to reawaken the natural propensity for serving Krishna which has been dormant in the heart for such a long time.

O' Gurudev! Please bless me and empower me to follow your instruction and become a humble servant of the Vaisnavas. Please allow me to serve your lotus feet and please accept my insignificant service as being worthy of such a dear servant of Srila Prabhupada as yourself.

Please forgive my offenses.



Your eternal servant,  
Acharya Das - Mumbai, India

Adetti Panchal - With your divine guidance I was able to make right decision

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev,  
Dandavat Pranam please accept my humble obeisances,

Thank you gurudev for bringing Kṛṣṇa consciousness in my life

With your divine guidance I was able to make right decision regarding my spiritual journey

Thank you for being the divine light of my life

Your forever servant  
Adetti Panchal - New Delhi, India

Aneesha Nagpal - I want to be part of this wonderful Krishna Conscious family.

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

I wish you a very happy Vyas puja day.

I hope one day I make you immensely happy and joyous. Your determination to follow the orders of your spiritual (Srila Prabhupada) and your desire to take birth again and again till everyone is delivered from this world is awe-inspiring and so very great. I bow down to you.

I hope that one day I become a part of this wonderful Krishna Conscious family completely with full commitment to your and Gurumataji's orders and truly realize how important you are and how important Krishna consciousness is. Thank you for all the "thoughts for the day" and for clearing my doubts.

Your aspiring servant,

Bhaktin Aneesha Nagpal - New Delhi, India

Aum Jadhav - Gurudev thank you for being a beacon of light of wisdom in my life.

Dear Gurudev Sankarshana Das Adhikari,

I hope this message finds you well. On this auspicious occasion, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for all that you have imparted to us on our spiritual journey.

Your wisdom, teachings, and unwavering dedication to spreading spiritual knowledge have been a guiding light of Krishna consciousness in my life. Through your words and actions, you have illuminated the path of spirituality for countless individuals, including myself.

Your profound insights, deep understanding of bhakti, and your compassionate nature have had a profound impact on all of us fortunate enough to be under your guidance. You have touched our lives in ways that words cannot fully express.

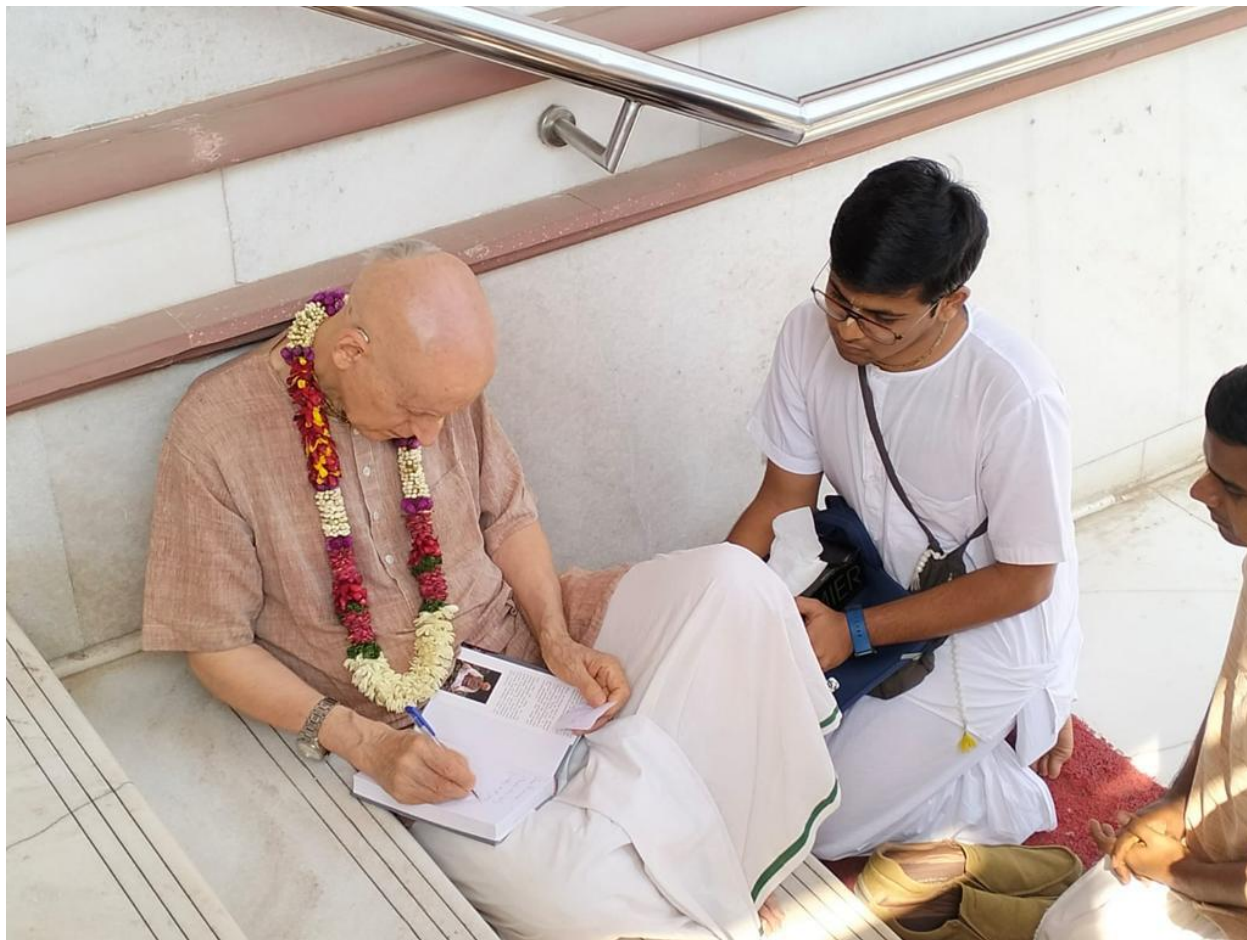
As we celebrate Vyasa Puja, I want to take this opportunity to offer my deepest respects and admiration for the spiritual leader that you are. Your humility and love shine brightly, and you serve as a true inspiration for us all.

May your teachings continue to inspire and uplift us, and may your divine guidance lead us on the path of self-realization and spiritual growth.

Once again, Gurudev thank you for being a beacon of light and wisdom in our lives. Wishing you a opulence full Vyasa Puja and many more years of service to the fallen souls like us.

With profound gratitude and warm regards,

Your frivolous servant,  
Aum Jadhav - Pune, India



Chinmayi Vikas Bangar - I look forward to serve you more and more

Hare Krishna!!!

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

My Dear Srila Gurudev, please accept my most humble obeisances.

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

The time of year has come when I have to write a Vyasa puja offering. The words and sentences just stop. How difficult it becomes to put the thoughts into words?

*'cakṣu-dāna dila yei, janme janme prabhu sei'*, You are my master, birth after birth. still I am unable to glorify You. Each and every moment of your life, you teach us by example. You never lose a single moment to glorify your spiritual master A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

Gurudev, you have made all arrangements not only for your disciples but for humanity at large through your emails of "Ultimate Self Realizations" daily getting your association through your lectures, books, etc.

In every activity of yours, you never fail to strengthen my conviction in Srila Prabhupada and his Instructions..

In a very exemplary way, you teach us the mood of becoming an eternal disciple by displaying your unconditional pure love for Srila Prabhupada.

My humble begging to your grace, Gurudev to instil in our hearts a drop of that mood of servitorship for your Grace as you have for Srila Prabhupada..

Srila Gurudev, I can see very clearly in you that preaching is the mood of the spiritual master. I try my best to preach every chance I get. I have completely depended on your mercy for this.

By your mercy only I can perform devotional service without any difficulties and can be successful also.

Your most valuable guidance has given to this fallen soul like me, great courage and enthusiasm to manage my spiritual life. Your blessing and encouragement has given me great strength to render devotional service and to serve the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu by spreading the holy name and message of the Supreme Lord.

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude by accepting and guiding us by taking us through the path of divine knowledge of Krishna consciousness.

For now and forever, I pray at your lotus feet to always have your shelter despite my entire shortfall.

Thank you for being there when I need you. Thank you for always answering questions and clearing my doubts. Thank you for everything you gave me this year. I look forward to serving you more and more.

Please bless me so that I can follow your instructions by making them my life and soul and become a worthy servant of yours.

Finally, I offer this Vaishnav song from Saranagati to your lotus feet on the most auspicious occasion of your Vyas puja.

(1)

*gurudev!*

*kripa-bindu diya, koro' ei dase,  
trinapekha ati hina  
sakala sahane, bala diya koro',  
nija-mane spriha-hina*

(2)

*sakale sammana korite sakati,  
deho' natha! jathajatha  
tabe to' gaibo, hari-nama-sukhe,  
aparadha ha 'be hata*

(3)

*kabe heno kripa, labhiya e jana,*

*kritartha hoibe, natha!  
sakti-buddhi-hina, ami ati dina,  
koro' more atma-satha*

*(4)  
jogyata-vicare, kichu nahi pai,  
tomara karuna—sara  
karuna na hoile, kandiya kandiya,  
prana na rakhibo ara*

Hare Krishna !!!

Chinmayi Vikas Bangar - Mumbai, India

Haladhar Das et.al - Your mercy is beyond comprehension.

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

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā  
cakṣur unmlītaṁ 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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namo prabhupādānuga prema-mūrti kṛpātmane  
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I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Grace Srīman Sankarshan Dās Adhikārī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.  
O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti in order to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya.

Dear Srila Gurudev, your mercy is beyond our limited comprehension. Since the day we have mercifully been sheltered at your lotus feet, there is no dearth of guidance, support, enlightenment, motivation, compassion, mercy, love from your side in various forms whether it is daily thought of the day, questions answer, daily morning evening lectures and a privilege to correspond to you in order to seek or clarify any doubt from your grace.

It's our anarthas only that we are unable to grasp the mercy oozing from your grace & Srīmatī Gurumata every moment. You round the clock preach, just like the sun rotating and energizing everyone with its sublime rays, to provide proper shastric vision to see every situation in relation to Krishna. The sun may



miss providing warmth & light for some days being covered by clouds but your grace's love & warmth in the form of daily nectar bright the dark cores of our hearts continuously. The sun is doing its duty but your mercy upon us is causeless and continuous ahaituki aprtihata. Kindly always keep showering your blessings upon us.

We are always looking forward to hearing you and srimati gurumata especially in Sri Vrindavan dham wherein we feel like we are with our real family members relishing the ongoing pastimes of Sri Sri Krishna Balarama. We are so fortunate to have been sheltered unto your soothing lotus feet.

Thank you so much for always being so compassionate toward us and rejoining us to our lost divine family.

Please forgive for the offenses committed, you are our only hope and shelter.

*Ohe Vaishnava Thakur,  
Krishna se tomara, Krishna dite paro  
tomara sakati ache  
ami to kangala, Krishna Krishna boli  
dhai tava pache pache*

Krishna is yours. You have the power to give Him to us. We are simply your servant running behind you shouting "Krishna, Krishna".

Thank you very much Gurudev.  
Your insignificant servants,

Haladhar Das & Parashakti Devi Dasi, Zirakpur, Punjab, India



Himawati Devi Dasi - You are distributing causeless mercy - Bhakti all over the world.

Dearest Gurudev

Please accept my most humble obeisance unto your divine lotus feet.

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to write to you on the very auspicious occasion of your Vyas puja. I am very fortunate. First of all you entered our life and heart. You always guide us through your lectures, emails, quotes etc. Words cannot express the deepest gratitude I feel for being a recipient of your causeless mercy.

Gurudev, I have seen, your life, body and soul is constantly absorbed broadly in two things, First, to follow each and every instruction of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Guru paramaparā as it is and secondly, to distribute this causeless mercy to all living beings and also to fallen souls like me.

Gurudev, how can I forget our last meeting in Vṛndāvana dhāma, where we got your special darśana while giving class, Gurupuja and Initiation to Devotees.

Please engage me in your service even life after life after life.

Please forgive me for any offenses I may have committed knowingly or unknowingly.

Your humble servant,

Himawati Devi Dasi - Zirakpur, India

Karigouda - You inspire me to take up Krishna Consciousness.

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances to your lotus feet.

You are one of the most humble, sincere and empowered acharyas in the Krishna consciousness movement.

You are traveling all over the world to give the pure Krishna Bhakti to the fallen conditional souls.

Your personal association teaches me to purify my heart by the chanting of the holy name of Lord Krishna.

You always encourage me to take up pure devotional service of Krishna and completely depend on Him in bad and good times.

You inspire me to take up the Krishna consciousness very seriously in all movements of my life until the last breath of my life.

Your servant,

Bhakta Karigoud - Koppal, India

Kirtan Devi Dasi - "Forget all this nonsense and just chant Hare Krishna".

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

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I am so deeply thankful to you for coming into my life and that you are so merciful to me to accept this sinful soul as your disciple, although I don't deserve it, still you are merciful to me to have accepted me. If you were not there as a constant support for me, I would not have been alive till now.

I live only for you, my life is just for your grace now, for you, for Krishna.

You are my reason to live, you are my worshipable Lord forever.

In this material world, only you and Krishna understand my heart, without actually saying the whole thing which is actually going in my heart.

You are my doctor who helps me to purify my consciousness, who heals me. When I am in need, no one comes to help, but you are always there for me, you give me so much time. I commit so many mistakes, so many offenses, but you are always tolerant, forgiving and you still continue to be merciful to me and love me, you just want me to rectify myself and become qualified and pure. You are the most loving and caring spiritual father. You are my first important person in my life, second is Krishna, for you connected me to Krishna. I will always be your servant.

You call me your dear daughter. That is the best feeling I have ever felt. Thank you my eternal spiritual father.

And this relationship of your grace being my Lord and I being subordinate servant is eternal and forever.

There is really no pleasure, no feeling, no satisfaction in the whole world, greater than the pleasure, when you say that I am pleased by your service. No pleasure I have ever experienced was greater than that. I sometimes acted so weird when I was ill. But thank you for always being tolerant, I really can't imagine how someone can be so tolerant, I want to learn this from you. And you replied me to my idiotic questions, "Forget all this nonsense and just chant Hare Krishna"

You are such a wonderful guide, you allowed me to send me my sadhana report to you for my spiritual progress.

Even if I try and endeavor to do something small you become pleased, it is not that I have to do something very big to please you, but only try my best with proper service attitude and determination. You care alot for me. Knowing I am so sinful you accepted me, you took 99.9 percent of my karma. I will now be serious in devotional practice from now.

Once you were distributing prasadam. You gave everyone one watermelon slice. I was waiting for my turn. And you are so merciful, you gave me two slices, only to me. Last Vyasa puja day in Vrindavan was the best day of my life. Hearing your glories from other devotees is so blissful. You like singing Vaisnava bhajans, devotional songs. You are a singer, your songs connect directly to my heart.

You have given me my name Kirtan, and instructed me on my diksha day, " Now, you should be perfect in leading the KIRTAN". I wish this becomes true one day by your blessings and Srila Prabhupada, and Sri Sri Radha Gopinath's blessings.

You are the one who opens spiritual vision by knowledge and shows the real Vrindavan. You are a living Bhagvata, a pure devotee, you are a perfect spiritual master. You are my strength, your love and words give me power to fight and survive the strong miseries of the material world. You are my source of power. You are my power. Without you I am complete zero, I am nothing. I am all yours. I will do my best whatever I can by your blessings to fulfill your wish of preaching, and I am endeavoring to become a pure devotee in this birth itself.

You are my everything. You are an external manifestation of Supersoul within my heart, that is why you know everything that is going on in my heart, and only you understand and can give solutions to get out of these material miseries.

Please continue blessing me, loving your spiritual daughter always. Please never leave me. Please always be with me.

Tumi to Thakur, tumara kukura.

Your immature imperfect daughter,  
Kirtan Devi Dasi - Nagpur, India

Krishnapriya Devi Dasi - You are always there for us.

Dear Srila Gurudev  
Please accept humble obeisances  
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda  
All glories to your Grace

Thank you so much for accepting me as your spiritual daughter.

I cannot realize the potency of this verse *bhramande bhramite kauno bhagyvaan Jīva guru Krishna prasade paye bhakti Lata bīja*,

It is a very rare fortune for me that you are my spiritual father.

It is well acquainted that pride is not favorable for our Kṛishṇa consciousness, but Gurudev, I have one pride that you are my spiritual father.

How you make yourself available for everyone through online classes ,various preaching programs, visits, and you give your personal association to everyone. You are always there to help the devotees, you pray for your disciples.



Please bless me Gurudev that I should develop a taste for hearing Caitanya Mahāprabhu pastimes from your lotus mouth, so that my stone heart gets transformed into a softer one.

You are always Gaurāṅga conscious and you are taking Lord Caitanya's mercy all over the world. You have shown us how we should be dedicated to serving Guru and Gaurāṅga, how we should be following your footsteps. There are many other instructions you have given us, your disciples. Following them is possible only by your grace.

Kindly allow me to live as,  
Your spiritual daughter ,  
Krishnapriya Devi Dasi - Mumbai, India

Lakshman Das - You are the epitome of Vaishnava Compassion.

Hare Krishna, Srila Gurudev.  
Please accept my humble obeisances in your lotus feet.  
All glories unto You and Srimati Gurumata.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.  
All glories to Vaishnavas.

Srila Gurudev, I am so fortunate to have you as my Spiritual master, it is a great mercy of Srila Prabhupada and also of their Lordships because without their causeless mercy it can not be possible. Just this month it is my 10th year of completion of coming to ISKCON after meeting with the devotees in Milton, Ontario, Canada.

Srila Gurudev, I have been blessed to know and connect with you from the initial years of coming to this wonderful spiritual family of Srila Prabhupada. Srila Gurudev from the very beginning I have been attracted by your outreach, preaching spirit and frankly speaking that is what attracted me the most about you. After so many decades of service to Srila Prabhupada's mission of making the whole world Krishna conscious and also presently with the challenges and inconveniences of aging 76 year old body, your commitment, conviction and enthusiasm for giving Krishna to the masses is so evident and encouraging to me that I beg to ask myself the question how much am I contributing for the world deliverance mission of yours.

Srila Gurudev recently when I was reading Bhagavad Gita As It Is to my maternal grandfather, we came upon BG 5.25 in which the Lord says - "Those who are beyond the dualities that arise from doubts, whose minds are engaged within, who are always busy working for the welfare of all living beings and who are free from all sins achieve liberation in the Supreme."

Srila Gurudev as I was reading this BG text 5.25 I could immediately sense how this is the mood by which you work, so relentlessly, so tirelessly "always busy working for the welfare of all living beings" Srila Gurudev you are a pure devotee of your Spiritual master, of their Lordships, there is no difference in your words and actions. An Acharya who teaches not just by words but also by practical applications as well. It is only and only by your mercy and blessings that I can progress on the path of devotional service, spiritual life and at the same time through the mercy and blessings I am empowered to be of service to

the mission of Srila Prabhupada.

Spiritual master is the transparent medium between the devotee and their Lordships and only by pleasing the Guru can their Lordships and the Guru-parampara be pleased.

Srila Gurudev it is my great aspiration to work and conduct myself in such a way that I am pleasing you through the preaching of Krishna consciousness and being exemplary in all my dealings and behavior, I am very insignificant and incompetent yet I know by the mercy and empowerment of the Spiritual master nothing is impossible, as Srila Prabbupada has said that impossible is a word in the fool's dictionary.

Srila Gurudev you are the epitome of Vaishnava compassion and you are carrying the legacy of Srila Prabhupada and it is only in the same spirit do I feel that my life will find its perfection in always giving Krishna to others.

Srila Gurudev please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Your servant,  
Lakshman Das - Kalol, India



Lilamanjari Devi Dasi - You teach how to see the loving hand of Krishna.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev  
Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to your grace and Srimati Gurumata  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

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Dear Srila Gurudev, I cannot count upon the unlimited mercy I get from your grace and Srimati Gurumata. This year though your preaching tour in India was for a short period, it has greatly boosted my Krishna consciousness. However, I would like to capture these moments forever in my heart, so that I am never separated from you and Srimati Gurumata.  
Srimati Gurumata often quotes a verse from Srimad Bhagavatam 11.17.27,

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

One should know the ācārya as Myself and never disrespect him in any way. One should not envy him, thinking him an ordinary man, for he is the representative of all the demigods.

May I be able to meditate on this verse and understand the real position of the Spiritual master. I have heard that in the beginning of Krishna consciousness movement, the devotees were not much aware about the philosophy. All they knew was Srila Prabhupada's love for them. When will I be able to develop that deep, unflinching love and devotion unto your lotus feet, so that no onslaughts of maya can disturb my Krishna consciousness.

It's amazing how you can see the loving hand of Krishna in each and every situation. If I can develop even a fraction of that conviction in Krishna, that would be a great achievement for me.

*āśliṣya vā pāda-ratām pinaṣṭu mām  
adarśanān marma-hatām karotu vā  
yathā tathā vā vidadhātu lampaṭo*

*mat-prāṇa-nāthas tu sa eva nāparaḥ*

I know no one but Kṛṣṇa as my Lord, and He shall remain so even if He handles me roughly by His embrace or makes me brokenhearted by not being present before me. He is completely free to do anything and everything, for He is always my worshipful Lord, unconditionally. (Siksastakam 8)

This verse is theoretical for me but I can see how your grace and Srimati Gurumata apply this verse in day to day life. Every word, every gesture, everything about you is so full of Krishna consciousness. It can induce even a dull person like me to remember Krishna.

I pray to the Lord for your grace and Srimati Gurumata's good health so that you can deliver many more fallen souls like me.

Thank you so much for everything.

May I be able to properly reciprocate with the love and mercy you are bestowing upon me always.

Your insignificant servant,

Lilamanjari devi dasi - Greater Noida, India

Mausam Pandya - I really wish I can serve your Lotus feet forever

Hare Kṛṣṇa, Srila Gurudev.

Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances unto your divine lotus feet.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Srila Gurudev, your presence in my life has been a source of inspiration and strength. I am aspiring to have you as my spiritual master. I offer my heartfelt gratitude for the wisdom you have shared with me through the wonderful newsletters. Thank you for guiding me towards a deeper understanding of my spiritual life.

Srila Gurudev, you have shown me the beauty and light that exists within myself. Through your guidance, I have discovered my true spiritual potential and I offer my utmost gratitude for your dedication to my growth.

Your patience and compassion have allowed me to navigate the challenges on my spiritual journey. Thank you for always being there to lend a helping hand and for your unwavering support.

By the unparalleled mercy of Srila Prabhupada, I have got your auspicious virtual association and I feel extremely grateful from the bottom of my heart.

Gurudev, your presence in my life has brought me a sense of purpose and fulfilment. I am humbled by your wisdom and teachings, and offer my deepest gratitude for being a guiding light in my spiritual journey. I am eternally grateful for the love and compassion you have shown me even when I was not worthy of it. Your guidance has allowed me to see the beauty in others and to approach life with a heart full of love and understanding.

I really wish I can serve your lotus feet forever and maintain the transcendental smile on your lotus face,



Gurudevj.

Mausam Pandya - Mumbai, India

Mayapur Devi Dasi - You are a Prabhupadanuga, giving Krishna to everyone.

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All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Dear Gurudev, it's my great fortune that on this auspicious occasion of your grace's vyasa Puja I have an opportunity to glorify you and thus purify my existence. Though your grace is the ocean of mercy and I am like a tiny bird who due to the limited vision and capacity could not measure the depth of the ocean.

Similarly your qualities can neither be measured nor be glorified by the limited vision and vocabulary I have. Srila Gurudev, Srila Prabhupada pranam mantra says that

*nirvishesha-sunyavadi-pascatyā-deśa-tarīṇa*, and your grace is so nicely trying to remove this mentality of impersonalism and voidism from our heart by your personal example. A person feels so much valued in your presence and thus we can have a glimpse of the fact that actually Krishna is waiting for all of us and He is the ultimate well wisher of all the living entities. Your grace is real prabhupadanuga as you are spreading the mercy of Krishna in the similar way as done by Srila Prabhupada i.e with utmost love, care, compassion and concern.

The way your grace sends reply to the query of each and every mail, the way your grace sends the thought for the day addressing the name of the person itself shows that your grace values their individuality and thus tries to engage them in the service of the Lord as per their individuality. Your grace shows by your example that oneness should be in the motive or the goal of life and not in the way to do that. To encourage us for services your grace is taking so much of pain so that the morning and evening classes can be taken every single day without any break. Whatever could be the schedule or your health condition but there is no break in that. Your reciprocation with each and everyone be it a neophyte or the very advanced devotees it's really very very very loving. Each and everyone feels so much bliss even if it is just for few seconds conversation. Whenever your grace sees somebody taking the process even if it is just the beginning, you become so happy thinking that one more soul is now on the path to go back to home back to godhead. I remember whenever a person approaches your grace how happily and heartily

you accept him, however fallen he may be. And with all this there is not at all any compromise on following the standards. When it comes to establishing the principles of Sastra you grace preach so boldly be it anyone come in front. I still remember how boldly your grace sent Thought For The Day last year during kartik about how a devotee looks like and how not. Your grace discussed in the class how you were questioned about this later on but you stayed firm and thus convinced them too. This shows your love for Srila Prabhupada and the whole Guru parampara.

Also, Srila Gurudev during last year's Vyasa Puja one very very heart touching incident occurred. When your grace was on the vyasasana and were about to deliver the lecture, I mean almost everyone present there and watching through online mode was waiting for you to speak, but your grace played the audio lecture of Srila Prabhupada. I mean I was so touched to see how your grace is actually showing by your example of how to offer everything to Guru. That shows how much love, faith and conviction you have in Srila Prabhupada. That shows how much you are attached to Srila Prabhupada and thus perfect Prabhupadanuga.

In the end I would just like to conclude by saying that Srila Gurudev it's your complete mercy that your grace have shown so much compassion on this fallen soul by accepting me as your disciple. Please bless me so that I can also develop these transcendental qualities even if in a drop so that I can actually see more of such qualities in your grace, contemplate on them and thus glorify them. Even if this one thing I will be able to do throughout my life I know that will be perfect.

Thank you so much.

Your most insignificant servant,

Mayapur Devi Dasi - Chandigarh, India

Monisa - Please bless me with the pure devotional service.

Respected Maharaj,

Kindly please accept my humble obeisances.

I am writing this Vyasa Puja offering for the first time. Kindly forgive me if there was any mistake in it. Just like unlimited Lord Anantshesh does not get fatigue glorifying the Supreme Personality of Godhead - Lord Sri Krishna, because Lord's glories are unlimited, similarly glories of Lord's pure devotees are also endless. You are Lord's pure devotee and I may not be able to glorify you properly, still I will attempt to glorify you. I learn a lot from your lectures, emails. When I hear or read your lectures, then I remember the teachings of Srila Prabhupada. You present the teachings of Srila Prabhupada as it is, and also I want to follow your teachings which are like that of Srila Prabhupada. My only desire is that I serve you, Gurumata and Srila Prabhupada and follow your teachings, and thus achieve love of Godhead (Krishna Prema). Please bless this fallen soul that I become pure and all my unwanted things in the heart washed away and I return back home, back to Godhead. At last, my only prayer to you is that I be able to preach Krishna Consciousness and also follow my prescribed duties without being materially attached.

Your insignificant servant,

Monisa - Dabhoi, India

Mukunda Das - You are the personification of Sri Gurvastakam prayers.

Dear Srila Gurudev,  
I offer my respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet.  
You are an ocean of auspicious qualities.  
Mercifully you are delivering me from the blazing fire of material existence.

Words emanating from your lotus mouth are torrents of nectar that extinguishes fire of material desires in my heart.

Mellows of pure devotion inundate your heart and in turn you inundate the whole universe with pure devotion to the Lord.

You exemplify deity worship by worshiping your beloved Sri Sri Radha Damodar.

Always relishing the names, qualities, forms and pastimes of the Lord you proclaim these on the internet for the benefit of fallen souls like me.

Dear Srila Gurudev, to me you are as much as the Supreme Lord.

By your mercy I am receiving the benediction of Krishna.

Without your grace I can not make any advancement.

Therefore I prayerfully beg that I should always remember and praise you eternally.

All auspicious appearance day to you Srila Gurudev!

Your servant,  
Mukunda Das - Pune, India

Nitya Leela devi dasi - Your presence fills my heart with peace

Hare Krishna Gurudev  
Please accept my humble obeisance

All glories to Srila Prabhupad and glories to you.  
Your presence fills my heart with peace,  
Your wisdom and teachings bring my soul near to Krishna.  
In your loving guidance, I find strength and grace,  
You illuminate my path, with each step, I embrace.

Your words of wisdom enlighten me spiritually,  
With gratitude, my heart begins to leap.  
Your love and compassion, an eternal flame,  
Through life's challenges, you show us the path that leads to Krishna the eternal peace and love.

In your presence, doubts and fears dissolve away,  
With you as my gurudev, I'll never stray.  
Forever grateful for your enlightening embrace,  
I walk this journey, guided by your grace.

Nitya Leela devi dasi - Noida, India

Paap Harini Devi Dasi - You carry Sri Vrindavan dham within your heart.

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble Obeisances at your Lotus Feet  
All Glories to your grace,  
All Glories to Her grace Gurumata,  
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada,

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*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā  
cakṣur unmlītaṁ 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.

On the most auspicious occasion of your Vyas Puja I want to take this opportunity to thank you for giving me shelter at your Lotus feet *cakṣu-dāna dila yei, janme janme prabhu sei*,, You are my master, birth after birth. I have no qualification to receive this boon; rather, it is due to only your causeless mercy that you have very kindly accepted me as your disciple. Srila Gurudev, first of all, I would like to sincerely say, “I am eternally indebted to you and Srimati Gurumata” I have your association and association of gurumata, who very kindly and very patiently guide us, even though we make many- many mistakes again and again.

Gurumata and you are personally showing the example of remaining fixed in Krishna consciousness. Gurumata and your daily Srimad Bhagavatam classes, Sri Sri Radha Damodar aarti, and Srila Prabhupada’s lectures through your audio collections are some of the most valuable opportunities I am receiving to progress further in my Krishna consciousness.

Srila Gurudev I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart, for your daily thought-of-the-day emails, it is through these emails that I came into Krishna consciousness and it is your daily message that keeps me going. In your emails you explain Krishna consciousness in the most practical manner, leaving no doubts for the readers.

Srila Gurudev, when you sing the holy names of the Lord, it is so sweet, so melodious and so purifying. Your ecstatic kirtan fills the air and makes the whole audience clap, sing, and dance in ecstasy. Let this

pure sound vibrated from your lotus mouth enter into the holes of our ears and reach the core of our hearts destroying the six kinds of anarthas and reestablishing us in our original constitutional position as the eternal servant of Lord Sri Krishna.

Srila Gurudev, you have read and assimilated all the literature left by Srila Prabhupada and are very expert in explaining them to us. You carry Sri Vrindavan dham within your heart. You shower your causeless mercy and purify anyone and everyone whom you meet. Please accept my koti koti pranam and humble obeisances unto your merciful lotus feet. Each and every moment of your life, you teach us by example. You never lose a single moment to glorify your spiritual master A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

In a very exemplary way, you teach us the mood of becoming an eternal disciple by displaying your unconditional pure love for Srila Prabhupada. Please gurudev, instill in our hearts a drop of that mood of servitorship for your divine grace as you have for Srila Prabhupada.  
Please bless me so that I can follow your instructions and become a worthy servant of yours.

Always holding your lotus feet,  
Your insignificant servant,  
Paap Harini Devi Dasi - Delhi, India

Padmakshi devi dasi - I will take these instructions to my life and soul

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Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev  
Please accept my humble obeisance.  
All Glories to your Grace and Srimati Gurumata ji  
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Gurudev,  
First of all I want to wish your grace a very auspicious Vyasa puja.  
Thank you so much my dear spiritual master for accepting me.  
Srila Gurudev 20th October 2023 is the most auspicious and memorable day for me, because I was able to get your grace's darshan in Sri Vrindavan Dham for the very first time.

And 2nd the very blessed day for me was 22nd of October 2023 as your grace initiated me formally, I am very fortunate gurudev to have your grace as my spiritual master.

And the 3rd very very special day was 26th October 2023 on that day your grace gave me personal instruction, which was "purify yourself in morning hours and then purify the world in afternoon."

I will take these instructions to my life and soul.  
I feel a very big responsibility after initiation, as your grace already made a very big decision only for us, I don't want to hurt your grace in any way.



Thank you so much my beloved spiritual father.

Your servant

Padmakshi devi dasi - Jammu, India

Panca Tattva Das - By your mercy everything is possible.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you and Srimati Gurumataji!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

I am enlightened and happy to share my personal experience and realization this time of Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji blessings upon me on several occasions. Just to share 3 realizations here. Wife is Bhaktin Mohinee Devi K K (already took Guru ashraya from Srila Gurudev)

1st realization – When I was in Vrindavan dham pilgrimage with wife, our group leader on last day planned to visit Taj Mahal while 40% of various dhams were unable to cover due to extreme cold and no long visibility of vehicles (this was first time I visited in North India during most cold season) in 5 day long stay in dham. But at the Srila Rupa Goswami samadhi (tomb) is located in the courtyard of the Radha-Damodara temple, we both including many ISKCON devotees prayed to respective initiated Spiritual Masters, Srila Rupa Goswami and other five Goswamis (mentally) to avoid Taj Mahal trip. Miracle happened and one assistant of our group leader suggested splitting our group into two – one will go to visit 40% pending dhams and balance will go to visit Taj Mahal. So, many opted to visit balance or missed dhams including ourselves while few moved to Taj Mahal visit.

2nd realization – There were circumstances where there was a possibility of canceling my wife's and mine Dwarka Dham yatra but to our surprise just 3 days before we were able to manage the dham yatra!. And same during Sri Krishna birth celebrations as per stars in Kerala and we were given serious seva by ISKCON Kochi. Myself was assigned Srila Prabhupada books display and selling area while wife was assigned for Lord Krishna and Srila Prabhupada Deities backend seva i.e. assisting in abhishekam and arranging the stage along with altar as well. Stage decoration was also a part of it. But again miraculously by Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji mercy, my wife was able to full heartedly participate and all the hindrances were cleared.

3rd realization – I was in small financial trouble and news came of Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji's visit to Vrindavan Dham next month suddenly. So I got stressed and anxious about train ticket bookings onwards and return tickets and room stay as well. I contacted His Grace Hare Krishna Prabhu and then Her Grace Guru Vandana Mataji. Mataji referred to His Grace Govardhan Prabhu. Prabhu helped me to get the accommodation near ISKCON Vrindavan Temple and Srila Gurudev residency as well. The most important thing was that I had no money, as I had already spent on railway travel tickets. So, His Grace Govardhan Prabhu paid the advance of Rs.5,000/- which I am scheduled to pay on 17-09-2023. Thank you His Grace Govardhan Prabhu for your mercy upon me. So, here within 3 hours the information

received of Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji Vrindavan Dham visit, whole stay and travel tickets were solved and regarding Mahaprasadam also Srila Gurudev and Srila Gurumataji mercy will bless me and issue will be solved for sure. I believe in this.

So many realizations to share but just remember a few and presenting only 3 here.

No worries as just to follow eat Mahaprasadam only, four regulative principles strictly and chant 16 rounds attentively (which I am improving still) and listening to Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji's Srimad Bhagavatam lectures daily.

I know one thing that Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji are showering the blessings on me unlimitedly but I am not worthy enough to honor the same due to neophyte mentality and many ways falls and slips are happening in my spiritual journey.

Only Spiritual masters mercy is uplifting me in spiritual growth and nothing is from my end. Just as promised during the initiation ceremony, following chanting 16 rounds daily and four regulative principles strictly.

Dandavat panama

Your useless servant,  
Panca Tattva Das - Udayamperoor, India

Pinky Nagar - I pray to remain a speck of dust at your lotus feet.

Dearest Gurudev,

I offer my most respectful and humble dandavat pranams at the dust of your lotus feet.  
All glories to Jagad-Guru, Srila Prabhupada and all glories to your divine grace.

I wish you a very happy vyasa-puja and pray to Srimati Radharani for many happy returns on this auspicious day. Guru maharaj, these two weeks have been full of realizations and new spiritual experiences by your blessings. Keeping you at the center 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 two weeks since Lord Krishna mercifully sent you as my master and savior, that first darshan of your divine grace is still afresh to my vision. I am searching here and there, where do I find my guru as stated in Bhagavad Gita that first you have to take shelter of a bona fide spiritual master. And mercifully I joined your ultimate self realization course.

On this auspicious day, I pray to remain a speck of dust at your lotus feet, O my beloved Gurudev, wishing you the most wonderful vyasa-puja celebration again and again and hope that someday, I will be in your personal association to celebrate this day and directly get the nectar of your association.

Srila Prabhupada ki jaya!  
Sriman Sankarshan Dās ki jay! vyasa-puja Mahotsav ki jaya!

Your most fallen child,  
Bhaktin Pinky - Delhi, India



Premananda Das - Your life is simply for the welfare of others.

Hare Krishna My dear Srila Gurudev  
Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

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Today on your most auspicious divine appearance day I like to express my gratitude at your lotus feet.

Srila Gurudev as my guiding light and torch there are many qualities I get inspired and encouraged and will share some of those.

Your enthusiasm in sharing Krishna with everyone and to spread Krishna consciousness to every living being so that all souls can take to devotional service and come closer to Lord Sri Krishna in the sojourn of their journey especially in the human form of life.

Your life is simply for the welfare of others and inspires thousands of souls globally to take advantage of the philosophy of Bhagavad-Gita as it is and Srimad Bhagavatam to make human life successful through online preaching and personally training everyone giving special care to each person.

Your life is the example of what you practice that is what you preach and therefore it is not merely words but deep realization and it affects the readers through your daily e-zine and I practice it read daily this e-zine which has thought of the day and questions and answer section which helps to live a meaningful life by teaching and awakening the dormant Krishna consciousness.

One such question asked was "Is chanting Hare Krishna recommended by Krishna?"

Your Grace answered - Yes by words and actions and elaborated. This is why Krishna specially orders in Bhagavad gita that one should be chanting His names 24 hours daily ,and why He personally appears in Kali yuga to demonstrate for everyone the best means of chanting His names.

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

God Himself has personally taught both by words and example that everyone must always be chanting the Hare Krishna mantra as much as possible. But human society is so unfortunate that they ignore His wonderful instructions.

The answer inspired me with a deeper meaning of how important it is for me to chant Hare Krishna mantra and spread it by your mercy to everyone because as God Himself taught by both words and examples.

Your life is full of dedication to your spiritual master and how every breath of your life those instructions you have taken it deep deep deep in your heart and how you are feeling the presence of your spiritual master in your heart blessing and guiding at every moment of your life and that mercy by your tireless preaching online and traveling all over the globe you are spreading and giving it as it is to everyone and making so many lives touched and awaken to Krishna consciousness.

Thank you Srila Gurudev for your unlimited mercy and I pray to the lotus feet of my eternal spiritual master and Lord Sri Krishna to be able to assist this mission in any insignificant way and please and satisfy your lotus feet.

Your servant,  
Premananda Das - Mumbai, India

Radha Sakhi Devi Dasi - You are my guiding star.

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Dear Srila Gurudev,

Hare Krishna!

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

This is all Lord Krishna's mercy that a fallen soul like me got You as my spiritual master. Under your superb guidance and immense mercy only I try to do whatever service I am given. With your blessings I distributed some small books to my relatives. I also gave a few japa mala beads and taught them how to chant.

Sometimes due to material responsibilities, time becomes a constraint, but then when I look upon you and srimati gurumataji, everything falls into place. Simply remembering your instructions from your lectures, which are like guiding stars for me, so many trivial things get sorted out.

Still as I am a neophyte in bhakti, I make mistakes. Thank you forever dear Srila Gurudev for accepting me as your disciple and always being there as my spiritual father.

Begging for Your mercy always,  
my humble obeisances at your lotus feet,

Radha Sakhi Devi Dasi - Noida, India

Rama Shanker Vyas - I wish you all success in making everyone Krishna Conscious.

Respected Guru Maharaj !

May Lord Sri Krishna bless you long life so that you may succeed in making the whole humanity Krishna conscious. जीवेत शरदः शतं

Bhakta Rama Shanker Vyas - Pune, India



Sacinandana Das - I am touched by Your and Gurumata's love.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to your grace and Srimati Gurumata ji.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for being so kind to me. Though I am the most unqualified person to receive mercy of your grace and Srimati Gurumata ji but your divine Grace and Srimati Gurumata ji are pouring torrents of rain of mercy upon me.

I was very touched by your grace and Srimati Gurumata ji's mercy during my second visit to Sri Vrindavan Dham in 2012. I was standing and traveling at the back of the auto during Govardhan parikrama thinking my parents are not here and I can do whatever I like but as soon as there was some space in the auto your grace and Srimati gurumata ji called me in. I was very touched by your grace and Srimati gurumataji's love.

On this most auspicious day of the appearance of your grace, please bless me that I can become a pure devotee soon and assist in serving to make the whole world Krishna conscious.

Your eternal servant,  
Sacinandana Das - Greater Noida, India

Sadbhuja Das - You request everyone to take up the pure devotional service.

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

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

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

Dear Srila Gurudev,  
Please accept my humble obeisances,  
All glories to Your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumataji,  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this very auspicious occasion of your Grace's Vyas puja, I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for guiding me on the sublime path of Krishna consciousness. I can't fathom my great good fortune for having your exalted self as my spiritual master. It is beautifully quoted in CC Madhya

19.151 that

*brahmāṇḍa bhramite kona bhāgyavan jīva  
guru-Kṛṣṇa-prasāde paya bhakti-lata-bija*

According to their karma, all living entities are wandering throughout the entire universe. Some of them are being elevated to the upper planetary systems, and some are going down into the lower planetary systems. Out of many millions of wandering living entities, one who is very fortunate gets an opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master by the grace of Krishna. By the mercy of both Krishna and the spiritual master, such a person receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service.

So I am wandering in this material existence taking 8,400,000 different bodies, suffering the pangs of material existence sometimes in the body of a tree, sometimes in the body of a cat, a dog, a demigod or an indra-gopa germ. But now by Krishna's mercy I am in a human body but I do not realize the importance of having a human body. Your grace is repeatedly telling us to wake up by engaging the rare human body in the service of the Lord.

Srila Gurudev, I am very thankful to you for trying to relieve me from this hellish material existence by your divine instructions and to bring me back in the transcendental realm by embracing the flag of pure devotional service. Your grace has always smashed mixed devotional service (i.e. devotion with little sense gratification) calling this to be a cheating mentality and stressed that we should only aspire for pure devotional service which can only satisfy the self. Srila Rupa Goswami beautifully defines pure devotional service (Bhakti-Rasamrita-Sindhu 1.1.11).

*anyabhīlāsita-sūnyam  
jñāna-karmādy-anāvṛtam  
anukūlyeṇa Kṛṣṇanānu  
sīlanam bhaktir uttama  
(CC Madhya 19.167)*

One should render transcendental loving service to the supreme Lord Krishna favorably and without desire for material profit or gain through fruitive activities or philosophical speculation. That is called pure devotional service.

Being a neophyte devotee, my devotional service is always mixed with sense gratification with many material desires. In your recent visit to Vrindavan, I asked a question to Srimati Gurumataji "Is it possible to return to the spiritual world in this lifetime itself?" Her Grace very kindly replied yes it is possible if you don't have any material desire and if you fully surrender to the Lord. Srila Gurudev I am struggling with so many material desires with sense gratification activities. May that day come soon when my material desire becomes zero and I can take up completely the flag of pure devotional service as the only goal of my life which your grace and Srimati gurumataji want from us.

Kindly forgive me for my offenses at your lotus feet when I struggle to follow your instructions strictly.

Your eternal servant,  
Sadbhuja Das - Mandi, India

Sai Akshara - I am not qualified to say about your Glories

Thank you Srila Gurudev.. I am not qualified to say much about your glories  
Please show your mercy to this sinful fallen soul..

Bhakta Sai akshara - Telangana, India

Sandipani Muni Das - You are my ticket to Goloka Vrindavan Dham.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev  
Please accept my humble obeisances

I am fortunate that you are my spiritual master. I always desire to serve you so that I can get a ticket to Goloka Vrindavan and be free from life and death. I got initiated by you at Vrindavan (the holy land of India) in the Karthik month of 2022. Though I am unable to attain your physical association, you are always my guiding spiritual master through emails.

Whenever I start my japa I chant your pranam mantra first and offer my obeisances on your lotus feet.  
On this Vyasa puja I wish you good health so that you can always be our guiding force  
Once again I lay at your lotus feet and smear the holy dust of your lotus feet on my head.  
Krishna is so kind that he gave me you as my spiritual master so that i can execute my devotional service now and forever  
Jai Srila Gurudev.

Your servant,  
Sandipani Muni Das - Jaipur, India

Savita Krishnan - Guru has removed me from the darkness of ignorance

Gurudev please accept my obeisances. Guru has removed me from the darkness of ignorance and saved me from maya by giving me the balm of knowledge.

There is no greater principle than surrender to Guru.

Salutes to my Gurudev..I have learned from him to embrace the wisdom of detachment from outcomes, to find peace in every moment.

Gurudev Hare Krsna Hare Krsna

Savita Krishnan - Mumbai, India

Shakuntala devi dasi - All this soul desires is to be your eternal servant

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet  
All Glories to your grace and all glories to Srimati Gurumata ji  
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

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

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

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 Gurudev

Gurudev the first contact I had with you was via your wonderful online course ie. The Ultimate Self Realization Course. The course was introduced to me by your senior disciples. Hearing about your glories and your online course has proved much more than what I have been experiencing.

I find you to be the most merciful self realized soul and compassionate towards every soul. You also preach your disciples to be compassionate towards other souls. I have been through many realizations because of your preaching my dear Srila Gurudev.

It will be exciting to get more realizations and experience under your shelter in future ahead. It's the mercy of my Lord in getting you as my spiritual master. You are the answer to my heartiest and deepest prayers to my Lord.

I'm forever thankful to my lord for answering my prayers via you. I have been wanting personal attention from my spiritual master and that you are giving that to each of your disciples is beyond expression. Not even that but you are giving reply to each email you receive from worldwide is amazing to see.

You are opening a different dimension to each of my learning.

Gurudev I'm not yet so good in shastras so using the little words from my tiniest of knowledge in expressing my love and gratitude towards you.

The kirtans I witnessed led by you in Vrindavan are beyond expression. It shows how much nectar the Mahamantra has. Under your shelter and guidance I also wish to taste the same nectar My dear Srila Gurudev by breaking all my unwanted and mundane material attachments as early as possible.

This fallen and stupid soul is in desperate need of your mercy my dear Srila gurudev

I'm not finding any proper words to express my offering to you my dear Srila Gurudev. My apologies for that.

All this soul desire is to be your eternal servant, Please bless me with the same my most merciful Gurudev

Wishing to be your eternal servant

Shakuntala devi dasi - Mumbai, India

Shraddha Yadav - You saved me from material existence.

Hare Krishna

Please accept my humble obeisance

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to Sankarshan Das Adhikari on this auspicious day of Vyasa puja

Respected Guruji, you have glorified my life by giving the nectar of Krishna consciousness. I was wandering in the material world in search of happiness but you saved me. You are a guiding beacon light prompting me towards the truth, wisdom and ultimate enlightenment.

You developed my inner consciousness and moved me from darkness to light. I can't thank you enough.

Your humble servant,

Bhaktin Shraddha Yadav - Vadodara, India

Sitapati Das- Replaced my material desires with the spiritual desires.

!! Srila Gurudev – a Spiritual Surgeon !!

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

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

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

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā*



*caḡṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

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

My dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble and respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet.

All glories unto you and Gurumataji.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Gurudev, your Vyasa Puja day is a day of celebration, full of happiness & lots of learning for me every year. I wholeheartedly thank Lord Sri Krishna for providing me with a divine shelter of a fully dedicated, fully surrendered spiritual master.

Srila Gurudev, your enthusiasm for preaching and awakening Krishna consciousness in the hearts of fallen conditioned souls across the globe inspires me a lot. Your enthusiasm, level of determination and surrender together give me a unique strength and make me more determined to learn about Lord Krishna and practice Krishna consciousness more seriously.

More often you use to say “disciple means discipline”. You proved it by your exemplary behavior. You always stick to your schedule, never become late for any event. I have been begging Krishna so that I also can follow in your footsteps.

Your every single word guides me to go deep in Krishna consciousness philosophy. Srila Prabhupada stated in his lectures “Religion without philosophy is sentiment, or sometimes fanaticism, while philosophy without religion is mental speculation.” You also instructed us to read Srila Prabhupad’s books every single day. “One chapter a day keeps maya away”- is your quotable statement. Your statement answers to the ever troubling question of most of the devotees in ISKCON i.e. How can one refrain oneself from maya?

You have been very keen on Prabhupad’s words & instructions. You always simplify Krishna consciousness philosophy through your lectures. I observed that you emphasize more on overcoming mainly the lust, along with anger, pride and greed.

When I go through the biography of Srila Prabhupada and look at your principles and standards of living, I feel highly nourished and strengthened from within. This feeling creates a special force in my mind that pushes me with determination ahead on the path of bhakti.

Srila Gurudev, you have truly saved me from material desires. In fact, you have replaced my material desires with the spiritual desires. Now I have only one desire i.e. to become a pure devotee of Lord Krishna, attain Krishna prem & spread Krishna’s message everywhere as much as possible.

I beg Lord Krishna to enable me to serve you and my gurumata with love, sincerity and surrender. Thank you very much for all your kindness, grace, and mercy.

Your eternal insignificant servant,  
Sitapati Das – Pune, India

Sunil - You are simply merciful to me and everyone.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev

Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Srila Gurudev when I hear your grace, I feel a lot of peace in my heart.

Srila Gurudev when your grace reached Mumbai airport on 7 October 2023, a person from an outside devotees group came near you and paid obeisances to your grace, this is power of your grace, Jaya!

In your grace's class, when different persons ask the same question, your grace mercifully answer the same question each time and satisfy the intelligence of all the inquirers

Jaya, even in travel, your grace and her grace gurumataji shower mercy classes and give Srila Prabhupada's teachings in the pure form.

Jaya! Jaya!! Jaya!!!

Your insignificant and eternal servant,  
Bhakta Sunil - Mumbai, India

Vaisnavapriya devi dasi - I wish to help Gurudev

Srila Gurudev, I wish to help gurudev by myself becoming an obedient disciple to follow your grace instructions without fail and start from myself first to become a Krishna conscious person.

Vaisnavapriya devi dasi - Trivandrum, India

Vrajanath Das - You make me advance in Krishna Consciousness.

Hare Krishna,

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to Srila Gurudev and Guru Mataji

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

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Dear Gurudev,

I wish you a very happy Vyasa puja and pray to Sri Sri Radha Damodar to bestow you good health. I am very fortunate to get initiated from you. The most merciful gurudev, oh, destroyer of false ego, kindly bless me so that I can vanquish lust, anger and greed in me and develop love and compassion for each and every living being.

I beg you, Srila gurudev & srimati gurumataji to shower your mercy on me so that I advance on the path of Krishna consciousness and with strength and wisdom, spread this Srila Prabhupada's mission everywhere.

Always seeking for your blessings,  
Your idiot servant,

Vrajanath Das - Mumbai, India

Yadunandana Das - My duty is to follow your instruction.

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev  
Please accept my humble obeisances  
All Glories to your Grace and Srimati Gurumataji  
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

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Happy Vyasa Puja Srila Gurudev. On this most auspicious day of your grace Vyasa puja, I want to thank

you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you so much Srila gurudev for your endless mercy all the time. I remember the first time I met with your grace in Sri Vrindavan Dham on 19th October 2022 that time your grace asked me to give you your grace's Mobile and I was shivering to hand over your cellphone to your grace and on 23rd October 2022 your grace asked me to shave. And how foolish I was that I was so much attached to my beard that I took a lot of time to shave off. I am so sorry for that, Srila gurudev. And this year a few days back on 22nd October 2023 I formally got initiated by your grace. I am blessed to have your grace as my beloved spiritual master. This day of initiation will be the memorable day of my life and after initiation the personal instructions I got from your grace through email was:

My dear Yadunandana,  
Please accept my blessings.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.  
Thank you very much for your determination to preach.  
I am passing on to you what Srila Prabhupada told me:

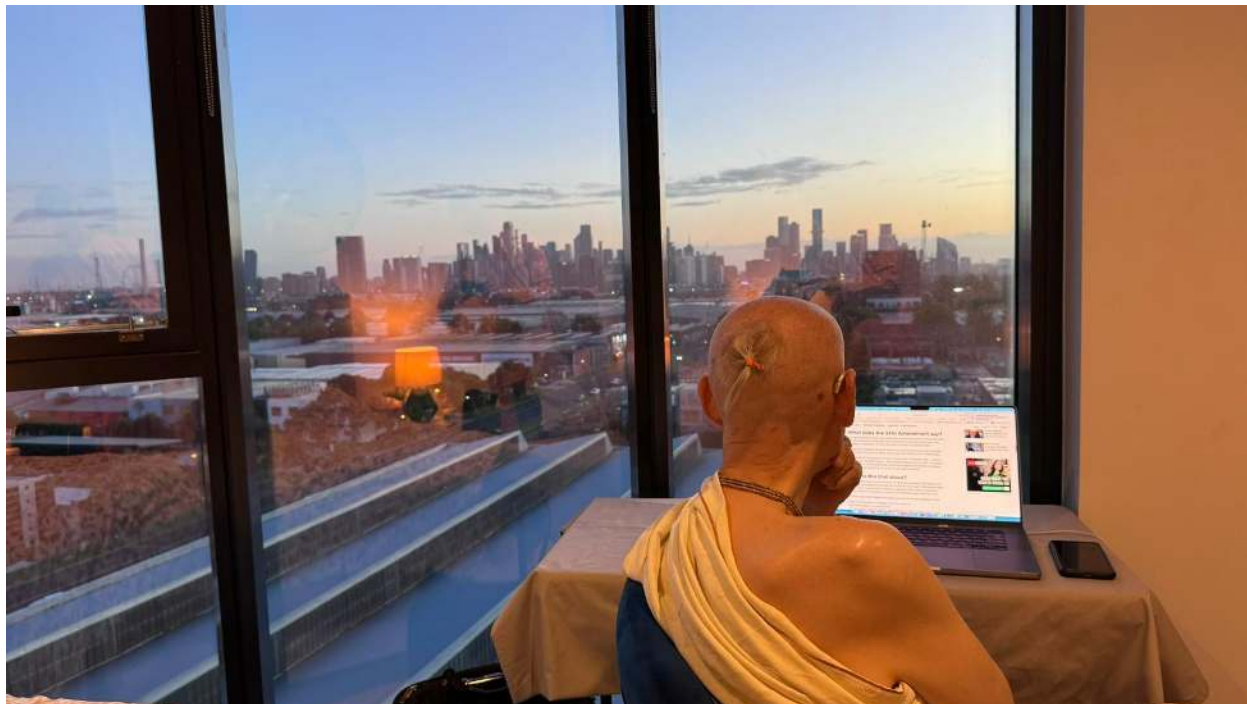
I can see also that you are a very sincere and enthusiastic boy and are anxious for spreading this movement. Those are first class qualifications for making advancement in Krishna Consciousness. So continue enthusiastically as you are doing and Krishna will surely bless you. Follow the regulative principles strictly, chant your 16 rounds faithfully, study our literature, go for street Sankirtana, etc. All these activities will make you fixed up in Krishna's service and eligible for going back to home, back to Godhead.

> Letter to: Sankarsana -- London 7 September, 1971

Oh! Srila Gurudev thank you so much for these instructions and Srila gurudev you are so merciful that your grace gave me time in your busy hours to sign the 3 books, and your grace gave me that maha garland as a blessing after mangala aarti. Srila gurudev your grace has taken a toughest task to deliver me from the clutches of Maya. Now it is my duty to follow each and every instruction of your grace. I promise you Srila gurudev that I will never disappoint your grace. I will strictly follow all the 4 regulative principles and will chant a minimum 16 rounds of Maha Mantra daily on beads. And I take a vow to serve this mission in the humble mood of servant of the servant of the servant. I love you a lot, Srila Gurudev.

Your servant,  
Yadunandana Das - Jammu, India

Australia, New Zealand and Asia Pacific



Acyuta Devi Dasi - By your grace auspiciousness has entered my life

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Dear Srila Gurudev,  
Hare Krishna.

Dandavat Pranam,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.  
All glories to Srila Gurudev and Gurumata.

Happy Vyasa puja Gurudev!

Being a girl in the late twenties, certain of taking up devotional service but I was unsure what am I supposed to do next in life. By Krishna's mercy, your grace came into my life. I vividly remember the day I saw your grace at ISKCON Gita Center asking for daksina and now after taking initiation from your grace last year during Damodara month, I am forever indebted to you.

With your grace's mercy, many auspicious events took place within these two years. First, my sister and I went to Vrindavan parikrama for the first time even amidst my bad health condition, then receiving dhiksha

from your grace on the 2nd day of Bhisma panchaka in the month of Damodara last year and recently we had the most awaited event, the installation of our beloved deities of Nitai Gauranga at home. All these events gave me a purpose to further develop my sadhana and a reason to live spiritually. Also, reading The Thoughts of the Day is a booster for me to keep moving and acts as a reminder for me to not skip my chanting and sadhana, Gurudev.

On this beautiful day, I would like to say thank you very much for every single thing that your grace and gurumata have given to me through the dynamic preaching and touring around the world spreading the message of Krishna and Srila Prabhupada. Kindly bestow your grace's blessings and guidance so that I may also continue the service to gurudev and my little Nitai Gauranga.

Haribol! Jai Srila Gurudev!

Your servant,  
Acyuta Devi Dasi - Klang, Malaysia.

Adipurusha Das - Please bless me with intense Guru bhakti

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.  
All glories to your grace and gurumata.

On this auspicious day of your appearance, I am making an attempt to write an offering to you.

Your kindness, compassion, guidance and loving reciprocation through appreciation or correction has helped me to go through and grow through many tough times in spiritual life.

*sakale sammāna korite sakati, deho' natha! jathajatha  
tabe to' gaibo, hari-nama-sukhe, aparadha ha 'be hata*

O Lord and master! Invest me with the power to properly honor all living beings. Only then will I sing the holy name in great ecstasy and will all my offenses cease.

In the mood of Uttama Adhikari, you are corresponding with me through emails and showering your blessings. In comparison to the good qualities of my God family and other exalted Vaishnavas, in comparison to the amount of service they are rendering to you, I am like a squirrel. Just as Lord Rama recognised and appreciated the service of the little squirrel, you are also appreciating me with a big heart. You are giving me so many concessions. “Sri Guru Karuna Sindhu adhama janara bandhu” [Sri Guru Vandana by Srila Narottam Das Thakura]. I am ashamed of taking those concessions but inheriting the determination and patience from you, I am hopeful of contributing further to Srila Prabhupada's mission.

*jogyata-vicare, kichu nahi pai, tomara karuna—sara  
karuna na hoile, kandiya kandiya, prana na rakhibo ara*



When I examine myself, I find nothing of good value. Your mercy is essential to me. If you are not merciful, I will constantly weep, and I will not maintain my life any longer (*Saranagati* prayers by Srila BhaktiVinode Thakur)

The way you expertly perform deity worship exhibiting qualities of punctuality, cleanliness and deep attachment, is continuing to inspire many devotees and me. You tolerated my shortcomings and patiently trained me in worshipping and dressing Sri Sri Radha Damodar. It is only by your mercy that I can render some menial service to the deities.

You along with gurumata prepare a nice bhoga and offer it to Sri Sri Radha Damodar. You make sure that prasadam gets distributed to devotees wherever you go. Seeing devotees relish the prasadam, you become happy and satisfied.

You are constantly hearing, discussing, broadcasting, and teaching the pastimes, qualities, form, and name of the Supreme Lord. It manifests through the daily Thought for the day and your live lectures.

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 - Sydney, Australia

Ajita Devi Dasi - Because of your mercy...

Dear Srila Gurudev,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!  
All glories to your grace, my dear spiritual master and father.

Every year, when I write this offering for Vyasa puja, I take it as a blessing that I am given such a valuable chance to contemplate on your mercy. I am just a lowly person with no qualifications, how can I be so fortunate to stay on this path of Krishna consciousness and be able to somehow render services to the devotees and the Lord? It's all because of your mercy.

Life has become more and more difficult in the place where I live. Although anywhere in the material world is one of the same hell, oftentimes the hectic lifestyle here is still very depressing. Indeed, how can I survive in this city without services and devotee association in the temple? I understand that any so-called difficulties are only due to my lack of Krishna consciousness, I am just doing the bare minimum. Whenever I perform a puja for our temple deities, lead a kirtan for the devotees, share realizations on Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam in a class, introduce our temple and culture to guests, I feel very fortunate. Somehow I am able to render these services not because I have any qualifications, but only because of your mercy.

As life becomes difficult, I also remember your instruction that this material world is not a place for any gentlemen to live in. And the foremost thing we should do is to first save ourselves, and when we are

able, we should save others too. I am still on the path of saving myself, and on the way to qualify myself to save others. But still, I hope one day I can contribute a drop of effort in your mission of making the whole world Krishna conscious.

Dear Srila Gurudev, thank you for always showering me with mercy. I can never do enough to repay your mercy, I can only greedily pray for more mercy from you. As always, I pray from my heart that no matter what, please always bless me so that I can stay in Krishna consciousness and render services life after life. And no matter what circumstances, please help me stay humble in the service of devotees.

It's a little difficult for me to travel these days, but I pray that at your and at Krishna's willing, I will soon be able to have the association and blessings from you and Srimati gurumata in person.

Your eternal servant,  
Ajita devi dasi - Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Amala Bhakta Das - Service to you is our only hope

My Dearest Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to Srila Prabupada  
All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga

I humbly thank you for kindly accepting this insignificant offering of mine. You are definitely a person I really look up to in persevering through life. On your Vyasapuja day, it gives me immense pleasure to share my drop of love for you. I am always grateful to you for saving us from rotting in this material world. You saved me and my family members and millions of others by giving the process that was presented by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu in its purest form as it is. Your teachings were straight forward, clear without any ambiguity, conclusive, hitting the root of the problems and simply Krishna conscious without any contamination.

Please bless me, my brother and parents that we will be able to carry out your instructions with more determination and preach this Krishna consciousness for your pleasure. Please bless these servants with your service and engage us to do something significant for your movement before this carcass becomes useless. Service to you is our only hope. Please accept our service.

Love you to the endless of time Srila gurudev and srimati gurumataji as well.

Your Servant,  
Amala Bhakta Das - Malaysia

Ananda Vardhana Das - It's very enlightening to see you giving Krishna to everyone!

Hare Krishna dear Srilā Gurudev,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet,  
All glories to your Grace,  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Today is your holy appearance day - an auspicious day for the whole world.  
Srilā Gurudev, you are gloriously carrying out the mission of Lord Caitanya and Srila Prabhupada with sincerity and enthusiasm.

It is inspiring and enlightening to see that you, Srila Gurudev, are continuously giving Krishna consciousness to everyone wherever you go, even to a customer support person by ending the call with sweet Hare Krishna.

Thank you Srila Gurudev.

Your servant,  
Ānanda Vardhana Dās - Melbourne, Australia



Anasuya Devi Dasi - May your kind instructions become imprinted within my heart

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

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

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

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev,

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

All glories to Your Grace, Srila Gurudev.

All glories to Her Grace, Srimati Gurumataji.

All glories to His Divine Grace, Srila Prabhupada.

And all glories to all the Vaishnava devotees of the Supreme Lord.

On this most auspicious day of your Vyas Puja, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to your grace and Lord Sri Krishna.

How fortunate we are to have you as our eternal father, for your spiritual qualities truly have no limit. There is no end to your purity and depth; your simple honesty that springs mightily from a fully realised vision of an eternally liberated soul.

Srila Gurudev, while preaching, you shine with purity, enthusiasm, heart-warming humour and with sincerest deepest devotion. Your lectures have always been a treasured source of shelter, challenging my materialistic conceptions and always inspiring me to become more serious in Krishna consciousness. 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. All glories to you Srila Gurudev and to the Sankirtana mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu which you have preached and expanded so perfectly all over the world.

I am eternally grateful to you Srila Gurudev for showing me the way and the beauty of the Holy Name to purify both mind and body from all material contamination, for ever-increasing engagement towards one's devotional service. I can only sincerely pray that the instructions you have so kindly given me become imprinted in my heart, so I can serve you selflessly with sincerity and devotion, assisting you in your service to Srila Prabhupada.

I am eternally indebted to you both Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji for giving me this opportunity of devotional service.

Your insignificant servant  
Anasuya devi dasi - Queensland, Australia

Bhaktipriya Devi Dasi - I beg to be an instrument in your mission of Srila Prabhupada

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

Considering my karma and my misfortune, I have been cheated times and again by many people in this material world. But when it comes to my spiritual life, I am simply amazed at my good fortune of having found you, Srila Gurudev, a bonafide spiritual master. As it is said in Srimad Bhagavatam 1.1.22, *tvaṁ naḥ sandarśito dhātrā*, (We think that we have met Your Goodness by the will of providence) It is indeed the causeless mercy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead that I am under your shelter, Srila Gurudev.

This year has not been so easy, but your teachings have definitely been the guiding light in the troubled times. I know that my tiny mind cannot comprehend so many things, but I know that I am in the right time (Golden era of Kaliyuga) at the right place (the shelter of your teachings). I beg your mercy Srila Gurudev, so that I can become an instrument in your mission of Srila Prabhupada. This is the only way my life will

mean something, and this is the only solace I find in my life.

With gratitude,  
Your servant,  
Bhaktipriya devi dasi - Melbourne, Australia

Dinavatsala Das - You are the perfect representative of Srila Prabhupada

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

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gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

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

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

Kindly accept my offering on this auspicious day of your appearance. Your continuous guidance has been invaluable to our spiritual progress. As I look back to the day of first meeting your grace in 2005, and then onwards I am regularly reading your thoughts for the day. Srila Gurudev, I always like to think that because of your purity, you seeded the spark of pure bhakti in someone so conditional as us. No other person or process would have been able to achieve the same result. You are the perfect representative of Srila Prabhupada and Supreme Lord Sri Krishna! Through listening to your instructions, your kirtan, and by serving you, we are pleasing Krishna directly.

Your tireless efforts and bringing a revolution in the hearts of neophytes like me. There is so much nectar and lots of instructions you are providing on each of the lectures and this helps us to keep up our Krishna consciousness. We are super excited to have the live vyas puja in Melbourne, Australia and eagerly looking forward to your arrival. I am very grateful to Lord Krishna for giving us this great association. On this day, I sincerely pray that I should really progress well in Krishna consciousness as well as help others to provide some basic understanding of your teachings.

Your humble servant  
Dinavatsala Das - Melbourne, Australia



Hanuman Dasa - I plead your graces that I can be always engaged in the service

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya  
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

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

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My dear Srila Gurudev

Please accept my prostrated obeisances.

My prostrated obeisances to Gurumata.

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

I remember the first time you visited our home in Melbourne, you gave us the analogy of a Radio. There are signals everywhere, but the device catches the signal and produces the sound. Similarly, we must become that radio where we can access Krishna, who is everywhere. But we must tune into His frequency. And that tuning is bhakti, devotional service. This example has been imprinted deep in my heart ever since.

Both in your teachings and your demeanor you impart Uttama Bhakti. Your life is a testimony of the teachings of Srila Prabhupada. Sometimes due to the incomprehensible nature of your being and my limited brain capacity, your teachings are seen as heavy, but it is because I am so attached to maya. It is the weight of maya, or material attachments, that makes me feel your instructions are heavy. But your instructions are meant to relieve me from the heavy karmic burden that I am carrying since time immemorial. You are soft at heart, unassuming in your demeanor and completely embody the auspicious qualities.

Your life is an open book, you are an exemplar of a steadfast devotee. There is no difference between your teachings and your dealings. In the Bhagavad Gita 2.54, Arjuna enquires, what are the symptoms of a *sthita-prajña* devotee (*sthita-prajñasya kā bhāṣā samādhi-sthasya keśava...*)

" Arjuna said: O Kṛṣṇa, what are the symptoms of one whose consciousness is thus merged in transcendence? How does he speak, and what is his language? How does he sit, and how does he walk?"

To that Krishna replies BG 2.55,

*śrī-bhagavān uvāca  
prajahāti yadā kāmān  
sarvān pārtha mano-gatān  
ātmany evātmanā tuṣṭaḥ  
sthita-prajñas tadocyate*

The Supreme Personality of Godhead said: O Pārtha, when a man gives up all varieties of desire for sense gratification, which arise from mental concoction, and when his mind, thus purified, finds satisfaction in the self alone, then he is said to be in pure transcendental consciousness.

Your life is demonstration of this state of consciousness.

Thank you Srila gurudev for being my inspiration.

On this auspicious day of your divine appearance, I plead for gurumata and your mercy and blessings to be always engaged in the service of Vaishnavas Jana, Guru and Gauranga.

Your servant  
Hanuman dasa - Melbourne, Australia

Indriyehwari Devi Dasi - Bless me to become a humble servant

Hare Krishna Gurudev and Gurumata,  
Please accept my dandavat pranams at your feet.

I am very grateful to the Vaishnavas who have shown me this path of Krishna consciousness through which I was very lucky to find my spiritual father and mother.

You are a very divine personality through which you always remind me of the six Goswamis of Vrindavan. You have dedicated your body, words and mind to serve the mood and mission of Srila Prabhupad and have set us an example of how we should lead our life blissfully immersed in serving the Lord who is our eternal father.

Thank you very much for enlightening this fallen soul and accepting as your disciple.  
On this auspicious day of your appearance please bless me to become a servant and to serve with a humble mood.

Praying to Lord Krsna to fulfill your desire to turn the whole world into Krishna consciousness.

Thank you  
Your servant  
Indriyeshwari Devi Das - Melbourne, Australia

Kanyakumari Devi Dasi - Bestow your mercy

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gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

Dear Srila Gurudev,  
Hare Krishna.

Dandavat Pranam,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.  
All glories to Srila Gurudev and Gurumatha.

Happy Vyasa Puja, Gurudev. thanking your grace for every opportunity that was given to me to serve your grace. Most importantly, I had beautiful memories of serving Gurudev and Gurumata at our home programme last year during Damodara month.

Also, thank you for granting your grace's blessings for our home deities installation that my family desired for a very long time. I have always wanted to worship Gaura Nitai deities by cooking nice bhoga, sewing clothes and dressing Them up beautifully. Through your grace's mercy, the desire came true.

Please bestow your blessings always so that my family and I may always have the chance to serve Gurudev and Gauranga.

Jai Srila Gurudev ki!

Your servant,  
Kanyakumari Devi Dasi - Klang, Malaysia.



Karuna Sindhu Dasa - You are fearlessly spreading Srila Prabhupada's teachings

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

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

Dear gurudev,

On your Vyasa puja this year the quality I am noticing is FEARLESSNESS...

- 1) Spreading Srila Prabhupada's teachings FEARLESSLESSLY and now about to release your own transcendental book.
- 2) FEARLESSLY pointing out the truth whether on the crowded streets of Hong Kong or supporting Governor Abbott of Texas in restricting abortion.
- 3) Traveling FEARLESSLY throughout the world despite yours and gurumataji's health problems and FEARLESSLY pronouncing the glories of Vedic India despite so many difficulties of traveling in a post-COVID world which has changed so dramatically.
- 4) And above all living the truth FEARLESSLY as he sees it, a True Acharya.

As another year passes and my life draws closer to its conclusion, I pray for Lord Krishna to hold unto your dhoti and draw a speck of dust unto my thick scalp so I may abandon material illusion and take to devotional service seriously at long

Thank you so much for inspiring me in my journey...

His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari Vyasa Puja Ki Jai!!!!

Your Servant,  
Karuna Sindhu dasa - Dunedin, New Zealand

Krishna Jadhav - You are a true inspiration

Dear Gurudev,  
Please accept my humble obeisances;  
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada,

Your Grace and her Grace Gurumata.

I hope this offering finds you in good health and well-being. I am writing to convey my deepest gratitude and appreciation for the immense impact that you have made on my life. Your guidance, teachings, and spiritual insights have helped me navigate the ups and downs of life with renewed clarity, purpose, and direction.

From the moment I embarked on this spiritual journey, which was luckily from my birth, your words of wisdom have served as a beacon of light, illuminating the path ahead and helping me avoid the pitfalls that would have otherwise derailed my progress. Gurumata and your grace's compassion, empathy, and unwavering support have been a source of comfort and strength during the most challenging moments of my life as a homeschooler.

Your presence in my life has been an invaluable gift, and I feel truly blessed to have you as my spiritual mentor. Your teachings have not only helped me to grow spiritually, but have also inspired me to become a better person and to live a life of purpose and meaning.

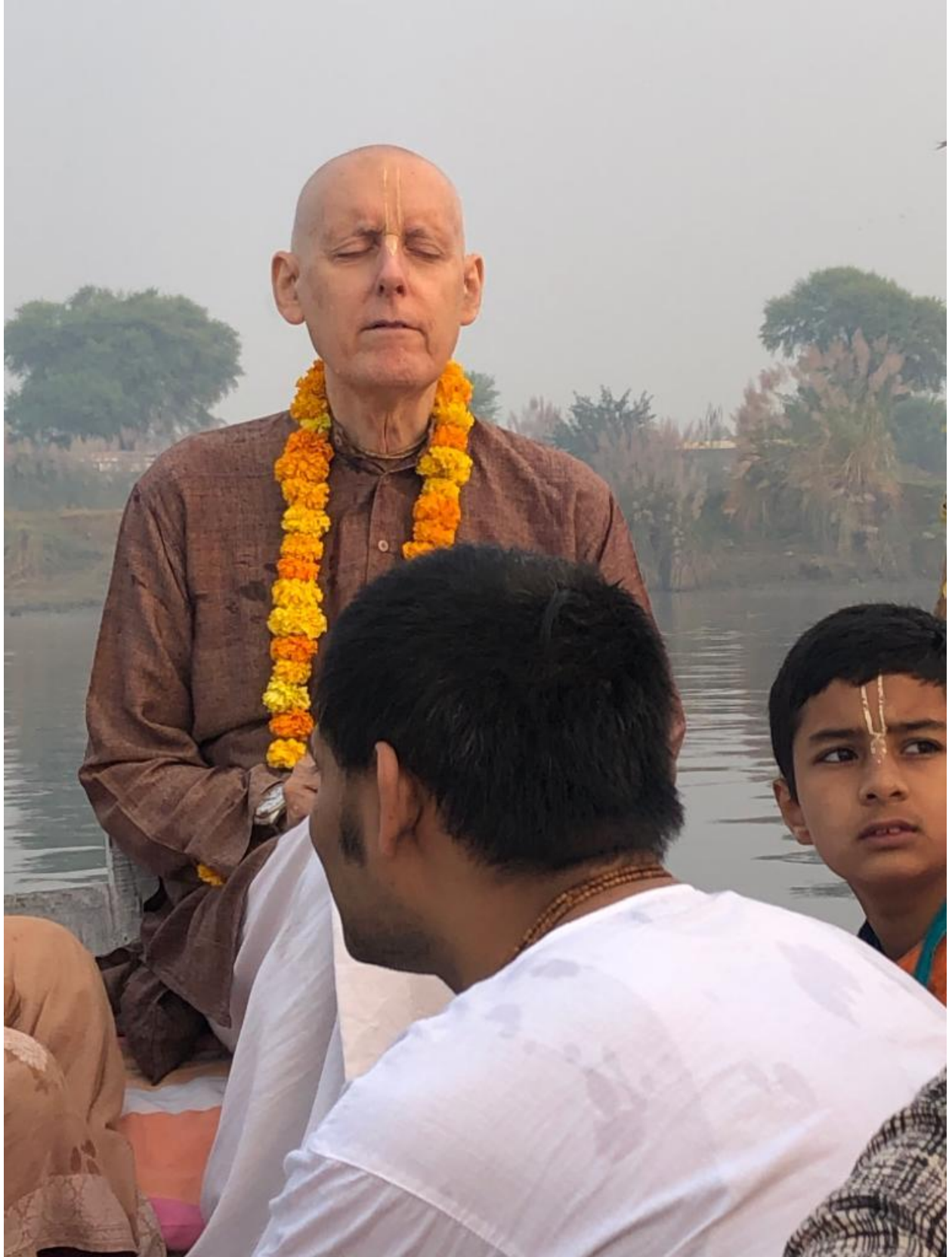
I am deeply grateful for your dedication to helping others via social media and for sharing your knowledge, insights, and experience with me. You have made an indelible mark on my life, and I will always cherish the memories of our spiritually enlightening interactions.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kindness, generosity, and unwavering commitment to helping me on my spiritual journey. You are a true inspiration, and I am thoroughly blessed to have been introduced to Krishna consciousness and receive your divine association.

With warm regards and heartfelt appreciation for all that you and Gurumata have done for me to save me from the clutches of maya,

Bhakta Krishna Jadhav - Melbourne, Australia





Krishnaprema Das - Please bless me to improve my devotion

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Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet on this most auspicious day of your appearance.

It's my great pleasure to have this day celebration in front of you in Melbourne this year. When I was trying to write this offering, I was thinking what I can offer you today, whatever I have received from this temple of Mahaprabhu, wonderful devotee association, chanting of the holy name is purely because of your mercy. On this day I beg for your blessings for improving my chanting, my sadhana and services to you.

Your potency in the words is unlimited and the books you have written are very valuable. This continuously inspires the conditioned souls to render devotional service. Your lectures always nourish me with transcendental messages. It gives me pleasure and joy of continuing devotional service. There is a limitation in what one can achieve in material life but I am so foolish that I cannot stop pursuing this. I beg you to shower your blessings that I desire to have similar enthusiasm in advancing in spiritual life. You gave us entrance to this wonderful world of Krishna consciousness yet I am so unfortunate that I am not taking it seriously. Please bless me that I can improve my devotion to Krishna and help me to enter into deeper mellows of devotional service.

Please guide me Srila Gurudeva to become your sincere servant.

Krishnaprema Das - St Kilda West, Australia

Madhavananda Das - I beg to please bless me with the mood of surrender

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to You and to Srila Prabhupada!

Finally, my dream of hosting your live Vyasa Puja in Melbourne comes true! This had been more than ten years in the making! I just can't thank you and gurumata enough for having the faith in the Melbourne team to execute this in the most glamorous way possible. We are all ready for the wonderful occasion!

My realization in serving you and gurumata is that if the spiritual desire is sincere, it will eventually get fulfilled in some way or the other. I have seen how Krishna takes care of both you and gurumata as a reciprocation of your surrender unto Him.

On the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I beg you to please bless me with this mood of surrender.

Your servant  
Madhavananda Das - Melbourne, Australia

Madhvacharya Das - I pray that one day I become your worthy disciple

My Dear Srila Gurudev,

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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.

It is said in the Padma Purana in glorification of Srimad Bhagavatam:

*Sakala-bhuvana-madhye nirdhanās-te'pi dhanyāḥ  
nivasati hṛdi yeṣāṁ śrīharer-bhaktir-ekā |  
harir-api nijalokaṁ sarvathāto vihāya  
praviśati hṛdi teṣāṁ bhakti-sūtropanaddhaḥ ||*

Srimad Bhagavata Mahatmyam 3.73

In whose heart dwells one-pointed devotion to Lord Hari, they are the most blessed in the entire world, even if they might be poor. Bound by the thread of their devotion, Lord Hari himself enters their heart abandoning his own abode.

There are some points for introspection in regard to the above verse:

When a person does not have money even for meeting his bare needs like food, shelter and clothing, we say he is a poor man. Everybody feels sympathetic looking at the suffering of this man and thinks he is an ill-fated person. On the other hand, a person having wealth is considered to be fortunate and blessed.

However, money or material wealth is not the greatest treasure in life. In spite of having wealth, one may not be fortunate enough to enjoy that wealth because of other sufferings born out of disease, death of dear and near ones, or because of sons going astray or having retarded children and so many other miseries.

Even if the above mentioned miseries are not there, a wealthy man may suffer because of his own mental traits like irritation, anger, impatience, intolerance, tension, fear, depression and so on. These victimize him every moment in every interaction and he is not happy and peaceful. Even if such a person has abundant riches, can he be called blessed?

The best treasure or wealth that man should possess in this world is one-pointed devotion to God. What is one-pointed devotion? In such devotion, the object of devotion becomes supreme in one's life. He thinks about the object constantly so that his mind becomes one with the object of devotion. This treasure perfectly belongs to your grace.

When one has one-pointed devotion to God, God becomes supreme in his life. He sees God in everybody and everything. His mind then naturally transcends likes and dislikes. As a result his mind becomes rid of all agitating traits born of likes and dislikes. By virtue of one-pointed devotion to God where the devotee develops supreme love and devotion for God, he cultivates all the qualities in himself which God likes to see in His devotees. When the mind becomes thus purified, such a devotee becomes peaceful and joyous in all situations. Not only that, as his devotion becomes more and more focused, he is able to realize God in his own self. Your grace is adorned with all these qualities.

So, a person who does not have riches may be called a poor man by the whole world, but truly he is the most blessed person in all the worlds if he has one-pointed devotion to Lord Sri Hari. Your grace is the most blessed person.

This sloka announces this great truth. It also tells us what the Lord does for such devotees who have no other possession than the Lord himself, and who do not even want to have any other possession.

Not being able to resist the pull of this wholesome intense devotion where the devotee relies on the Lord alone, the wish-fulfilling Lord leaves His own abode and enters the heart of the devotee. That is, the devotee has the experience of God-realization in his heart and feels the Lord's presence within him always. By the innovative preaching of your grace and by your determination, it is proven that Krishna has entered your heart and is guiding your grace always.

While chanting this shloka repeatedly, the mind melts with the mere thought of such a quality as one-pointed devotion for God and total surrender and reliance at His feet. There arises in the mind a compulsion to have these qualities which makes one completely identified with the Lord and none else. This quality I found in your grace.

While starting to write the Vyasa puja offering, this verse came to my mind and I thought I will meditate on this verse and see how this applies to your grace.

Your grace did not give any importance to formal university education, career and material success in life. Your grace has moved into the temple as a brahmachari with literally no material possessions. In later life also, your grace was and is to this day always giving importance to simple living and high thinking. The material facilities bestowed on your grace in later stages of life are Krishna's gifts and these are being perfectly used in Krishna's service. Hence we have a real Prabhupada anuga in His Grace by giving importance to make the Krishna consciousness movement a grand success. Your grace puts in sincere and dedicated efforts even in this advanced age and is not attached to the results. The success so far has come on its own by Srila Prabhupada and Krishna's grace.

The glorification of your grace is never fully possible and this offering is a tiny part of your glorification. The best glorification that I can think of is that your grace is the perfect follower of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada as I said earlier.

On this very auspicious day, I request for your mercy and continued blessings for my being always engaged in devotional service to your Grace, His Divine Grace and Sri Sri Radha Damodar.

I thank your grace and her grace gurumataji for all the guidance, blessings and mercy and pray that I will be able to follow the instructions fully and one day become your worthy disciple.

I also pray for the good health of your grace and her grace that will keep the preaching in full swing and I pray that the new Austin temple opens soon so that your grace will achieve the fulfillment of His Divine Grace instruction to make the Austin ISKCON center a grand success.

Thanking your grace once again,

Your insignificant servant,  
Madhvacharya Das - Sydney, Australia

Madri Devi Dasi - With your mercy I will be a sold out servant of yours

All glories to Srila Prabhupada  
All glories to you Srila Gurudev and Gurumata  
Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet

On this most auspicious day, I seek your permission to express my heartfelt gratitude and love towards You and Gurumata. I am happy and honored to be able to participate in the Live 76th Vyasa puja celebrations.

Through my journey of preparation of Vyasa puja, I observed that devotees in the Melbourne congregation admire you for your exhibition of being a perfect follower of Srila Prabhupada. For over 50 years now you have been practicing and preaching Krishna consciousness with the same enthusiasm, ecstasy and bliss. As the saying goes, "More things are caught than taught". You are a leader who follows what you preach. Over years we have seen your grace and gurumata's strong conviction and decades of

consistency, seriousness, commitment in the process. You show by your example that this Krishna consciousness is the reality and the truth and as your book says "Truth works" it really works and you prove it.

One of the main instructions that you generally emphasize on, is the morning program. Every day when I get up for Mangalarati, my mind tries so many ways to escape and slip through but then something happens and I feel a sense of commitment to your instructions and drag myself to the temple. After taking the divine darshan of the Lordships, I always ponder that this fortune is only and only made available to such a fallen soul like me because of your causeless mercy.

I realize that whatever stage of bhakti I am in, is only a biksha given to me by your grace, otherwise how could a dumb, fool and a low class jiva like me even get a chance to relish the bliss of serving Guru and RadhaKrishna. Thank you for accepting me as your disciple despite my shortcomings.

I have been home-schooling bhakta Krishna das now for eight years. Your blessings and instructions are the source of my strength although I have no qualification. In the process of following your instructions I realize how nicely you are trying to teach me how important it is to develop strong faith and surrender. I also realize that I am not yet there but with your guidance and mercy I will be a sold out servant of yours. Please bless me.

I will serve you in whatever little way I can in your global mission of making the whole world Krishna conscious, just like the squirrel which helped Lord Rama to construct the bridge. Please bless me that this will be my constant endeavor and meditation.

Srila Gurudeva ki jai!  
Gurumata ki Jai!  
Vyasa puja mahotsav ki jay

Your servant  
Madri devi dasi - Melbourne, Australia

Mahalakshmi Dasi - May I always be under your divine shelter.

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

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

To my dearest Srila Gurudev  
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet, Srila Gurudev & Gurumataji



All Glories to Srila Gurudev & Gurumataji

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

Dear Gurudev,

I express my heartfelt offering on this glorious appearance day. By your mercy all living entities are getting enlightened and getting saved from this Kaliyuga .

Srila gurudev and gurumataji you are epitome for all souls. I beg for your causeless mercy upon me, fallen soul so I am always engaged in your mission.

Srila gurudev I always cherish and remember you say, "The more you give Krishna the more you get Krishna". You are always in my consciousness but cannot express myself as I am such a fool with no qualification, qualities and skills.

Please always guide me, forgive me. We beg the mercy of Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Damodhar and Sri Sri Krishna Balaram to keep you in best health for preaching Krishna consciousness all over the world. I pray at your divine lotus feet to always be under your shelter and follow your instructions.

Your insignificant servant

Mahalakshmi dasi - Melbourne, Australia

Navaratridevi Jagtap - May everyone in this world get a spiritual master like Him

Respected Master,

You helped me achieve realisation of myself, which I missed until I found a spiritual master. Because of daily Thoughts, weekly lessons, ebooks, lectures and much more. Your efforts helped to realise and achieve true happiness. Your blessings of teachings made my life better. I convey my regards to you. Although I won't be able to attend Vyasa puja but from the bottom of my heart I will be delighted on the auspicious occasion

Navaratridevi Jagtap - Tokyo, Japan

Nanda Dulal Dasa Et.al - Begging for your causeless mercy to become self realized

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gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

Dear Srila Gurudev,

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

All glories to you and all glories to gurumataji

All glories to Jagad-Guru Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to your divine appearance day.

The whole purpose of the human form of life is to elevate our consciousness. The whole purpose of Lord Sri Krishna descending into all avatars is to elevate our consciousness and the whole purpose of any real spiritual society is to elevate consciousness of all souls and one society which is clearly doing this very nicely and in a very profound and purifying way is ISKCON.

So our sincere, deepest heartfelt gratitude to His Divine Grace Jagad-guru Srila Prabhupada for giving us ISKCON and for giving us our beloved Spiritual master.

Srila Gurudev, on this most auspicious divine appearance day of yours we seriously and sincerely pray to our Lordship Sri Sri Radha Damodar for yours and gurumataji's good health and long life so that your pastimes can continue till the time the whole planet becomes Krishna conscious. I sincerely and earnestly pray to the Lord to make that happen soon.

Srila Gurudev I am really blessed with such inconceivable good fortune to be your disciple and to be part of this disciplic succession called parampara. The beauty and authenticity of this parampara is that the causeless mercy flows constantly and it is directly proportional to our surrender to Guru & Krishna and our willingness to accept this mercy by following the orders of our spiritual master as life and soul, so I sincerely pray to our dear Lordships Gaura Nitai to always be a speck of dust at your lotus feet and whatever little minute independence I have, to always use it for only one purpose to please you and the only thing which pleases you is to become fully Krishna consciousness and to dedicate my life to help you make this whole world KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS.

It is said in *SRI HARI BHAKTI VILASA*:

Such person is called Guru who is an ocean of mercy, who feels pain on seeing the unhappiness of others, who is always satisfied and who works for the welfare of others, who does not desire sense gratification, who is perfect in all respects, who is expert in scriptural knowledge, who removes doubts of his followers and who is not lazy and always busy in servicing Lord.

You are an ideal walking talking example of a bonafide spiritual master as there is no limit to your causeless mercy. In spite of so much bodily pains and discomfort you and gurumataji still travel relentlessly to spread Lord Caitanya's mercy to all fallen conditioned souls.

We have seen and heard in your lectures that it hurts you immensely knowing the whole world is drowning in the ocean of material suffering without Krishna consciousness and that is the reason you want to stop this suffering for all and want to make the whole world Krishna consciousness as soon as possible.

It is your desire to make all the world leaders Krishna consciousness so that they can lead and guide this world out of all hellish nightmare things which are happening due to lack of Krishna consciousness.

Srila Gurudev, being a pure devotee of Lord Krishna you are also self-satisfied and do not desire any sense gratification as all your senses at all times, at all places and under every circumstances are always

engaged in serving the master of the senses that is Lord Krishna.

The real goal of the Krishna consciousness movement is to change the hearts of people, by making them soft and pure by awakening the dormant love of Krishna. Srila Gurudev, wherever you go your presence purifies the environment and cleanses the atmosphere. Your purity uplifts everyone who gets your divine association. Your kirtans are refreshing and enlivening and your lectures are always enlightening. You have thousands and thousands of students enrolled in over 100 countries for your E-Course(Ultimate Self Realization Course) which is absolutely free to join. Every day you are inspiring and motivating thousands of sincere souls through your daily Thought for the Day to live a Krishna conscious life, especially those individuals who cannot go to the temple or those who cannot get any devotee association close by. Srila Gurudev you are connecting these sincere souls to Krishna.

You have given us the greatest gift - Krishna consciousness lifestyle. We just have to, Tune in Turn on and bliss out by living Hare Krishna lifestyle and you and gurumataji have practically shown how to live this lifestyle and how to be Krishna Consciousness 24/7.

Srila Prabhupada stated that the practice of Krishna consciousness is "Simple for the simple, but it is very hard for the crooked ". And what is difficult for me Srila Gurudev is that all your mercy and the mercy of all the previous acaryas is readily available to all but due to my anarthas and impurities I am unable to receive this mercy.

So I beg you Srila Gurudev on this most auspicious day of your appearance day to please bless me so that I can get rid of all these anarthas, all these impurities and all these unwanted thoughts and desires which are there in my heart and mind. Begging for your causeless mercy so that I can become self realized and qualified to get the mercy of all the previous acaryas and through them I can get mercy of Caitanya Mahaprabhu and by getting His mercy and blessing we can get love of Sri Sri Radha Krishna which is the ultimate goal of our life.

Begging for your mercy and blessing Srila Gurudev so I do not do any aparadha, any Nama aparadha any Vaishnava aparadha knowingly or unknowingly and always be an instrument of love and compassion in your hands to be Krishna consciousness and make others Krishna consciousness.

Srila Gurudev Vyasa puja ki jai.  
Srila Prabhupada ki jai.

Your insignificant and fallen children,  
Nanda Dulal Dasa/Jodie/Mannix/Chaya - Melbourne, Australia

Prashant Et.al - You don't just preach, but you embody the principles you teach

Dear Srila Gurudev & Gurumata  
Please accept my humble obeisances on your lotus feet.  
All glories to Gurudeva & Gurumata!  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

I wish to express my deep gratitude for the profound impact your teachings have had on my spiritual journey. It was in May 2009 that I first engaged with your online Ultimate Self Realization course, and I can honestly say that the experience has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Your guidance has been enlightening, lifting my consciousness to new heights. The journey you've taken me on has been purificatory, cleansing in ways I never imagined. Your teachings have been a constant source of inspiration, driving me toward a deeper understanding of life's purpose and the timeless truths embedded in Vedic wisdom.

As I reflect on the path you've illuminated, it's truly remarkable how you've not only introduced me to profound spiritual insights but have also been a guiding force in a transcendental journey. Your commitment goes beyond personal growth; you are tirelessly working to build the Austin temple, a sacred space for the pleasure of Srila Prabhupada.

Moreover, your efforts have reached the highest echelons of society. The fact that former USA President Barack Obama took note of your work and expressed appreciation speaks volumes about the universal impact of your message.

Your leadership is exemplary, setting a standard for sincere spiritual practice and service. You don't just preach; you embody the principles you teach. Your dedication to spreading Krishna consciousness is not only admirable but serves as a beacon for those seeking a meaningful and transformative spiritual journey.

We eagerly look forward to your Vyasa puja celebration here in Melbourne, Australia. This rare occasion will be graced by your personal presence, filling the event with immense significance and joy.

I am forever grateful for the guidance you've provided and the wisdom you've shared. May your endeavors continue to bless countless souls on their journey toward self-realization.

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

Priyavrata Das - The Bhagavatam class makes me learn more about Krishna's mercy

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

Happy Vyasa puja gurudev. Thank you very much for being our spiritual master and always guiding us to Krishna. By your grace's mercy and Krishna's mercy, we are doing good and healthy.

I pray that I always remain attached to the shelter of your lotus feet. Every day I get the Bhagavatam class. The class makes me learn more about Krishna's mercy.

I pray for your mercy that I can continue to serve you in my capacity and follow your instructions hoping that I may achieve success one day in Krishna consciousness.

You servant  
Priyavrata Das - Klang, Malaysia

Radhakanta Devi Dasi - Without your blessing I am nothing and nowhere

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev.  
Dandavat Pranam.  
All glories to Guru and Gauranga.

Dear Gurudev,

Happy Vyasa puja Gurudev. It's been almost a year already that I have become your disciple and received so much of your blessing and mercy. Because of those blessings Gurudev has given me, I made it this far. Please shower me with more blessing Gurudev so that I can develop more love and devotion for Krsna. Without your blessing I am nothing and nowhere.

Hare Krishna Gurudev.  
Your humble servant,

Radhakanta devi dasi - Klang, Malaysia

Rajesh Koyadan - By your minute blessing, my life will get some meaning

Srila Gurudev,

Your smile teaches me a lot and that means to me a lot  
I know I am a fallen soul, I know I am useless but I know I am in your hands.  
You are pure soul where other than Krishna nothing's there, if I get a minute part by your blessing  
I feel my life will get the meaning and you are giving that.

Your aspiring servant  
Bhakta Rajesh - Melbourne, Australia

Revati Devi Dasi - Please give me intelligence.

Hare Krishna dear Srila Gurudev,  
Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.  
All glories to Gurudev!  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

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

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

I have been praying and begging every single day that I should get an opportunity to meet you & Gurumata and get blessings, and serve you both – now the time has come, and I am looking forward to serving you both in Melbourne in November 2023 for a few days.

With gurudev's and gurumata's mercy, I am engaged in Auckland temple service very much and get attracted to serve Sri Radha Giridhari. Gurudev always insists you “take this process seriously” - therefore, I'm trying to follow your words, your vision – therefore, please give me the intelligence and strength to work together with other followers to accomplish your mission.

Please bless me and allow me to always hear and relish the nectar of your sublime teachings. Please allow me to serve Sri Radha Giridhari in Auckland by taking second initiation.

Jai SrilaGurudev!  
Jai Gurumata!  
Jai Srila Prabhupada!

Thank you very very much  
Your aspiring servant,  
Revati Devi Dasi -Auckland, New Zealand

Rohini Kumar Das - I start my day with “Take this process seriously”

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

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



Dearest srila gurudev

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

All glories to you, Srila Gurudev.

All glories to Srimati Gurumataji.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

And all glories to your humble representatives of your mission.

On this most auspicious day of your Vyas puja, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you for giving us inspiring instructions through your lectures and association. Thank you for giving me the association of many wonderful devotees, and for engaging me in serving the sankirtan movement.

My family (wife and two kids) and I were very fortunate to meet your grace and srimati gurumataji for 2022 Vyasa Puja at Vrindavan for the first time and one thing that awakens me when I attend and hear your lectures is the statement, "Take Krishna consciousness process seriously". I use this statement to remind myself daily starting my day and reflecting on this and improving my Krishna consciousness bhakti trying to chant properly. In 2023, you have inspired me after I read your book "Tune In, Turn On and Bliss Out". Look forward to getting second initiation by your grace in Melbourne Australia this year.

Please grant me the understanding to follow in your footsteps and guide me to progress in Krishna consciousness. I am eternally indebted to you both srila gurudev and srimati gurumataji for giving me this opportunity of devotional service.

Your very insignificant servant

Rohini Kumar Das - Melbourne, Australia

### Rukmini Devi Dasi - I have been able to overcome difficulties

Dear gurudev, please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to Gurudev.

On this auspicious day, I wish you a happy birthday. Over the past seven years, I have faced many difficulties, but with your and Krishna's blessings, I have been able to overcome them. Until now, it has been through my prayers and chanting that I have found solace and strength. In my morning prayers, I always beseech Lord Nrisimha to protect my guru and gurumata and grant them a long life to continue spreading Krishna consciousness all over the world.

Dear Gurudev, thank you so much for coming into my life. On your special day, please bless me to progress in my spiritual life and to continue serving the lotus feet of the Lord Krishna. Thank you so much for everything dear Gurudev.

Your servant,

Rukmini devi dasi - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Sanat Kumar das - I love you

Dear Srila Gurudev, Hare Krishna  
Please accept my humble obeisances  
All Glories to Srila Gurudev  
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Firstly, I would like to fall at your grace's lotus feet and seek blessings and permission to offer my homage to your divine lotus feet.

Thank you very much for once again giving me this opportunity.

Srila Gurudev, happy Vyasa puja. I pray to Srila Prabhupada's lotus feet to provide you with more and more spiritual strength and good health and long life to guide our Iskcon movement members in the perfection path.

I remember on 31st May 2009, Srila Gurudev appeared in my life and gave me life by initiating me and giving me the name Sanat Kumar Das. Since then Srila gurudev had been guiding me in devotional service and every year visiting Malaysia to shower your blessings and guidance to me and my family members. You are the greatest spiritual master on this planet.

Dear srila gurudev I beg you on this most auspicious and divine day to keep this fallen soul at your divine lotus feet service and I beg you to forgive me all my offences in devotional service.

Dear Srila Gurudev, you are the ocean of mercy, friend of the poor, please please give me the strength to chant the holy name and engage in Sri Krishna's service.

I beg you, please please be merciful and bless me and maintain me devotional service.

ALL GLORIES TO SRILA GURUDEV.

Thank you thank you, so much.  
I LOVE YOU.

Your servant,  
Sanat Kumar das - Klang, Malaysia



## Sanjaya Dasa - I pray to have one drop of devotion

To my dearest Srila Gurudev,  
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet, Gurudev and Gurumata  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

On this auspicious occasion of Vyasa puja I have been reflecting on all your mercy, I have to pinch myself having an opportunity to serve personally.

Gurudev life takes you on a roller-coaster. You can be in intense happiness and then extreme sadness where you contemplate about the body.

Harinam you say is the answer remembering Krishna 24 hours. Seeing you gurudev and gurumata preaching no matter the challenge has made me blissful pushing the boundaries of the body and soul.

No words can sum up my feelings. I pray to have one drop of devotion.  
Gurudeva thank you for allowing me to be your disciple and saving me.

Hare Krishna  
Your menial servant  
Sanjaya Dasa - Melbourne, Australia

## Saradiya Rasa Devi Dasi - Thank you so much for guiding this fallen soul everyday

Dear Srila Gurudev  
Hare Krishna,  
Please accept my humble obeisances on your lotus feet.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.  
All glories to Guru and Gauranga.

Happy Vyasa puja gurudev. Thank you so much for guiding this fallen soul everyday through thoughts of the day and your Bhagavatam class. It helps me to learn and control my consciousness in this material world. Please shower your blessing upon me so that I can advance in spiritual activities.

Your servant,  
Saradiya Rasa Devi Dasi - Klang, Malaysia

## Sarvajna Das Et.al - I surrender this life to your lotus feet and to Krishna

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale*

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

My Dear Srila Gurudev,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All Glories to your Vyasa puja.  
My humble obeisances to Gurumata.  
All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Gurudev my dear spiritual father, thank you so much from bottom of my heart for accepting me as your disciple last year in Vrindavan. You showered your mercy very kindly on this fallen soul. Though I have made some mistakes in the initial days, you were never angry with me. I still remember your kind words and smile melted me so deeply. Gurumata expertly teaches, learned how to serve Krishna and gurudev.

When I think of you gurudev, the principal qualities that I can comprehend are: unbreakable determination, humility and tolerance, faithfulness to Srila Prabhupada, always Krishna consciousness. I beg Krishna, please give me a drop of the ocean of your faithfulness to Srila Prabhupada, so that at least I can serve you better. I beg you gurudev and gurumata, please bless and guide us as always you do, to surrender this life to Krishna and to your lotus feet.

Gurudev, your everyday emails and memories of the time spent in Vrindavan, gurumata classes, greatly helped me from the clutches of maya.

I am so thankful to Krishna for sending you as a spiritual master, as a caring father, as a saviour in my life. I have never met such a compassionate soul like you in my life before. May you always stay blessed. My sincere prayers to Lord Govinda for you and Gurumata's good health.

Wishing you the most wonderful Vyasa puja celebration.

Your humble servants,  
Sarvajna Das, Bhaktin Sahaja, Lochan & Arjun - Canberra, Australia

Subal Das - I'm here today with you to take Shelter of your lotus feet

My Dear Srila Gurudev

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

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



Happy Vyasa puja

Your disciple,  
Subal Das - Klang, Malaysia

Subhadra Devi Dasi - I pray to remain faithful and obedient to your instructions

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

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

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 Gurudev,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada, Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumata.

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

According to their karma, all living entities are wandering throughout the entire universe. Some of them are being elevated to the upper planetary systems, and some are going down into the lower planetary systems. Out of many millions of wandering living entities, one who is very fortunate gets an opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master by the grace of Kṛṣṇa. By the mercy of both Kṛṣṇa and the spiritual master, such a person receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service. CC Madhya 19.151

On this auspicious day of Your Vyasapuja, I would like to express my feelings of gratitude for bestowing the mercy of the Lord on this most fallen soul. I am very fortunate to take shelter of a sincere and pure devotee of Lord Gauranga. Gurudev, you are a personification of love and humility. I pray to Lord Krishna that He bless you immensely in fulfilling your mission of making the entire world Krishna conscious. May Lord Krishna award you good health to spread the Krishna consciousness to every town and village.

This year we are very fortunate to celebrate the Vyasa Puja with your grace and gurumata in Melbourne. It's very pleasing to see my God brothers and God sisters working together to celebrate the most auspicious day in the best possible way, to please our spiritual master. I feel that I am so blessed to be part of this celebration where I have various opportunities to serve you and gurumata. It is only mercy



flowing from Lord Himself to engage me in the service of my spiritual master.

My offering will not be complete without glorifying our gurumata, who is a very dedicated and pure devotee of Lord Krishna. Gurumata always teaches us how to serve our spiritual master. She has been very merciful to her children by always making sure we attend your classes daily, no matter where we are. This is her love only to us fallen souls to transform our conditioned hearts into loving and humble hearts. All glories to our gurumata. We are highly indebted to you and gurumata for planting the seed of bhakti in our hearts. There are so many anarthas in my heart, but I believe that by constantly hearing and serving the words of your grace and gurumata, they will gradually get cleared. The stumbling blocks in our devotional path can only be removed by the mercy of guru and the mercy comes only when we obediently follow your instructions. Gurudev, on this auspicious day, I pray that I remain faithful and obedient to your instructions and follow your path of devotion. 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 Srila Prabhupada. Because attachment to your lotus feet is the perfection that fulfills all desires.

Gurudev and gurumata, thank you for all your blessings and love to this fallen conditioned soul. Thank you for responding to all my emails in spite of your busy schedule.

On this auspicious Vyas puja day, I offer special prayers to Krishna to keep you and gurumataji in good health to save the wretched souls from the miserable life cycle of birth and death. I pray that we always get your loving association both in vapu and vani forms. I beg you at your lotus feet for your mercy and blessings on me and my family that we follow your instructions sincerely and seriously and be an instrument to fulfill your mission of awakening the entire world with Krishna consciousness.

Your humble servant.

Subhadra Devi Dasi -Canberra, Australia

Subhananda Das Et.al - Determination to serve your grace and Krishna

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

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

My dear Srila Gurudev,  
Hare Krishna.

Please accept our most humble respectful obeisances at your grace lotus feet.  
All glories, all glories, all glories to you, Srila Gurudev.  
All glories, all glories, all glories to Srila Prabhupāda.

Srila Gurudev, we beg for your grace mercy that you empower us so we can present our offerings to your

grace with the right words and in the right spirit.

Srila Gurudev, thank you very much to your grace and srimati gurumata for teaching and guiding us through the daily Srimad Bhagavatam class.

Thanks to your grace also for the guidance given through the Ultimate Self-Realization channel.

Thank you so much for continuing to save us by keeping us always engaged in the service of Guru and Gauranga. We are very much indebted to your grace forever because we are able to follow your teachings to become better people and to make our life meaningful.

Srila Gurudev, we are struggling to keep up in our bhakti life with so much of anarthas in ourself and we are fighting everyday to get rid of our anarthas. Gurudev, we humbly request at your grace lotus feet to bless us and give us the strength to overcome our anarthas and keep ourselves up in this bhakti life by practising what your grace is teaching and guiding us. Please strengthen our desire and determination to serve your grace and Krishna.

Thank you for tolerating our offenses Srila gurudev. Please guide us and show us the right way when we stumble and make errors.

Srila Gurudev, we depend on your grace's mercy. You are the prominent ācārya. Our foremost prayer at your grace lotus feet, please Srila gurudev, always keep us as an instrument in spreading your grace's mission of making the whole world Krishna consciousness. Please bless me and give me the strength to help your grace by distributing Srila Prabhupada's books to everyone so that these jivas would come in contact with our movement and serve Krishna. This is the least thing that I could do for now Srila gurudev.

Thank you for allowing me and my family to serve the devotees in this society in some small way. We pray that we can carry out your grace instructions with firm faith and never deviate from your grace's certain shelter. We beg to remain forever at your grace lotus feet.

My dear Srila gurudev, on this auspicious day, I beg that you please continue to guide and shower your mercy on us and our children to remain in bhakti life, serving your grace, RadhaKrishna and His devotees forever.

Happy Vyasa puja Srila Gurudev.

Thank you Srila Gurudev.  
Srila Gurudev Ki Jai.

Your servants,  
Subhananda Das, Karunamayi Devi Dasi - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Tungavidya Devi Dasi - You both are showing us the way back to the eternal home

My dear Srila Gurudev,

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

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

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

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

Gurudev, both yourself and gurumata do not waste even a single moment and you both are showing us the way back to the eternal home. I always admire the clarity of Srila gurudev's preaching and his examples which clears the foggy doubts that arise in my mind. May Krishna help Gurudev on this auspicious day to preach more and more as well as keep good health. So that he can deliver as many fallen souls like me.

Your humble servant  
Tungavidya Devi Dasi - Melbourne, Australia

Uddhava Dasa - I beg your mercy

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva and Srila Gurumata,  
Dandavat pranam  
Please accept my humble obeisances,  
All glories to you and Srila prabhupada,

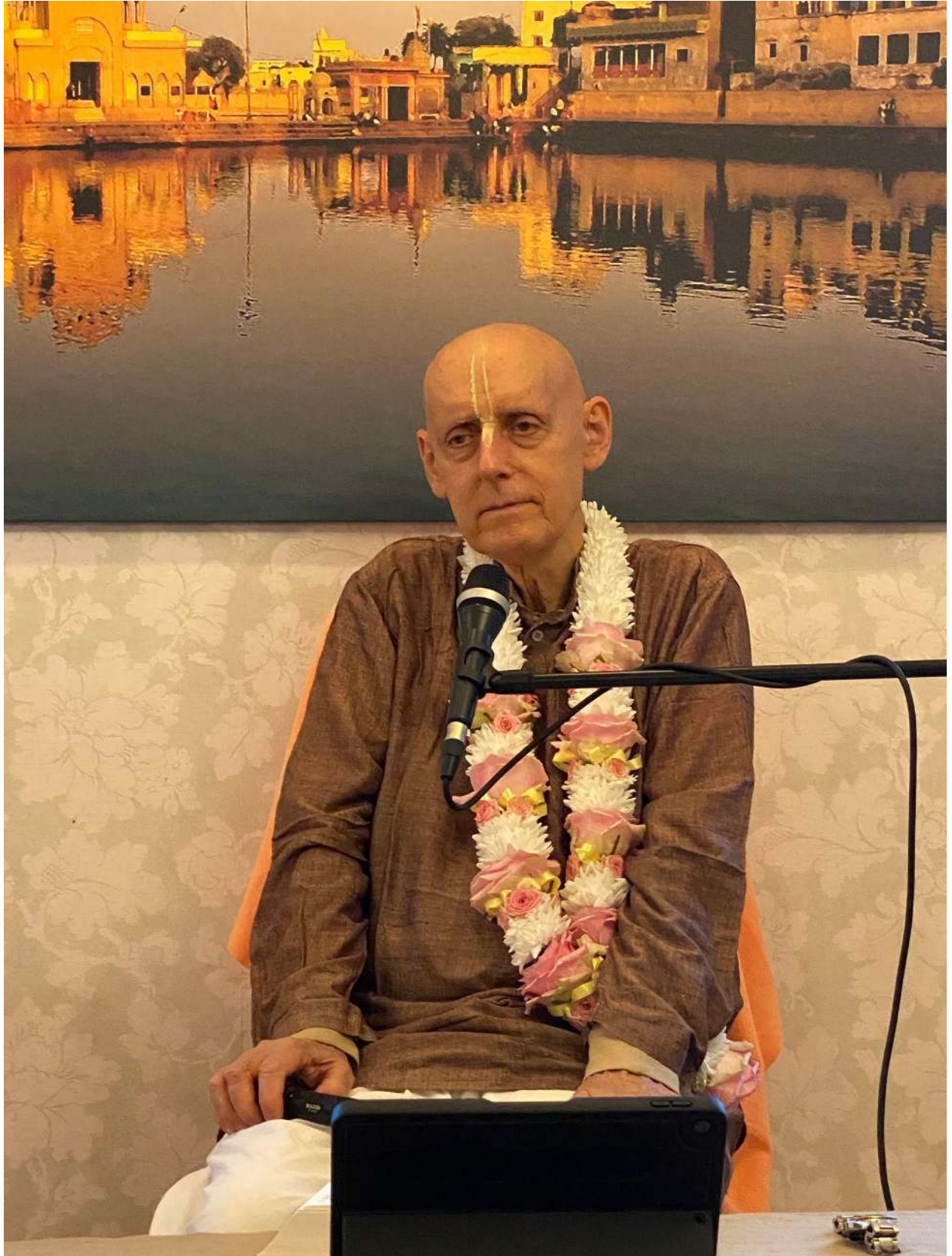
Dear Gurudev,  
I wish you a very auspicious Krishna conscious birthday. As you mention many times during the classes, my body is 75 years old and I am ever fresh. Little of Knowledge, I have witnessed despite you being so sick sometimes but, as soon as you address Vyasasana your voice rumbles like anything.

On this auspicious occasion of your appearance day, I would like to beg your mercy so I can be an insignificant servant of you in delivering your mission that is making the whole world Krishna conscious.

Your grace and gurumataji always teach us how to engage in loving devotional service to Krishna.

Thank you very much for accepting me as your disciple.  
Your insignificant disciple,  
Uddhava Dasa - Melbourne, Australia.

Russia





Indurekha Devi Dasi - Happy that I am now in your family

Hare Krishna,  
Dear Srila Gurudev,  
Accept my obeisances,  
All glory to Srila Praphupada.

I want to congratulate you on the day of your appearance. With sincere love in my heart and special gratitude for your endless mercy that you have shed on me by giving me initiation. I accept all your instructions into my heart. I am happy that I am now in your family, it is a great success. There is so much mercy and love coming from you ! Your loving heart is boundless!

Dear Srila Gurudev, I wish you good health. The endless love and devotion of your students.

Your disciple,  
Indurekha devi dasi - Kaliningrad, Russia

Sudama das Et.al - You are our captain on the journey back to Godhead

Hare Krishna!

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

On this day of your appearance, our entire family rejoices at the good fortune that has been given to all of us, to be able to follow in your footsteps.

Every day reading your newsletter is like a lighthouse in a raging sea of material passions. You are our captain on the journey back to Godhead and we will be forever grateful to you for that. We are looking forward to your new book and are ready to organize its translation and publish it in Russian.

Thank you for your example of selfless service. This is exactly why a spiritual teacher is needed. You have given us all the blessings to return to God ourselves and help many other people. May God grant you good health and successful implementation of your spiritual mission.

Your servants,  
Sudama Das, Ganga Mayi devi dasi, Madhava Das, Seva Das and Tima Das - Kaliningrad, Russia



## Europe

Amalatma das - Total dedication to Srila Prabhupada's mission

Please accept my humble obeisances,  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.  
All glories to Srila Gurudeva's magnificent Vyasapuja.

Again I stand before you unable to thank you and properly express my respect. Srila Gurudeva, the living entity wanders in the ocean of infinite desire to enjoy, fully engaged in the activities of anartha parampara, enjoying or suffering the fruits of her activities. She is full of hope to find happiness soon... Until, thanks to great luck, she meets a spiritual teacher. And only such a pure hearted devotee can save a living being from this ocean of ignorance. Srila Gurudeva, the years are weighing on your body and it is demanding more and more attention on itself, but while doing what is necessary to maintain the body, you are completely focused on the lotus feet of your spiritual master and on His mission. Purely following Srila Prabhupada and developing the desire to serve Prabhupada life after life, there is no guarantee that you will return to Vaikunthas, because who knows in which corner of the material world Srila Prabhupada is opening a new ISKCON temple again

Devotion to the spiritual master instills in the disciple's heart the desire to acquire bhakti and leave behind the desire for contentment, and instills in Krishna's heart the desire to look at that sincere soul who has realized that she is an eternal servant of servant of Krishna.

Thank you so much for your total dedication to Srila Prabhupada's mission, thank you and gurumataji for bringing Srila Prabhupada with you wherever you go and teaching us to bring Krishna back to the center.

Your unworthy servant,  
Amalatma das - New Govardhan, Lithuania

Arindama das - You are a spiritual master, who has reached perfection.

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

I just can't find the proper words to glorify you, but I guess I am trying to do what is impossible, because your glory is unlimited. Although you are not God, but you represent God. So, we have to treat you like God, because you are a spiritual master, who has reached perfection.

To be a spiritual teacher is a very exalted position. To meet you in my life, I just don't know how successful I am, and being your disciple, I just can't evaluate or realize it enough, because I am full of faults, madness, illusion and other anarthas. And I believe I don't deserve to be your disciple. I just hope

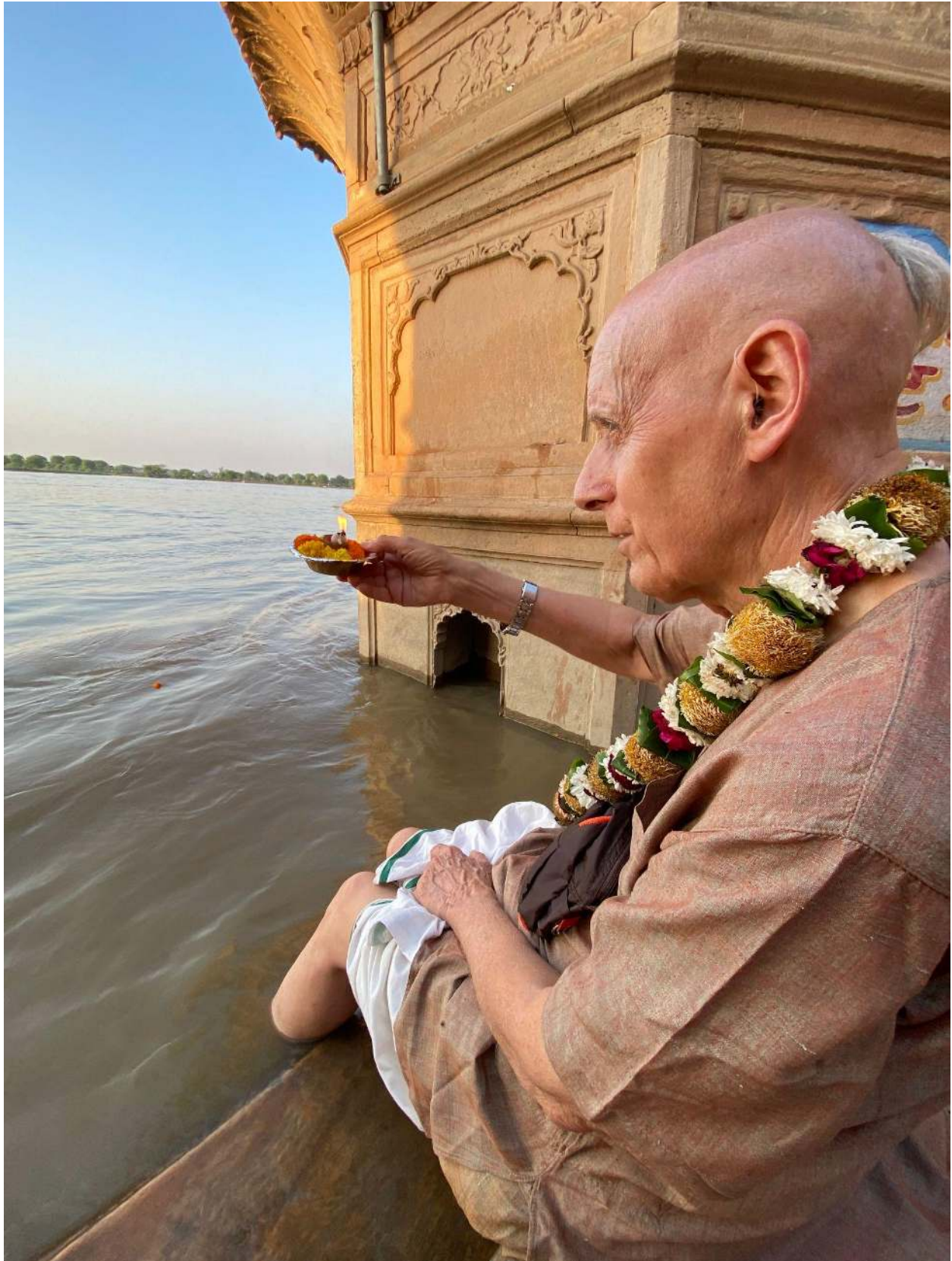
to get your merciful glance, because I can't escape from this material world cycle of repeated birth and death by myself.

I pray to Krishna to give you all the facilities that you could continue to serve your beloved spiritual master Srila Prabhupada. And I think Prabhupada is very proud of you, because you are one of the best bona fide spiritual masters in the world.

I will be grateful to you for all of eternity, because you can disperse the darkness of my heart, and you are doing it not only for me, but also for your hundreds of disciples all around the world, who gave their souls to you to lead us back home, back to Godhead. I just can't wait to meet you Gurudev and Gurumata, and all my God brothers and sisters in the spiritual world. So I hope that your wish that not only this world, but all creation and all living beings in all universes would be Krishna conscious, will come true.

Your servant,

Arindama das - Kaunas, Lithuania



Damayanti devi dasi - You are the best example showing how dedicated one can be

Dear Srila Gurudeva!

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Your Grace!

One more year has passed under your shelter. It was my best decision in this life to accept you as my spiritual master. I wish I could with my words and deeds somehow serve you better.

I wish you good health and long life in this body, so you can continue to serve Srila Prabhupada's mission and rescue the fallen, conditioned souls who are in a great need to have such a teacher as you.

I am very thankful for your and gurumataji's recent visit to the Baltic states. I see that it is very hard for your body to travel, but still you do it. It is hard to understand with mind how you and gurumataji can give you all 100% in the service. You are the best example showing how dedicated one can be.

Your insignificant servant,

Damayanti devi dasi - Kaunas, Lithuania

Danakeli Devi dasi - Thank You for your care

Haré Krishna!

Please accept my humble obeisances!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji!

Sincere congratulations on Your Vyasa Puja! Thank You for your care, warmth, kindness, sensitivity, mercy, help and guidance on the right spiritual path.

May you be blessed with good health and the grace of the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna!

Danakeli devi dasi - Kaunas, Lithuania

Dasarath das Et.al - We can not thank you enough and have a great debt unto you

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

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

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

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to you Srila Gurudeva

All glories to Srimati Gurumata

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

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

I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge.

Only by your mercy Srila Gurudeva we are getting a chance to get out of the eternal circle of birth and death. It was really our good fortune that we encountered you, and then we became so fortunate to become Your initiated disciples. It is now sixteen years ago and stays the best decision of our life.

Only by your grace we are able to live amongst the devotees in Radhadesh and do some service there.

Only by your mercy we are moving on in the right direction. Only and only by your perfect guidance, compassion, tolerance, inspiring lectures, we are able to continue in Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

We know that your health is very bad and we are so happy that Gurumata takes so nice care of you. We pray also to Krishna if He is so willing to give better health to you.

We can not thank you enough and have a great debt unto you.

Thank you so much Gurudeva and we are hoping that you still can stay amongst us for a long time.

Your unworthy servants,

dasarath das & mandakini devi dasi - Radhadesh, Belgium

Dvijamani Gaura dasa - You are able to bring out the best in others

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Your Grace and to Srimati Gurumata.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

During your recent preaching tour in the Baltics, you were asked by an audience member about the benefits of living with devotees. Your answer was pure and doubtless:



"Living with devotees will lift you immediately to the stage of eternal bliss."

Your answer reminded me of the pastimes of Srila Prabhupada in the early days of ISKCON Mayapur. Hari Sauri Prabhu has recorded in his Transcendental Diary the loving exchanges of Srila Prabhupada with his young western disciples during that period. After the day's activities, filled with meetings, managerial discussions, and dictations of letters, Srila Prabhupada would open his doors to his devotees in the evening as they gathered to share priceless moments in his association. These were mellow, informal meetings where Srila Prabhupada would speak in a very jovial and relaxed mood. The atmosphere was blissful and the disciples remembered how safe and assured they were in Prabhupada's presence. Hari Sauri Prabhu noted that Srila Prabhupada never made them feel as if their association was less than satisfying for him. Even though they were novices in Krishna consciousness, Srila Prabhupada still desired their association, feeling pleasure to be with all the devotees.

Your example, Srila Gurudeva, is also in showing love and appreciation for all devotees, young and old. You are able to bring out the best in others by your transcendental attitude, spreading awareness of Krishna's unending pastimes of love simply by your smile and words. Thank you for your merciful protection on this path.

Your humble servant,  
Dvijamani Gaura das - Kaunas, Lithuania

Ekanamsha devi dasi - Your visit has a cleansing effect on me.

Dear Srila Gurudeva, please accept my humble obeisances.

My humble obeisances to Gurumata.

All Glories to His Divine A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Gurudeva, your Vyasa puja day is very important for the disciple. This importance is even difficult to comprehend with our imperfect mind. I thought for a long time about what words to choose in this letter, and while reading the Shrimad Bhagavatam, I saw a verse that Srila Prabhupada highlighted as an example of the true relationship between a spiritual master and a disciple. This is what I would like to strive for in my meditation on your lotus feet.

*tasya tvarṇ tamaso 'ndhasya  
duṣpārasyādya pāragam  
sac-caṅṣur janmanām ante  
labdham me tvad-anugrahāt  
ŚB 3.25.8*



Your Lordship is my only means of getting out of this darkest region of ignorance because You are my transcendental eye, which, by Your mercy only, I have attained after many, many births.”

In the Russian version of Shrimad Bhagavatam, the verse begins with the words “Only with your help.”

This translation is very close to me because I understand that no one else in this world will help as much as you, Gurudev.

As I get older, I can see how temporary material relationships are, how fragile they are and how exposed to different types of conditions they are. Friendships and love are so glorified here, but all this is within the framework of material feelings. Therefore, for me the only hope is your help and your mercy.

“The spiritual master is therefore worshiped as one who delivers the disciple from the mire of ignorance with the light of the torch of knowledge.”(Purport of ŚB 3.25.8)

I’m also noticing how not only by your instructions, but simply just by your presence, when you are visiting us, has a very cleansing effect on me. With your presence you cleanse everything around me, including my vision. Your visits are always a new stage in my spiritual life.

Srila Prabhupada's words “the darkness of ignorance is removed” I began to understand in a new way, because now these are not just the words, but now this is also by experience. When You are arriving and kind of wiping the dust from my eyes, suddenly I can notice how much dirt there is around me, which I haven’t noticed before. By your grace I have the strength to clean this dirt, or at least to be into less contact with it. Srila Prabhupada in his purport writes that it is incredibly difficult to get out of this entanglement and attain freedom, but if a person has met a true spiritual master, then it’s possible.

Thank You for this opportunity, Gurudev.

Thank You for your inexhaustible enthusiasm to bring as many souls as possible to Krishna.

Hare Krishna.

Ekanamsha devi dasi - Copenhagen, Denmark



Gadadhara Das - You are the perfect example for us

Hare Krishna Śrīla Gurudev.  
I offer my humble obeisances.  
All glories to your grace,  
All glories to her grace Gurumataji,  
And all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Everything that is said and done by you and gurumataji is based on shastras. Each activity teaches us how to act in a perfect way, to develop a deep connection with Śrī Krishna, and to bring peace, tranquility, and joy to everyone. It is truly amazing how you, Śrīla gurudev, and gurumataji do everything according to Śrī Krishna's teachings, and how you Śrīla gurudev experience immense happiness from every activity! Whenever I see you, I am captivated and inspired by your attitude, simplicity, and joy, just like a child who can be happy all the time for no particular reason.

My heart melts when I see you, Śrīla Gurudev, showing mercy to everyone. Everything you do is for the mission of our spiritual master, Śrīla Prabhupāda, and for the happiness of our whole spiritual lineage. Prabhupāda's biggest wish was to rescue everyone from the darkest parts of the material world. And now, you are fully dedicated to fulfilling Prabhupāda's wish. You always think about how to save all of us from this dark, deep well covered with grass. My heart feels happy when I see you simply following everything Prabhupāda taught you, doing exactly what he did. You're always walking in Śrīla Prabhupāda's footsteps, even in small things like chanting mangala caran slowly, deeply, and with emotion. It is truly nice how you always think about what Prabhupāda would do, say, or think. You are the perfect example for us, who are not so perfect. We completely depend on your kindness. Your teachings bring light and remove ignorance from our hearts. I wish to have the same love for you, and attachment to Your lotus feet, that You have for Śrīla Prabhupāda. You completely surrender to his teachings. I hope to become like you, dear gurudev.

You are my forever spiritual father, teacher. When I first started practicing Krishna consciousness, I began visiting the temple in Kaunas and met your disciples there. Upon meeting them, I immediately felt that you were my spiritual father. It was a deep feeling, as if I had finally found my shelter! I also remember having dreams of you at least twice. While I don't remember the details, those dreams further encouraged me to get closer to you. It felt like a calling. Then, you came to the Kaunas temple in Lithuania and spent a week there with gurumataji, which greatly inspired me. Now I understand that this is not our first meeting. I am fully confident that you have been guiding me for more than one lifetime. I am very grateful to have been initiated by you. Before the initiation, I had already felt like I had found my family, but after being initiated, my mind was fully enlightened, and now I truly feel that this is my family. My desire is to always remember you, Śrīla Gurudev, to always remember your and gurumataji's teachings, and to always serve you with my mind, body, and deeds. Thank you, Śrīla gurudev, for saving me from this ignorant, dark, material world.

Śrīla Gurudev ki jay! Gurumataji ki jay!  
Śrīla Prabhupāda ki jay!

Yours eternal servant,  
Gadadhara Das - Kaišiadorių district, Lithuania

Hemamukhi Devi Dasi - You actually love all the living entities as an uttama adhikari

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to you!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

This year turned out to be very fortunate, because I got the opportunity to meet you and Srimati gurumata personally. This meeting was like the breath of fresh air for me, because to see you — this is the perfection of my eyes. I feel at home in your presence. After all it is said, that wherever is Vaishnava — is Vrindavan. But what does it mean? It means that there is Krishna, the source of all pleasure, in your heart. And you kindly spread the nectar of devotion to Him to everybody around you.

Moreover, I feel like part of a big vaishnava family led by His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, by your grace. Due to your love to Srila Prabhupada I also can taste some drops of this love and devotion. I adore how, despite your age, you actively preach all over the world! This is how you reveal your sincere devotion and total surrender to Srila Prabhupada. You preach not only by words, but also by acts, revealing ideal example of pure devotion.

But the most important quality for me is that you actually love all the living entities as an uttama adhikari. You never neglect anybody and you are always ready to help those, who turn to you, will it be a spiritual leader, a neophyte or a common man. In this way you show by your own example, what does it mean to see everyone equally. You show true care for devotees, true love for everybody.

Also I would like to express my special gratitude to srimati gurumata, who is very dear to me. She is very merciful, because she is accessible to your female disciples. Because you are together it makes a homelike feeling in your presence.

I bow down to your lotus feet and beg to always stay under this shelter.

Your insignificant servant,  
Hemamukhi Devi Dasi - Tallinn, Estonia

Isvara Parama Das - What a great fortune it is that I have met you!

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances.



All glories to You! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

What a great fortune it is that I have met you! Thank you for taking the trouble to travel and wake people up. You always have the best interests of others in mind. All the worries are forgotten with you around, showing the amazing example of a Krishna conscious person. Without you living it, I would have no idea about the perfection of life.

Hoping that one day you would consider me as one of your servant,

Isvara Parama Das - Tartu, Estonia

Jacky Willaert - Thank you for helping me and many others all over the world

Hare Krishna

Please accept my respectful obeisances.

All glories to Srila Gurudev

All glories to Sankarshan Das Adhikari

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to the devotee who is awakening Krishna consciousness.

All glories to the devotee who is spreading Krishna consciousness.

Please accept my most respectful obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to you and to the sankirtana mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, which you are preaching all over the world.

Thank you for your daily effort.

Thank you for helping me and many others all over the world, teaching me in Krishna consciousness.

I wish you all the best, lots of love for and from Sri Sri Radha Krishna.

Hare Krishna

Jacky Willaert - Oostende, Belgium

Jagadisvara das - Mercy of a Guru

Mercy of a Guru

I cannot imagine what miracles your mercy holds. Given by the great senapati-bhakta in this poor age. The worldwide deliverance mission must take a greater scale. For we carry on the legacy of a dancing Sage.

Always chanting and preaching to one's we meet, we celebrate Lord Caitanya's maha-feast. Lucky enough to participate in the dawn of a golden age, we must take it up and preach! preach! preach!

The name of our beautiful Lord, will melt the heart of a rock. This vibration for sure will take us home, descended mercifully for this purpose alone. Truly we will succeed without seeds of our past misdeeds.

It is so rare to meet a true saint in this age. So merciful and kind to release us from our dark cage. Only by good fortune do we meet a great sage and place ourselves by his own feet.

Forever indebted,  
Jagadisvara das - Kaunas, Lithuania





Jivan Mukta Das Et.al - Year 2010 was a memorable year for us

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All Glories to your grace.

On this most auspicious day of your appearance day, we are reflecting on the year 2010. Lord Sri Krishna made so many arrangements for us and one of the most important ones is our meeting with you in Mauritius. During our visit in Mauritius, we were invited to a house program. After your lecture, you kindly blessed us by giving us your card (which we still treasure) - 'Enrol in my free e-course at: [www.backtohome.com](http://www.backtohome.com)'.

Srila Gurudev, we are really grateful that you have accepted us as your disciples although we have many disqualifications.

Our special thanks to Her grace srimati gurumataji who was always encouraging us to take initiation,

Your servants,

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

Kunda Lata devi dasi - Example of pure devotional service

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All Glories to you and gurumataji!

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Thank you and gurumataji for example of pure devotional service.

Your insignificant servant,

Kunda Lata devi dasi - Kaunas, Lithuania

Nitai Candra Das - When you appear in our lives all the darkness is dispelled.

Dear Srila gurudev, dear srimati gurumataji,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to you!

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

Today we are all celebrating, because for all of us today is the most important day. When Lord Krishna descends on this planet all the darkness disappears. The same way when you appear in our lives all the darkness is dispelled.

Dear Srila Gurudev, my heart is very dark, full white material desires, please always stay in my heart, only this way will I be able to have access to the pure devotional service!

The pure devotional service is very rare, therefore all the demigods are envious of us, those who had a unique chance to be with you and to take the shelter of your lotus feet !

I feel that we are the most fortune in the whole universe, because we was able to be with you to hear about Krishna and Srila Prabhupada from you,we had opportunity to render personal service to you, this way we was tasting the most sweetest nectar of the pure devotional service!

To meet pure devotee of Krishna and to take shelter of His instructions is the greatest fortune, therefore the greatest misfortune is to have your association and not to become a pure devotee!

On this most auspicious occasion I am fall down in your feet ,in the feet of srimati gurumataji and in the feet of all the devotees of Lord Gauranga,and pray for all of us which had the opportunity to be personally with you to become completely pure devotees of Krishna and to be able to make the whole world Krishna conscious!

Your eternal servant

Nitai Candra Das - Aheloy, Bulgaria

Pritha devi dasi - I'm realizing the enormity of what you've given us

My dear Srila Gurudeva.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to your grace.

This past year I have felt your mercy like no other. Now that part of my service involves helping devotees I'm realizing the enormity of what you've given us. I can understand a little better how hard you work to help us do better and the patience, tolerance and humility you have in this service which takes up so much of your time.

You've given us not only the knowledge to go back to Godhead, but also your exemplary example. Please help me overcome my shortcomings so I can serve you better.

You gave up all comforts to preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness just like Srila Prabhupada. You are acarya, a personification of Kṛṣṇa's mercy, to free us from the miseries of this world and take us to the spiritual realm.

Kindly bless me that we can cooperate together and share your mercy with others. I pray that I can serve your mission with my every thought, word and deed and please you.

Your servant,  
Pritha devi dasi - Loughborough, UK

Rughoo Baboo - Srila Prabhupada really found in you

My dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to you and all glories to gurumataji

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Dearest Sankarshan Das Adhikari Maharaja, Hare Kṛṣṇa!

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gaurādeśa-vikāśārtha uttama-bhakti-varṣiṇe*

Srila Prabhupada is really found in you. One of the ISKCON guru who can bring this science of Self realization to the conditioned souls in our parampara system.

I live in a country called France, which is doomed now, due to the secularism principle of life and almost everyone is an atheist. Complete forgetfulness of the Lord and complete misinterpretation of dharma as defined in the Bhagavatam. They have adopted in their system the power of sense gratification. People are being cheated by Gurus propagating the physical yoga course and taking it to be spiritual and these guru are treated as God.

Dear guru, you are ready for a comeback, in the next life to take care of the fallen souls in this crumbling France. You have many times written letters to the USA presidency but no return. And what is worse is



that the symptoms of Kaliyuga are accelerating.

Besides your association, I also keep close association with ISKCON Melbourne and Africa for their very enlightening Krishna Katha.

Dear Guru, this is why peace on our planet will eternally depend on Gurus of your caliber.

You are all marvelous.

Srila Prabhupada ki jail!

Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari Ki jail!

Your servant

Bhakta Rughoo Baboo Rajendra (Ashok) - Verdun, France

Saranagata devi dasi - Thank you Gurudeva for your appearance.

To my dear gurudeva and father.

Please accept my respectful obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Gurudeva, you are such an exemplary personality. Showing us through your perfect example how the bhakti process works.

Withstanding all austerities of global travel to give Krsna to others.

Moment by moment thinking of what is best for Krsna.

Indescribable compassion for all living beings.

You are the most loving father.

You enter into my heart with your unconditional love.

You encourage me to use everything for Krsna's service, not artificially renouncing.

You are giving me the chance to learn what is real love, what is devotional service and I am very gradually learning to understand that it is the greatest gift of all.

Thank you for the classes that you give, that open up the real world of spiritual life and create a desire within one's heart to want Krsna.

I want to understand your position more. I pray for the needed intelligence, deep trust, faith and humility to become more obedient to your orders, your love and your way of life.

Thank you for giving me a very tangible experience of spiritual life, for encouraging me to take advantage of the Hare Krsna maha mantra, for regularly reminding me of the importance of reading Srila Prabhupada's books and distributing them too.

I cannot ever repay you for the impact you have had in my life

May my stone heart melt and accept this beautiful process of Krsna bhakti and be an instrument in your mission. I pray one day I can also learn how to serve selflessly.

Thank you Gurudeva for your appearance in this world and in my life.

Your insignificant servant,  
Saranagata devi dasi - Kaunas, Lithuania

Vamanadeva das - It is simply beyond our capacity to understand you...

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

Hare Krsna Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to you and Guru Mataji.

Dear Srila Gurudeva! One year has passed again and this very auspicious day of your appearance has come. Please kindly accept my insignificant endeavor to glorify you. I cannot see with my limited vision your glories, your real greatness. It is simply beyond our capacity to understand. Still, I pray to you to keep me as your eternal servant. Please let me take up and somehow keep this inner mood you are always keeping: I want to take birth after birth, to deliver all the fallen souls of this material existence, especially this world.

Dear Gurudeva, please bless us all to become pure and just like crystal balls, to only reflect all your good qualities.

Your eternal servant:  
Vamanadeva das - Szabadhidveg, Hungary





Vrajakishor Das - Your association is magical

My dear Srila Gurudeva.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Great blessing to attend your Vyasa puja. There is nothing more valuable than spiritual masters association. Your association is magical, and the biggest magic is that you can save one from the illusion that one can be happy in this material world. This is my experience that every time when I get your association or be able to connect with your instructions I can feel that magic that we are bewitched. This is the biggest treasure to see things as they are. And your mission is to spread knowledge to know who we are and to be who we are. I am eternally grateful for what you are doing and hope that I can assist in anyway.

Your eternal servant,  
Vraja Kishor das - Harinam Mandir, Lithuania

## Middle East

Parabhakti Devi Dasi - Desire to serve Spiritual Master

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

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

A very happy Vyas puja to your grace!

Srila Gurudev on this very auspicious occasion, I just pray to Krishna to give you best health. There are so many fallen and sinful souls in this material world waiting for your unlimited mercy. Only pure souls like your grace can deliver such fallen souls from the clutches of this material world. Srila Gurudev, I am one of them. Though I don't deserve your mercy, yet being so merciful and compassionate, you have bestowed unlimited mercy upon me.

Srila Gurudev, I don't know where I would be without the mercy of your grace. Today, whatever enthusiasm I have to serve your grace and Krishna, that is only by your mercy. Today, I am chanting, reading and delivering lectures just because you are bestowing unlimited mercy upon me.

Srila Gurudev, you always say that one should always pray to Krishna to become a pure devotee. I know that I have many shortcomings, my sadhana is not up to the mark but still I have this desire to become a pure devotee one day.

Srila Gurudev, I really want to help you along with my husband (Rasika Krishna prabhu and 2 children) in your desire to make the whole world Krishna conscious. But I don't know whether I will be able to help you or not as I am so fallen. You have saved me and so many souls like me from the entanglement of this material world, which is like a deep dark well and no scope of coming out without the help of pure souls like your grace.

Srila Gurudev, you possess all the qualities which lord Krishna has mentioned in chapter 12 of Bhagavad Gita. That's why you are so very dear to Krishna, Srila Prabhupada and to everyone. I also want to have some qualities so that I can also become a good disciple of yours.

Srila Gurudev, words are less to express my gratitude towards you. I can never repay your debt but by becoming a pure devotee maybe I can give guru dakshina. Your contribution in my life is inestimable. Just to imagine a life without your grace and Krishna is like a nightmare.

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

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

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

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

Your eternal servant,  
Para Bhakti devi dasi - Muscat, Oman.

Africa and Mauritius

Nithin Gukhool - Will remember to honor your instructions.

My dear Srila Gurudeva!  
Please accept my humble obeisances!  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

On the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa puja day, I want to congratulate you for the most amazing work that you are doing all around the world preaching Krishna consciousness. Your love and guidance for your disciples is of great importance to us and we shall always remember to honor your instructions. Thank you for your guidance, your help is most appreciated!  
I pray to Lord Sri Krishna to always keep you and Mataji in good health!

Thanking you,  
Best regards,  
Bhakta Nithin - Quatre-Bornes, Mauritius

Niyant - Praying with Krishna's mercy you soon become Jagadguru!

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

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev and srimati gurumata,  
Please accept my humble obeisances,  
All Glories to you and gurumata.  
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa puja, I would like to take the opportunity to glorify you and sincerely thank you for showering your mercy upon me. During your recent visit to Mauritius, I have had the wonderful opportunity to attend most of your and gurumataji's lectures. It has been truly an enlightening experience the few days you were here. You never missed noticing me at every event and I will forever cherish the loving smile you gave me. I love the way you preach just like Prabhupada, never modifying any of the teachings.

I will never be able to repay your limitless love, affection and mercy and gurumataji. I can only pray that you will continue to be merciful to me. We pray that with Kṛṣṇa's mercy you soon become Jagadguru!

Your Eternal Servant,  
Bhakta Niyant - Vacoas, Mauritius

Prahlada das -I am nothing more than a beggar

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

Dear Srila Gurudeva

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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

I have no good qualities and words of my own to glorify you.

Based on verse 4 of the song “O he Vaisnava Thakura”, of Bhaktivinoda Thakura it is to be understood that Krishna is yours and you have the power to give Him.

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

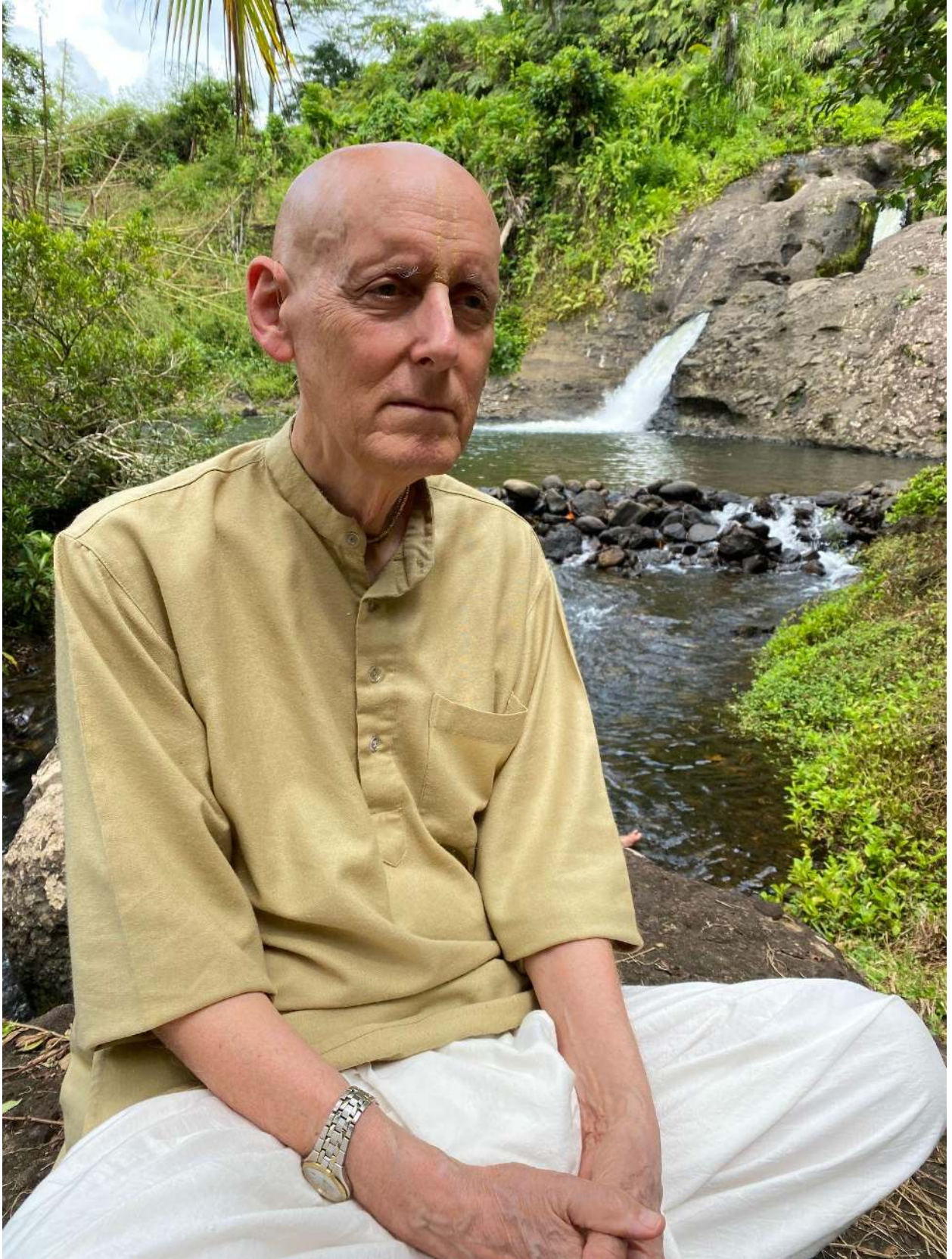
Krsna is yours. You have the power to give Him to me. I am simply your servant running behind you shouting, "Krsna! Krsna!"

My only wish is to remain at your lotus and continuously beg for your mercy to give Krishna, not only to me but the whole world. May Lord Shree Krishna give you a long and healthy life to continue to preach to the world, to enlighten the fallen soul for whom you have many compassion and please His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Wish you a wonderful Vyas puja.

Prahlada das - Roches Brunes Beau Bassin, Mauritius.







Sneha-you desire no compromise on the path of devotion

Dear Srila Gurudev  
Please accept my humble obeisances  
All Glories to you and gurumataji  
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

I consider this my fortune to be able to wish you a happy Vyasa puja celebration.  
This time, with your mere presence in Mauritius with gurumataji, you've ignited a spark in my heart and I believe that this spark of devotion will continue to persevere and become a blazing flame under your guidance.  
Whenever I attended your lectures at the temple, I could feel this aura of Krishna prema and the peace that surrounds you. The way you project the torch on the Bhagavad Gita clearly parallels how you are trying to eradicate darkness from our hearts too.  
Just like you desire no compromise on the path of devotion, I believe that in the same way when it is time to take us back to Godhead, you would do the same with the same fervor and determination.

Bhakti Sneha - Vacoas, Mauritius

## Others

Shalini - My humble salutations

Dear Sir ,  
Hari Om. All glories to Sri Prabhupada,  
On this auspicious occasion, I offer my humble salutations.  
Each day, it's so inspiring and nice to read your daily thoughts.  
I feel rejuvenated and get a new insight in the teachings of Lord Krishna, so well explained by you.  
Thank you so much.

Yours sincerely,  
Shalini



Won't you come along!

